

# Meetings

## AOCS to celebrate 75th anniversary

The American Oil Chemists' Society will pause a few moments during its 75th anniversary meeting to look backward, but the primary focus of the 1,500 persons attending will be on the future.

AOCS, founded during 1909 as the Society of Cotton Product Analysts, will hold one of its largest and busiest meetings from April 29 to May 3, 1984, in Dallas' Fairmont Hotel.

There will be more than 300 technical presentations on virtually all aspects of the chemistry and biochemistry of fats and oils and their by-products. More than 60 administrative and technical committees will meet during the week. Topics to be discussed that would sound familiar to the nine founders of long ago include analytical methods, check sample programs to foster analytical proficiency and color problems. But since 1909, AOCS members have expanded the society's interests to include such topics as biotechnology, membrane filtration, surfactants and detergents, computer technology, lipids nutrition, hydrogenation and other subjects that will form the basis for technical sessions in Dallas.

Registrants will be looking for ideas that they can use when they return to their home communities after the meeting.

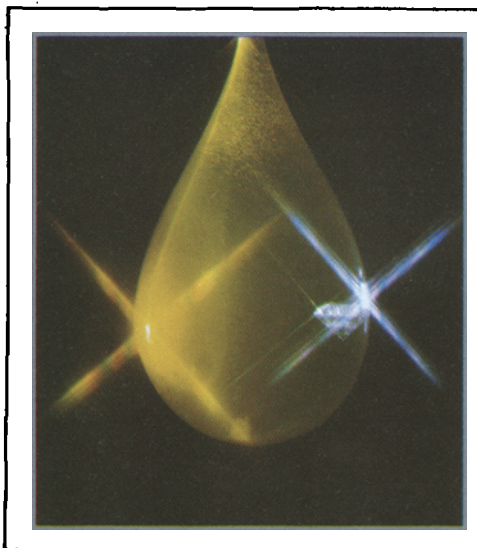
The tentative technical program for the Dallas meeting was published in the January 1984 *JAOCs*. This issue contains abstracts for the papers to be presented in Dallas (page 000 to 000). The final schedule will be in the program distributed to registrants at the meeting.

A multiscreen slide show will be shown at the plenary breakfast on Monday, April 30. Organizations from around the world have provided slides to illustrate the progress and diversity of fats and oils chemistry during the past 75 years.

The accompanying exposition will be the largest ever held at an AOCS annual meeting. Approximately 60 organizations have reserved more than 80 booth spaces to provide what will be one of the most extensive displays ever by suppliers of equipment and services to the fats and oils industries.

A tentative schedule of committee meetings is published in this issue of *JAOCs*. Meetings of virtually all committees are open to all members. Meetings of the Examination Board are not open because confidential applications of prospective referee chemists are discussed. The final committee schedule will be in the program distributed at the meeting. Members are encouraged to become active in committee work.

Three social events will be held during the week. On Sunday evening, April 29, the mixer will be held at Big D, a reconstruction of an 1880s Texas town. Buses from the Fairmont Hotel will transport attendees back to an era of



stagecoaches, saloons, music, food and fun. The plenary breakfast on Monday, April 30, will include presentation of AOCS awards. Wednesday evening, May 2, there will be a traditional banquet at the Fairmont Hotel, with entertainment by a singing group and by after-dinner speaker Danny Baker.

Awards to be presented during the Monday breakfast will be the Supelco-AOCS Research Award, AOCS Award of Merit; AOCS Honored Student Awards; Ralph H. Potts Memorial Fellowship; Soap and Detergent Association Award; and a new award, underwritten for the Archer Daniels Midland Company, for the best protein-related paper published in *JAOCs* during 1983.

Also during the breakfast, Nicholas Pelick of Supelco Inc. will officially take over as president of the Society, succeeding Thomas H. Smouse of Ralston-Purina Co.

Spouses' Program registrants will attend all three of those events, plus participate in tours to the Kimball Art Museum, Dallas' Botanical Gardens as well as other programs, including a welcoming tea on Sunday afternoon, April 29.

The Dallas meeting also will mark the conclusion of AOCS' 75th anniversary membership campaign. As of mid-February, when this article was prepared, it seemed likely the campaign would not have reached its goal of 750 new members signed by the Dallas meeting. The total through mid-January was more than 400 new members signed. There will be a strong effort to encourage nonmembers attending the Dallas meeting to become members, in hopes of achieving the goal of enrolling 750 new members.

The AOCS Placement Center will open on Sunday, April 29, for registration by persons seeking new positions or by firms seeking to hire new employees. Interviews will be scheduled beginning Monday, April 30. The Placement Center room will be open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then again on Thursday morning for a brief period before technical sessions begin. In the past, the Placement Center was open at the same time technical sessions were being held, but closed during the lunch break. The new hours are designed to make it possible for registrants to use the Placement Center without having to miss technical sessions.

Persons planning to fly commercial airlines to Dallas should be aware that American Airlines, as official airlines for the meeting, is offering discount fares at least 30% below the normal coach rates. Tickets must be purchased least 14 days before departure. The telephone number for American Airlines' meeting services desk is 800-433-1790 (in Texas, 800-792-1160). The AOCS meeting is identified by Star File No. S-5393.

The local committee for the Dallas meeting includes:

General Chairman: Jesse Covey