

Biotechnology for fats & oils

The World Conference on Biotechnology for the Fats and Oils Industry will be held Sept. 27-Oct. 2, 1987, in Hamburg, West Germany.

Speakers will discuss current and potential applications of biotechnology to the fats and oils industries. This will be the first major international meeting to focus exclusively on how the rapidly growing field of biotechnology will affect raw materials for the fats and oils industry, how those materials are processed and what such developments may mean in terms of end products.

AOCS and the German Society for Fat Research (DGF) are primary organizers of the world conference, with additional support from the Japan Oil Chemists' Society (JOCS), Institut des Corps Gras (ITERG) and Stazione Sperimentale degli Oli e dei Grassi.

DGF will open its annual meeting in the same facility, the Congress Centrum Hamburg, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The presentation of the prestigious Normann Medal will take place in a joint ceremony of the world conference and the DGF annual meeting on Sept. 30. World conference registrants will be able to attend DGF technical sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. However, while English will be the official language of the world conference, German will be used almost exclusively at the separate DGF meeting.

Three keynote talks on Monday morning, Sept. 28, will open the plenary program, followed by six technical sessions extending through Friday. During discussion sessions throughout the week, registrants will be able to question speakers or to comment on what has been said. As time for invited formal presentations is limited, organizers have encouraged persons with relevant material to present it in poster sessions slated throughout the conference. Persons wishing to present poster papers should send

the paper title, an abstract of 100 words or less and the author's full name and mailing address to R. F. Wilson, North Carolina State University, Department of Crop Science, 4114 Williams Hall, Raleigh, NC 27695, USA. The budget does not permit any financial assistance to poster paper authors or presenters.

Social events covered by the registration fee include an opening mixer Sunday evening, Sept. 27, at the international exposition accompanying the conference and a welcoming reception Monday evening hosted by the city of Hamburg. In addition, there are four optional social events: an organ concert at Petri Church on Tuesday evening; a German-style buffet dinner on Tuesday evening after the concert, at Fleetenkeiker (Old Town Hall); a buffet dinner with entertainment at the Atlantic Hotel on Wednesday evening; and a boat trip on the Elbe River, with supper and drinks on board, on Thursday evening.

A spouses' program has been arranged for persons accompanying technical registrants. One event is an all-day excursion to Luneburg, with a tour of the old town, cloisters and brewery museum. Another day will include a city tour with a boat ride on the Alster Lake, a visit to the open-air museum at Kiekeberg and individualized shopping trips. Spouses' program registrants will receive tickets to the opening mixer and the city of Hamburg's welcoming reception.

The exhibition accompanying the world conference will open Sunday, Sept. 27, and continue throughout the week. Companies invited to participate include manufacturers of laboratory equipment and supplies used in biotechnology research, manufacturers of enzymes for industrial processing and firms specializing in developing plant varieties, as well as other firms involved in biotechnology research and applications.

Persons wishing to register for

the conference may use the form in this issue of *JAOCS*. If it has been removed, additional forms are available from AOCS, PO Box 3489, Champaign, IL 61821-0489 USA. The CP Plaza Hotel, adjacent to the Congress Centrum Hamburg, will be used to house most conference registrants. Persons or firms interested in participating in the exposition should write to the AOCS Exhibit Coordinator at the same address.

Jojoba meeting in Phoenix

The Seventh International Conference on Jojoba: Production, Processing and Uses of Jojoba will be held Jan. 17-22, 1988, in Phoenix, Arizona. Organizers are the American Oil Chemists' Society and the Jojoba Growers Association.

The 1988 jojoba conference will focus on potential uses of jojoba. Session topics include plant physiology; agronomy; processing, economics and marketing; basic chemistry and industrial uses; cosmetics and pharmaceutical uses; and dietary food and feed uses of jojoba products.

Discussion sessions will be held each day to permit registrants to question speakers or comment on the presentations they have heard. While the plenary sessions include only invited papers, persons wishing to contribute poster papers should send the paper title, an abstract and the author's name and mailing address to the following: Xicotencatl Murrieta S., Apartado Postal A- 068, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico; L. H. Princen, USDA-ARS Northern Regional Research Center, 1815 N. University St., Peoria, IL 61604, USA or Ricardo Ayerza, 1709 E. 8th St., Tucson, AZ 85719. Princen is chairman of the international program com-

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