

## New section offers two sessions at meeting

The Plant and Microbial Lipids Section of AOCS, formed at the 1988 AOCS annual meeting in Phoenix, has organized two sessions to be presented at the 1989 annual meeting in Cincinnati in May. The sessions will range from developmental regulation of sterol biosynthesis to the molecular biology of sterol and fatty acid production in yeast and oilseed plants.

The first session, entitled "Isopentenoid Metabolism in Plants and Fungi," will be presented Thursday morning, May 4, 1989. Topics and speakers will be the following: Cloning of Sterol Biosynthetic Genes in Fungi, Martin Bard of Purdue University at Indianapolis; Developmental Regulation of Plasma Membrane Lipids, J.R. Morre of Purdue University at West Lafayette; Epiminoisopentenoids: Development and Application as Potential Fungicidal and Hypocholesterol-

emic Agents, E.J. Parish of Auburn University; Developmental Changes in Sterol Biochemistry of Vascular Plants, Malgorzata Kalinowska of Warsaw University; and Wax Ester Production by Yeasts, Bernard Sekula of Best Foods. W. David Nes of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Russell Research Center is session organizer.

The second session, entitled "Fatty Acid and Lipid Synthesis in Plants," will be held Thursday afternoon, May 4. Topics and speakers include: Acyl Carrier Proteins, J.B. Ohlrogge of Michigan State; Arabidopsis Fatty Acid Mutants, C. Sommerville of Michigan State; Acetoacetyl-ACP Synthase, J. Jaworski of Miami University at Ohio; Fatty Acid Synthesis, P. Kollattukudy of Ohio State; Desaturases, D. Hildebrand of the University of Kentucky; Phospholipid Synthesis, T. Cheeseborough

of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Acyl Transferases, P. Fritz of Pennsylvania State; and Acetyl-CoA:ACP Transacylase, G. Thompson of Calgene Inc. Michael Pollard of Calgene Inc. is session organizer.

The purpose of the Plant and Microbial Lipids Section is to offer members an opportunity to learn about and present new and novel developments in basic research related to the chemistry, biosynthesis, function and molecular biology of lipids. The section plans to meet at each AOCS annual meeting. For more information about the section, contact W. David Nes, Research Chemist, Project Leader, Plant & Fungal Lipid Research, USDA/ARS, Richard B. Russell Research Center, PO Box 5677, Athens, GA, 30613, or Edward J. Parish, Department of Chemistry, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849.

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