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Thirty-five Years Ago

Among the members enrolled since November 1922 were Julius Pelofsky, Wilson and Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.; A. A. Robinson, Wilson and Company, Chicago; Edgar H. Tenent, Barrow-Agee Laboratories, Greenville, Miss.; G. O. Daniel, Southern Cotton Oil Company, Memphis; J. Jakobsen, Vegetable Oil Products Company, Wilmington, Calif.; Henry O'Deen, Pacific Oil and Lead Works, San Francisco.

"The most irritating thing about laboratory management, from the point of view of those who are being managed. is that the managing process is so visible," wrote L. G. Copes of the Nucoa Butter Company, Bayonne, N. J., in the Chemists' Section of the Cotton Oil Press for January 1923.

In the same issue E. W. Lazzell of Portland, Ore., asked about the problem of reversion of color in coconut oil.

Publishes Bibliography

The office of the Ministerio de Agricultura y Cria, Caracas, Venezuela, has published an 88-page bibliography of books and pamphlets received by the library during the first four months of 1957.



Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Lundberg (center), Hormel Institute, Austin, Minn., attend a reception at the City Hall in Paris during the second annual meeting of the International Society for Fat Research.

I.S.F. Meeting Draws Crowd

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the International Society for Fat Research, held October 21–23, 1957, in Paris, France, was attended by scientists and technicians from 25 nations. M. C. Paquot, president, opened the technical sessions, which were conducted at the chemistry building of the National Scientific Research Center.

The technical program consisted of 43 papers and a field trip to l'Institut de Recherches pour les Huiles et Oleagineux. Members of the American Oil Chemists' Society who presented papers include A. Davidsohn and E. Better, Haifa, Israel, on "Peptization of Peanut and Coconut Cake Meal Protein in Salt and Pepsin Solutions;" Meny Bergel, Rosario, Argentina, two papers on antioxidants; and M. C. Paquot and R. Perron, Bellevue, France, two papers on aliphatic acids.

Social events included a buffet dinner on Monday evening, a reception on Tuesday evening followed by a visit to Théâtre Français, and a banquet on Wednesday at the Rive Gauche hotel. Ladies' program was under the direction of Madame Paquot.

It was decided to hold the third annual meeting of the International Society for Fat Research in Seville, Spain, probably in late September 1958. The meeting will be organized by Martinez Moreno, new president of I.S.F.

Committee News

K. HOLT, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minne-apolis, Minn., replaces J. C. Konen of the same company as chairman of the subcommittee on drying oils of the Fat Analysis Committee, of which V. C. Mehlenbacher is chairman. O. A. Kennan, Newport Soap Company, Oakland, Calif., has been appointed to the Color Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society and will work with L. K. Whyte on the surface color subcommittee, according to R. C. Stillman, chairman.

The reconstituted subcommittee for the determination of soap in refined oil will comprise Perry Morgan Jr., chairman, George Cavanagh, Charles Glankler, Fred Blachly, A. A. Rodeghier, Joel Landis, John Preston, and James McMahan, according to Mr. Mehlenbacher, chairman of the F.A.C. committee.

Appointments are confirmed by H. C. Black, president of the Society.

H. E. Otting Dies

Herbert E. Otting (1935-54), director of quality control for M & R Dietetics Laboratories Inc. until retirement in 1954, died on November 17, 1957, at his home in Minerva Park, O. He was the author of several technical articles and had been granted 14 U. S. patents in food and milk processing.



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