

World Conference on
**Processing of Palm, Palm Kernel
 & Coconut Oils**



The American Oil Chemists' Society and the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia held the World Conference on "Processing of Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils" in Kuala Lumpur Nov. 11-16, 1984. This was the eighth in a series of World Conferences cosponsored by the AOCS on areas of interest to this Society.

This conference was highly successful by any measure—a very fine and complete program with 46 technical papers and 9 discussion sessions; a total participation of nearly 1000 in the technical sessions, exhibits and social programs; 762 registered technical delegates; a very active exhibition with 50 exhibitors vying for the attention of the delegates, and a "Spouses' Program" that was the envy of all the delegates who loyally attended the technical sessions. Over 200 people were involved in the planning and execution of this conference. Delegates traveled a total distance equal to about two round trips to the moon. Technical papers presented during the 5 days contained about a quarter of a million words. Delegates who took the time and cost to attend seemed to be highly satisfied and enthusiastic.

The event was a milestone that was especially noteworthy in that it was the first time the AOCS and PORIM have cooperated on a project and the first time the AOCS has been involved in a conference in that part of the world. It also was the largest and most complete conference ever held on the oils and their products from oil palms and coconut palms.

Kurt Berger (PORIM) and Dave Tandy (AOCS) as cochairmen of the program committee—and their committees—did a fine job of identifying subjects and speakers and of coordinating the entire program. Nasir Daud, chairman of the Local committees, and Jim Lyon, Executive Director of the AOCS, and their staffs supervised the local and international arrangements expertly. We all appreciate the support given by Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Anuwar Bin Mahmud, the director general of PORIM.

This "Proceedings" volume of the JAOCS contains the plenary lectures and the questions and answers discussed in the nine discussion sessions. It should be a valuable reference book or textbook on state-of-the-art technology as relates to production, processing and utilization of palm, palm kernel and coconut oils.

The AOCS and PORIM hope that calling this much attention to these products will cause an increased awareness of the importance of these oils now and in the future, as their share of world production of fats and oils continues to increase.

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