

## FATS & OILS NEWS



Okky Chung

### Chung honored

AOCS member Okkyung (Okky) Kim Chung received the William F. Geddes Memorial Award at the American Association of Cereal Chemists' (AACC) 1988 annual meeting in San Diego, California. The award was given to recognize outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the principles and objectives of AACC and its membership.

Chung is a supervisory research chemist and research leader of the Grain Quality and Structure Research Unit (Hard Winter Wheat Quality Lab) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research Service's Grain Marketing Research Laboratory in Manhattan, Kansas.

### EEC food research

The European Economic Community (EEC) plans to develop a food research program called Food Linked Agro Industry Research (FLAIR).

According to the *Leatherhead Food R.A. Bulletin*, the program's objective is for academic and industrial researchers to work together in three areas: assessment and enhancement of food quality; food hygiene, safety and toxicological aspects; and nutrition and wholesomeness aspects. "The work is expected to contribute to Europe's competitiveness in the food industry as well as helping the 'harmonious' development of the internal market," the *Bulletin* reported.

Meanwhile, the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission has suggested to the Council of Ministers that compulsory nutrient labeling be introduced, ac-

ording to an International Federation of Margarine Association newsletter. In a proposal to the council, the commission suggested that nutrition labeling be compulsory when nutrition claims are made on labels or in advertisements.

The proposed regulations cover not only foods delivered to the consumer, but also foods intended for restaurants, hospitals and canteens. When nutrition labeling is provided, energy values and the amounts of protein, carbohydrates, fat, dietary fiber and sodium would have to be included. Total fat declarations would have to include saturated, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat levels.

The council is expected to act on the proposal by September 1989.

### Durkee purchased

Unilever United States Inc. has signed an agreement to purchase the industrial foods and food service assets of Durkee Industrial Foods Corp., an affiliate of Hanson Industries Inc. The transaction was to be completed by the end of December. The total value of the sale was \$185 million.

Durkee Industrial Foods, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, manufactures specialty oils, frozen bakery products and confectionary coatings for the food service and processing industries. For the year ending Sept. 30, 1987, Durkee registered \$11.1 million in operating profits.

### Cottonseed course

The Food Protein Research and Development Center at Texas A&M University will present a one-week practical short course in cottonseed oil milling Feb. 19-24, 1989.

The course is designed for oil mill supervisors and other persons interested in the details of cottonseed processing. It will cover all aspects of processing, from cottonseed storage through dehulling, flaking, extrusion, solvent extraction, meal desolventizing/toasting and oil degumming.

Spaces are limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Les Watkins, Food Protein Research and Development Center, Texas A&M University, FM-183, College Station, TX 77843-2476, telephone 409-845-2741 for information, fees and registration.

### P&G buys equity

The Procter & Gamble Co. (P&G) has acquired an equity interest in Calgene Inc. through the private placement of 711,744 shares of newly issued Calgene common stock.

P&G also has acquired three-year warrants to purchase an additional 355,872 shares. P&G's total investment is \$5 million. Calgene, a major player in agribusiness biotechnology, is conducting re-

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search for P&G which may have applications for P&G's food, industrial chemical and soap and detergent businesses.

### Courses offered

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is offering two courses for credit in the spring semester. They will be held in a western suburb of Chicago.

Jan Novakofski will teach Meat Science (ANS 309) on Wednesdays from Jan. 25 through May 3, 1989, from 6 to 9:15 p.m. Barbara Klein will teach Current Issues in the Chemistry of Foods: Advanced Sensory Science (FN 430) on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2, 1989. For more information, contact the University of Illinois Regional Office, telephone 312-255-3320, or the University of Illinois Food Science Department, telephone 217-244-2875.

### News briefs

The Association of Official Analytical Chemists is scheduled to move its headquarters this month. The new address is One Courthouse Metro, Arlington, Virginia.



Schoenfeld



Wanstreet

Richard W. Schoenfeld has been named president of SVO Enterprises. Joanne Wanstreet will replace Schoenfeld as director of marketing.

Artisan Industries Inc. has formed the Computer Control Division to explore applications of process control technology and systems. Joseph Qualitz will direct the division.

AOCS member Frank Khym recently returned from New Delhi, India, where he served as a consultant with the Indian National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA)'s International Division. Khym, retired technical manager of operations for Anderson Clayton, Mexico, provided technical assistance to NCBA's cooperative development program for the Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, soy oil refining and lecithin plant. The Indian gov-

ernment has received credit from the International Development Association to help set up four soybean extraction facilities and three refineries in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Karl F. Gander of the German Society for Fat Research (DGF) has been named chairman of the European Margarine Institute.

The management of Interstate Foods and Fresh Start Bakeries Inc. have formed Fresh Start Foods Limited Partnership. The group has acquired all the assets and liabilities of Fresh Start Bakeries Inc., Interstate Foods Corp. and Continental Commodities Corp. from Sysco Corp. Fresh Start, Interstate Foods and Continental Commodities will continue to operate under their original names.

John L. Louis Jr. has been named a director of Ralston Purina Co.

William F. Christ has been appointed president of Hershey International, a division of Hershey Foods. Previously he served as vice president of finance and administration for Hershey Chocolate U.S.A.

## SURFACTANTS & DETERGENTS NEWS

### Italian soaps

Henkel KGaA is negotiating the purchase of Panigal S.p.A., the Bologna-based detergent producer. The purchase price is expected to be \$152 million.

Henkel already has two subsidiaries in Italy. The addition of Panigal would give Henkel the second largest detergent market share in Italy, second only to Procter & Gamble (P&G).

Meanwhile, Procter & Gamble Italia S.p.A., P&G's Italian subsidiary, has purchased controlling interest in Nelson S.p.A., a liquid-

detergent company based in Gattatico, Italy.

### Surfactant topics

The 1989 AOCS annual meeting, slated for May 3-7 at the Albert B. Sabin Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, will include five sessions devoted to surfactant and detergent topics.

The five sessions include the following:

- Performance Evaluation and Formulation Technology

- Recent Advances in Detergent Technologies
- Cosmetics and Toiletries
- Surface Chemistry of Surfactants

- New Directions in Surfactants and Higher Alcohols.

Meanwhile, AOCS will sponsor a short course on Soap Technology for the 1990s on April 30 through May 2, 1989, at the Kings Island Inn, Kings Island, Ohio.

For more details on the short course and annual meeting, see the Meetings section in this issue, pp. 42.