

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have read with great interest Professor Stephen Chang's letter in Vol. 64, No. 1 (January 1987), and feel that there is a bit of confusion in the letter.

In the article entitled "A Look at Fats and Oils Training" published in the September 1986 issue of *JAOCs*, I stated that funds were needed from industry to support graduate training, since the free ride from the era of plentiful government grants to accomplish this is over. I further indicated that AOCS should initiate a fellowship fund to support at least one student for graduate training, not research. This could be done on a base amount of just \$150,000,

with the interest from these funds providing a half-time fellowship on a competitive basis at a university. Such a fund would then be self-perpetuating.

It would appear that philosophically, this would be of great benefit to the society in many ways. Membership is showing signs of slower growth, and it is becoming ever more difficult to identify dedicated professionals to work with the technical and administrative committees and become elected officers of the society.

Our society is growing, but through new and expanded programs. Such growth cannot be solely supported by professional staff. Dedicated volunteers are indispensable. An AOCS fellowship

is a very small step toward nurturing an individual who might become a president of the AOCS in the future.

Monies should be available for such a fellowship from the many industries which benefit from society activities. If it is worthwhile to contribute to a building as a permanent society home, then is it not also equally beneficial to contribute toward an AOCS fellowship program and invest in human resources?

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## Calendar

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manski, IHAR, Sieroca 1a, 61-771, Poznan, Poland.

National Cottonseed Products Association 91st annual convention, May 17-19, 1987, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, GA. Contact: NCPA, PO Box 12023, Memphis, TN 38112.

8th Annual Suppliers' Day, NY Chapter of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, May 21, 1987, Aspen Hotel, Rt. 46 W., Parsippany, New Jersey. Contact: Anthony Latella, BASF, telephone 201-263-5589.

Symposium on Diet, Nutrition and Health, sponsored by the Royal Society of Canada and the Food and Nutrition Board, U.S. National Research Council, May 27-30, 1987, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada. Contact: K.K. Carroll, Department of Biochemistry, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C1, telephone 519-661-3096.

Workshop, Personal Computer Interfacing for Scientific Instrument Automation, May 28-30, 1987, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia. Contact: Dr. Linda Leffel, C.E.C., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; telephone 703-961-4848.

### June

Euro Food Chem IV, June 1-4, 1987, Loen, Norway. Theme: Rapid analysis in food processing and food control. Contact: Euro Food Chem IV, Conference Secretariat, Norwegian Food Research Institute, PO Box 50, N-1432 Å-NLH, Norway.

National Soybean Processors Association (NSPA) annual meeting, June 14-16, 1987, Williamsburg Inn, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Contact: NSPA Headquarters, 1255 Twenty-third St. NW, Washington, DC 20037; telephone 202-452-8040.

International Oil Mill Superintendents Association (IOMSA) annual convention, June 14-16, 1987, Sheraton Ventura Hotel, 2055 Harbor Blvd., Ventura, California. Information: Bentley H. Page, secretary/treasurer, 3414 54th St., Lubbock, TX 79413, telephone 806-799-6571.

IFT 87 annual meeting and food exposition, June 16-19, 1987, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: Institute of Food Technologists, 221 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60001.

Oil and Colour Chemists' Association Conference 1987, June 17-

20, 1987, Eastbourne, England. Theme: "Advances and Application of Science and Technology in Surface Coatings." Contact: Director and Secretary, Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, Priory House, 967 Harrow Rd., Wembley, Middlesex HA0 2SF, England.

1987 International Oil Palm/Palm Oil Conference on Agriculture, June 23-26, 1987, Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, organized by the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (PORIM) and the Incorporated Society of Planters. Contact: Conference Management Secretariat, PORIM, PO Box 10620, 50720 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

4th International Congress on Oxygen Radicals, June 27-July 3, 1987, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California. Contact: Michael G. Simic, C205 Radiation Physics Bldg., National Bureau of Standards, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone 301-975-5558.

Eleventh International Symposium on Column Liquid Chromatography, June 28-July 4, 1987, International Congressentrum RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Contact: HPLC '87, c/o Organisatie Bureau Amsterdam