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bonyl and hydroxyl compounds from natural products. He also has developed procedures for performing classical chemical reactions at the submicrogram to micromole levels. For the past three years, he has been developing new methods for detecting and quantitating drug residues in natural products, which are expected to help identify trace constituents in foods and in the environment.

Pediatric cardiology meeting

Genetic dyslipoproteinemias will be one of the four major topics discussed at a meeting on "New Horizons in Children's Heart Disease" scheduled for May 28-30, 1986, at the University of Toronto.

Topics to be covered include familial hyperlipoproteinemia, genetic disorders, hyperapobetalipoproteinemia, LPL and apo C₂ deficiencies, epidemiology, HDL and LDL interaction, prevention programs, effects of treatment, dietary effects and therapeutic implications, use of drugs, and others.

Persons interested in attending should call Ellen Hornung (416-598-5918) for further details.

Mexico "bagging" soybeans

Mexico's governmental purchasing agency, Conasupo, has begun bagging soybeans in consumer-size (1 kg) packages for retail sale.

A report from USDA staffers says the labels emphasize the nutritional value of soybeans. But the

packaging apparently was done with little cleaning beforehand, as bags contain whole, cracked and weather-damaged beans as well as pieces of stems, pods and weeds.

Biochemical separation research

A research center for work focusing on biochemical process separation problems is being established at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, in cooperation with Alfa-Laval. The objective of the multimillion dollar project will be to investigate new technologies and explore new approaches to meet the future needs of the biotechnology industry. Alfa-Laval is supplying the equipment for a complete fermentation plant, including upstream and downstream process equipment and research support. The program will use MIT laboratory facilities. The center is scheduled to open in January 1986.

Solvent extraction for jojoba?

Don Larsen of Associated Jojoba Industries Inc. has announced company plans to set up a solvent extraction facility in the Phoenix, Arizona, area during 1986. Larsen said the company has purchased a hexane solvent unit from the University of Arizona. The facility, to cost \$1.3 million, will have the capacity to process up to four million pounds of jojoba cake or beans a year.

Meetings

Program taking shape

Organizers for the joint meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society and the Japan Oil Chemists' Society to be held May 14-18, 1986, in Honolulu will be structuring the technical program sessions later this month.

More than 300 technical presentations are expected to be scheduled, including more than 90 presentations by JOCS members. Simultaneous translation from Japanese to English will be provided where necessary. The deadline for submitting abstracts was Nov. 1, 1985. Technical Program Chairman Glen Fuller and his associates, along with members of the National Program Planning Committee, will review the abstracts in the latter part of November.

Speakers will be notified after Jan. 1, 1986, if their abstracts have been accepted. The tentative technical program is scheduled to be published in the January 1986 *JAOCs*. An informational brochure, including registration and housing reservation forms, will be mailed to all speakers later in 1986.

The annual meeting will be preceded by four educational events organized by AOCS. A short course on Physical Chemistry of Fats and Oils will be held May 11-14 and a colloquium on Hydrogenation will be held May 11-12, both at the Turtle Bay Hilton Hotel

on Oahu. A short course on Food Uses of Whole Oil and Protein Seeds will be held May 11-14 at the Sheraton Makaha Hotel on Oahu. A short course on Marine Lipids and Eicosapentaenoic Acid will be held May 11-14 at the Sheraton Royal Waikoloa Hotel on Hawaii.

Information on each of these meetings is available from the Meetings Manager, AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820 USA.

AOAC short courses

The Association of Official Analytical Chemists will offer two quality assurance short courses in conjunction with its 111th Spring Training Workshop.

Quality Assurance for Analytical Laboratories will be offered before the spring training workshop. The short course will be held April 26-27, 1986, at the Stouffer Madison Hotel in Seattle, Washington.

Quality Assurance for Microbiological Laboratories will be offered after the workshop. The short course will be held April 30-May 1 at the same location.

Registration fee for either event is \$350 for AOAC members, \$385 for nonmembers. Detailed program information is available from the AOAC, Suite 210, 1111 N. 19th St., Arlington, VA 22209, USA.