

New methods book

Beginning Dec. 15, 1989, the AOCS official methods book, *Official Methods and Recommended Practices of the American Oil Chemists' Society*, will be offered in a new style, with the format consisting of 8.5" × 11" pages contained in a ring binder. This will be the 4th edition of the book.

After 1989, future *Additions and Revisions* to the methods will no longer be offered in the 6" × 9" page size, but will be available in the 8.5" × 11" page format. Statistical data from the Smalley Program will be listed in the 4th edition and will be updated as frequently as practical.

The 4th edition, to be issued in December 1989, will be as up-to-date as possible and will include *Additions and Revisions* completed in 1989. Advance orders are suggested and should be placed with the Order Department at AOCS headquarters. The 1989 price of the 4th edition will be \$300.

In future years, price increases for the official methods book will reflect *Additions and Revisions* updates. Standing orders for future *Additions and Revisions* will continue to be accepted.

Kaunitz Award

Carolyn L. Wilhelm, a doctoral candidate in Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Massachusetts, has been selected to receive the second annual Hans Kaunitz Student Award given by the Northeast Section of AOCS. The award is to be presented at the section's March 14 meeting at the Madison Hotel, Madison, New Jersey.

Wilhelm is pursuing studies in food science under the guidance of Wassef Nawar at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The Hans Kaunitz Award, created to recognize outstanding graduate studies relating to fats and oils and detergents technology, consists of

a \$250 honorarium, a certificate and travel expenses to the Northeast Section's March meeting.

Wilhelm received her undergraduate degree in food science and nutrition at Drexel University. She expects to complete her doctorate in December. Her doctoral thesis is entitled "Study of the Antioxidative Factors Associated with Milk Fat."

Bieber honored

Mark A. Bieber of Best Foods' Nutrition Department, Division of CPC International, will receive the Northeast Section's Professional Service Award at the section's March 14 meeting. Bieber has been a member of AOCS since 1978 and has participated actively in the Northeast Section. He was president of the section during 1986-1987. He also has served as section vice president, secretary and governing board member. He has chaired section nominating committees concerning awards and has organized and chaired a number of technical symposia sponsored by the section.

Obituary

KENNETH M. BROBST

AOCS active retired member Kenneth Martin Brobst, 73, of Decatur, Illinois, died Dec. 21, 1988, in Decatur. Mr. Brobst was an employee of A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. in Decatur for 44 years and headed Staley's analytical chemistry laboratory. He retired from Staley on Jan. 1, 1981.

He received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1937. He joined AOCS in 1962 and served on a number of AOCS technical committees over the years, including Fat and Oil By-Product Analysis, Vegetable Oil Distillate Analysis, Instrumental Techniques, Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, Chromatography and Mass Spectroscopy. He also be-

longed to the American Chemistry Society for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen C. Bucher Brobst; a son, David, of Marshall, Michigan; a daughter, Linda Sirianni of Girard, Illinois; and two grandchildren.

AOCS Deadlines

The following deadlines have been set for various AOCS activities. For more information, contact AOCS, PO Box 3489, Champaign, IL 61826-3489, USA, telephone 217-359-2344.

March 31 — Applications must be received for certification or recertification in the 1989-1990 AOCS Approved Chemist and AOCS Certified Laboratory programs.

April 3 — Early registration for the 1989 AOCS annual meeting in Cincinnati and two short courses—Soap Technology Today and Specialty Fats: Production and Application—slated for Kings Island, Ohio. After this date, prices increase.

June 30 — Deadline to enroll in the 1989-1990 Smalley Program.

Aug. 1 — Submission of poster abstracts, in double-spaced format and using no more than 200 words, to World Conference Poster Chairman, Richard F. Wilson, North Carolina State University, Department of Crop Science, 4114 Williams Hall, Raleigh, NC 27695, USA.

Sept. 1 — Early registration for the 1989 AOCS world conference on processing to be held in Maasricht, The Netherlands. After this date, prices increase.

Oct. 15 — Submission of paper proposals for the 1990 AOCS annual meeting.