

Symposia on Obesity, Processing Problems Highlight Chicago Fall Meeting

Growth and Diversification Continue

The AOCS membership can look back upon an exciting year in the history of their Society. Not the least of activities which spotlight 1964 are the Annual (Spring) and Fall Meetings. Eight hundred and fifty people attended the Spring Meeting to hear a Technical Program swelled by unusual symposia on Tall Oil, Biodegradable Detergents and Analysis of Unusual and Minor Constituents [*JAOCs* 41: (7), 6 (1964)]. The Fall Meeting Program, offering papers on a myriad of subjects and highlighted by symposia on Obesity and Processing Problems, attracted an official registration of 911. Clearly, the AOCS has become interested in more people, and more people are quickly becoming interested in the AOCS.

Committees, Board Precede Mixer

Though the Fall Meeting did not officially begin until Monday morning, October 12, Sunday was a busy day from beginning to end. The Examination Board, first of twenty-eight AOCS Committees to meet during the Chicago Convention, "broke the ice" at 10:00 a.m. The Governing Board, normally at the top of the schedule, convened at 1:00 p.m. to consider an unusually heavy agenda. Scheduled to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. in time for the Pre-Convention Mixer, the Board had to settle for a 30 minute recess, allowing Board members to welcome several hundred registrants gathered in the Congress Hotel's lovely Avenue West Room for the traditional "Early-Bird" function. A detailed report of the Governing Board's work appears elsewhere in this issue.

Bronwell Welcomes AOCS, Encourages Trade

AOCS President R. C. Stillman officially opened the Fall Meeting at a special general assembly Monday morning.



A. V. Graci, 38th Fall Meeting General Chairman, welcomes registrants at the Opening Session.

A. V. Graci, General Chairman of the Meeting, warmly welcomed the Society to Chicago, and introduced R. K. Bronwell, Chief, International Trade Division, U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Mr. Bronwell delivered a very interesting talk on the significance of international trade to the field of fats and oils.

History Repeats—Mehlenbacher Honored

For the second successive Chicago Fall Meeting, V. C. Mehlenbacher was honored by the AOCS. On October 30, 1961, he was called upon to accept a testimonial plaque in appreciation of his loyal and generous service to the Fat Analysis Committee from 1939 to 1961. This year the general assembly witnessed the presentation of honorary membership to Mr. Mehlenbacher, who thereupon joined J. J. Vollertsen (1916), J. J. Ganuchau (1918), A. S. Richardson (1921), H. L. Roschen (1933) and T. H. Hopper (1936) as a recipient of the highest honor offered by the American Oil Chemists' Society. As he stood before his fellow members and listened to a review of his many contributions to the Society, his characteristic sternness was shattered by a broad grin when President Stillman grasped his hand and described him as the most ornery (honorary?) member this Society has ever had.

Downey, Stoll Receive Bond Gold Medals

Those attending this general assembly saw two Bond Gold Medals awarded by Bond Award Committee Chairman H. P. Dupuy. R. K. Downey, unable to attend the Annual Meeting last spring, appeared with his co-author B. M. Craig to receive the coveted medal for their paper entitled "Genetic Control of Fatty Acids Biosynthesis in Rapeseed," delivered at the 1963 Fall Meeting. E. H. Stoll, along with co-authors L. D. Metcalfe, N. E. Nuding, G. P. Hartsuch and S. H. Shapiro, accepted the Bond award for their paper entitled "Process Gas Chromatography of Fatty Acid Distillation Streams. II. Design and Construction of the Process Chromatograph," delivered at the last Spring Meeting. Honorable mention certificates were awarded to I. A. Wolf and C. D. Evans.



V. C. Mehlenbacher receives the Society's rarely-offered and highly-prized Honorary Membership. R. C. Stillman presented the award.



BOND AWARD RECIPIENTS. Left photo: R. K. Downey (right) and co-author B. M. Craig (1963 Fall Meeting Paper). Center photo: E. H. Stoll (center) and co-authors (left to right) N. E. Nuding, G. P. Hartsuch, S. H. Shapiro and L. D. Metcalfe (1964 Spring Meeting paper) Right photo: Honorable Mention for 1964 Spring Meeting to C. D. Evans (left) and I. A. Wolf.

Canadian Award to Reiser—Raghuveer, Roubal Honored

The Canadian Award of Merit, normally presented at the Annual Meeting, was also rescheduled to the Chicago Convention. Sven Young, representing the Canadian AOCs Membership, awarded the annual plaque to Raymond Reiser for his outstanding original publications.

N. H. Kuhrt, Chairman of the AOCs Education Committee awarded MacGee Honor Student certificates to K. M. Raghuveer and W. T. Roubal, both of whom received expense-paid trips to this meeting in recognition of their outstanding preparation for careers in the field of fats and oils.

R. C. Stillman then called the scheduled business session to order, the highlight of which was the vote upon several constitutional amendments which had been placed before the membership several weeks before. For complete details see the November issue.

Monday's Technical Program featured a Symposium on Obesity. Another symposium, broad in scope, was delivered in honor of J. B. Brown by a number of his former students who have gone on to establish themselves in various fields of lipid chemistry. Sessions on Coating and Drying Oils, and on Cruciferac were also offered. Complete titles and abstracts are to be found in the August issue.

Another Monday feature was the opening of the Fall Meeting Exposition. Thirty-nine exhibitors filled the 52-booth arrangement to capacity, offering by far the most interesting Exposition—as well as the largest—in AOCs history. A basic function of our Fall Meetings, the exhibits allow the membership an invaluable opportunity to discuss equipment, apparatus and raw materials problems with experts from leading companies in the field. The reader will find a complete pictorial review of this year's Exposition elsewhere in this issue.

"3D" Invitation Sparks DPI-ECPI Reception

The second of the three principal social events, a Reception sponsored by Distillation Products Industries and Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., Divisions of Eastman Kodak Company, brought virtually all of the registrants together for the first time. The DPI-ECPI Reception, as much a part of AOCs Fall Meetings as the Annual Fall Banquet, was announced by a unique invitation incorporating Kodak's new "three-dimensional" photographic process. The 3D color print was the first of its kind seen by many of those attending.

Kentucky's Governor E. T. Breathitt ordered another AOCs President to be commissioned to the rank of "Kentucky Colonel." A certificate attesting to the honor was presented to R. C. Stillman by J. E. Slaughter, Jr., President of Chemetron Corporation's Votator Division. The setting was a "Kentucky Breakfast," sponsored by Votator and the Girdler Catalysts unit of the Chemetron Chemicals Division.

Typical of the southern hospitality displayed at the annual event, the gentlemen from Louisville (with able assistance from lovely ladies in appropriate costume) greeted the invitees and ushered them to a substantial breakfast of country-style, salt cured ham, grits and baking powder biscuits.

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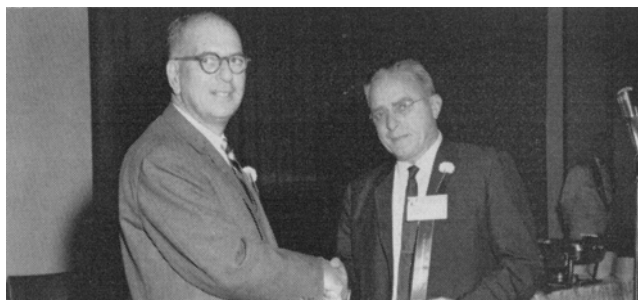
Sven Young, representing Canadian AOCs Members, presents Canadian Award of Merit to Raymond Reiser. President Stillman indicates approval.



N. H. Kuhrt, Education Committee Chairman, presents MacGee Honor Student Award to W. T. Roubal. K. M. Raghuveer received a similar award.



The DPI-ECPI Reception, a social highlight of the Chicago Meeting, has become the established forum for critique of the Monday Technical Sessions.



Votator President J. E. Slaughter presents "Kentucky Colonel" commission to AOCs President Stillman at Votator—Girdler Catalysts Breakfast.



OBESITY SYMPOSIUM. Left photo: Hans Kaunetz; H. P. Sarett; Rosyln B. Alfin-Slater, Chairman; J. F. Proctor, Co-chairman; G. A. Reichard, Jr. **SYMPOSIUM HONORING J. B. BROWN.** Center photo: Prof. Brown (left) is congratulated by T. W. Findley who was instrumental in organizing the symposium. Right photo: Brown Symposium speakers are (left to right) H. A. Wahlers, A. F. Mabrouk, Professor Brown, D. A. Wolfe, Sambasivarao Koritala, Dr. Findley and Raymond Reiser.



TECHNICAL SAFETY SESSION (left to right): R. R. King; N. H. Moore, Chairman; N. H. Witte and D. J. Dowd.

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Tuesday's Technical Program, also outlined in the August issue, was a credit to the outstanding Monday sessions and a compliment to Program Chairman R. A. Reiners. Concurrent general sessions on Processing, Biochemistry and Composition were more than sufficient to interest a substantial portion of those registered. The remainder visited important exhibits, or gathered at the lounge area provided for those who sought a quiet place and a comfortable chair to discuss sessions past or sessions to come.

Tuesday afternoon offered a very strong session on Reactions, as well as the popular Technical Safety Committee session. The latter offered panel discussions on control of static electricity, dust and disposal of waste process water.

The Journal and Journal Advertising Committees chose Tuesday to meet for breakfast and precious hours of discussions which would shape Journal policy for months to come. The agenda included evaluation of the Annual Review of Literature, current technical review policies, news section content, advertising characteristics and matters of similar magnitude.

The 1964 Fall Meeting Banquet can be described with a single word: "success." The menu was superb, beginning with a relish tray, shrimp cocktail and a delightful celery soup; followed by a steak "just as you like it," baked potato and vegetable, topped off with a dessert of baked alaska. AOCs Meetings will never be famous as social "conventions." To the contrary, increased technical functions, prompted by the widening scientific base of the Society, are pressing close to what little time is allotted annually for relaxation. A good example is the Annual (Spring) Golf Tournament which has recently been faced with competing technical sessions. Scientific forums must grow and ours is no exception. Yet, it would be a detriment to the success of the meetings should the need to plan a minimum of satisfying relaxation be overlooked.

Full Wednesday Program Holds Registrants

In years past, Wednesday—the final day of the Fall Meeting—has plainly shown signs of trailing off. Suitcases in the lobby, and a corresponding ebb in attendance to sessions were relatively common as the Technical Program ended at noon. This Chicago Fall Meeting not only scheduled a full day of sessions on Wednesday, but offered three concurrent sessions on subjects of basic interest. Needless to say, the suitcases remained in the closets.

A full day symposium on Processing Problems, offering



LADIES COMMITTEE (left to right): Mrs. S. S. Fein; Mrs. J. C. Lamping, Jr.; Mrs. A. V. Graci; Mrs. M. L. Ott; Cecilia Gilmore, Chairman; Geraldine Boyle; Mrs. A. A. Rodeghier; Mrs. A. F. Kapecki and Mrs. S. C. Miksta.



The AOCs camera (with few fancy attachments) meets its Waterloo when it scans the Annual Fall Banquet. We offer you the northeast corner, and advise that the other corners looked much the same.



PROCESSING PROBLEMS, Bleaching Session L (left to right): A. D. Rich; A. Y. Hendshaw; W. E. Crabtree; C. B. Rose; C. E. McMichael; Ted Warning, W. J. Lehman, organizer; R. R. King, Chairman; and E. J. Brinkmeyer.



Photo of Processing Problems Symposium reveals an attendance of over 200 listening to the refining panel. Morris Mattikow (at podium), F. E. Sullivan, A. V. Gavin and F. J. Owen.



DEODORIZATION SESSION P, Processing Problems Symposium, (left to right): H. E. Seestrom, J. L. Schille, D. H. Jackson, C. E. McMichael, R. W. Berger, G. J. Stockman and organizer W. J. Lehman.



The International Relations Committee, one of 28 Committees to meet at the Fall Meeting, devoted considerable time to establishing better communication with overseas members.