

# 1986-87 Smalley series announced

The 1986-87 Smalley Check Sample Program again will offer 22 series. The program is provided by the AOCS as a means for laboratories to check the proficiency of their analytical procedures.

A subscriber to a specific series receives a sample of quality uniform to that distributed to other subscribers. Each participant analyzes the sample using specified AOCS methods, then notifies AOCS of the results. A final compilation of results of all participants indicates to a participant whether his/her analysis was accurate.

Information as to prices and schedules is available from: The Smalley Committee, AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, 61820, USA.

The following check sample series are scheduled to be offered during 1986-87 (the number of samples in each series is shown in parentheses).

Cottonseed (10)  
Peanuts (7)  
Fish Meal (8)  
Edible Fats (5)  
Tallow and grease (5)  
Sunflower (8)  
Soybean oil (4)  
NIOP fats and oils (5)  
Gas chromatography (fatty acid composition) (6)  
Cellulose yield (cotton linters) (10)  
Aflatoxin in cottonseed meal (8)  
Soybeans (10)  
Vegetable oil for color (6)  
Oilseed meals (10)  
Drying oils (6)  
Condensed fish solubles (8)  
Cottonseed oil (4)  
Safflower and rapeseed (8)  
Aflatoxin in peanut meal (8)  
Aflatoxin in corn meal (8)  
Aflatoxin in milk (8)

Deadline for enrollment is June 30, 1986.

## North Central symposium

The North Central Section's full-day symposium is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 1986, with a program on Fatty Acid Derivatives: Process and Analysis. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Hillside, Illinois.

Reservations should be made by March 1, 1986, with Jerry Szajer, Akzo Chemie America, 8401 W. 47th St., McCook, IL 60525 (telephone 312-442-7651).

Program details and further registration information will be published in the February 1986 *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*.

## Desert Section organizes

A charter meeting for a proposed Desert Southwest Section of the AOCS will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 20, 1986, at the Gateway Park Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.

There will be two speakers at the dinner meeting. Anson Thompson of the USDA Agricultural Research Service will speak on "Cuphea: A Potential Replacement for Coconut Oil." Michael Cox of Vista Chemical Co. will speak on "The Role of the Surfactant in Various Soil Removal Processes."

Cost will be \$15 for advance registrations, \$20 at the door. Checks should be made payable to "The Proposed Desert Southwest Section, AOCS" and mailed to Debbie Winetzky, Armour Research Center, 15101 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260 (telephone 602-998-6293).

The AOCS Governing Board approved the new geographical section at its November meeting in suburban Chicago. Jack Hudson, a past chairman of the Southwest Section, centered on Los Angeles, California, is serving as chairman of the organizing committee for the new section.

## Certification deadlines

Applications for either certification or recertification in the AOCS Approved Chemist program and the AOCS Certified Laboratory program must be received at AOCS Headquarters, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, by March 31, 1986, for the applicants to be eligible for listing in the 1986-87 official listings.

Recertification notices were mailed in January 1986 to participants in the previous year's programs. New applicants should write to AOCS Certification Programs, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, to request application forms and check lists.

The Approved Chemist program was known as the Referee Chemist program until 1985. New applicants

and applicants applying for renewal this year are being asked to complete a new background questionnaire. The recertification fee for approved chemists is \$35; first-time applicants pay a fee of \$100.

The Certified Laboratory program, which covers persons wishing to do referee analysis of soybean meal, was begun in 1985. Certification was granted to those laboratories who applied in 1985. All applicants in 1986, new and renewals, will be required to complete a questionnaire which accompanies the application forms. Laboratories participating are notified as to any deficiencies in their analyses and are asked to correct them to qualify for recertification. For the Certified Laboratory program, the recertification fee is \$1,000; new applicants also pay a \$1,000 fee.

Application forms, with completed questionnaires, must be returned to AOCS headquarters by March 31, 1986.