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with other scientific societies and councils. The American Oil Chemists' Society is affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science; The Inter-Society Color Council; The National Fire Protection Association; The National Research Council's Agricultural Research Institute, Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (Fats and Oils Committee) and Food Protection Committee; The Advisory Board, Office of Critical Tables, Academy Research Council; and two USA Committees for the International Standards Organization, TC48 and TC91. TC48 deals with glassware standardization and TC91 with Methods of Analysis for synthetic detergents. My purpose in mentioning this today is to point out that the AOCS representatives to these committees are not just so many names on a piece of paper. Meetings are attended, reports are submitted to the President and the Governing Board. Our Society truly takes its part in the overall family of technical societies. That I failed to mention above our work on technical committees jointly with AOAC, ASTM, ACS, etc., does not detract one bit from the excellent work of these joint technical committees. These committees are on a continuing basis, involve many more people and their work is generally understood and appreciated.

It would be impossible for me here today to express to everyone my appreciation for their efforts to AOCS and their personal help to me. The Chicago office has done a magnificent job. The Journal each year increases in size and in stature and this year was no exception. The Governing Board is above reproach in the handling of AOCS affairs, the Executive Committee has, in its first year, done a tremendous job. The technical committees continue strong. The administrative committees continue to function smoothly and efficiently. The Advertising Committee need bow to none. To all of these, we as a Society are in debt, and I as your President am even more indebted.

The two conventions we have had in the past year, one in New Orleans and one in Chicago, were indeed outstanding successes. Papers, attendance and interest were excellent. Our thanks to the committees who worked so hard to make them so. We know that this convention, starting today, may top them all and we look forward to a most exciting week. Our warm thanks to the Houston Committee.

Certain problems were unresolved this year and will continue with us for some time. These problems include the expansion of the Society geographically, technically and

physically. Physically the problem of housing the Chicago office remains to be settled. This is not a pressing problem, but some solution should be reached before need becomes compelling. Extension of the Society into new fields, the formation of Sections outside the U.S.A., changes in Governing Board representation—in fact, answers to the question, "Our Future—What is it?" needs more than casual examination. A start will be made here in Houston where these matters will occupy the attention of a discussion group under the able leadership of Dr. A. R. Baldwin. Every one of us should think of these things, discuss them and let our opinions be known, but each of us should remember that intelligent action can result only from cool, deliberate and unselfish appraisal of facts. This has been the strength of our organization in the past, and was firmly established in 1909 by our charter members.

There is one committee activity that I would like to tell you about this morning. It is difficult for anyone to realize the scope of the work in this Society and the burden it puts upon a new set of officers to make sure that emphasis and help is being extended in the right places. Perhaps I should say that in spite of the years that many of us have had in the work of all sorts of committees, the Governing Board and Society officers, we ultimately find out how little we know about what other people and other committees are doing or are supposed to do. This is being changed. Under the leadership of Jay Harris, a scope or job description for every officer and every committee is being worked out and put into writing. This will become a part of the presidential manual and will be of vital help to him in the appointment of committee chairmen, to the Board in transacting the business of the Society and to the Chicago office in carrying out its most vital day-to-day operation. Already it has resulted in a better understanding by many of us in just how the Chicago office operates and its needs for space, people, and money. This committee deserves a great deal of credit for its contribution.

In conclusion, let me say, it has indeed been a pleasure and a pride to have served you, the American Oil Chemists' Society. To have done so with any measure of success, without the cooperation of the Governing Board, the Executive Committee and the Chicago office, would have been impossible. To have done so with any measure of satisfaction required the help and strength of every member of this Society and every constituted committee. With the same support, Jay Harris, our President in 1965-66, will do an even better job.

ISA Announces Content for 2nd Gas Chromatography Course

The 2nd Instrument Society of America (ISA) Short Course on Gas Chromatography will be held on the campus of Colorado Women's College in Denver, from August 23-27, 1965. The course content and teaching staff have been announced by the Course Coordinator, C. E. Borchers of the University of Arkansas. The purpose of this course is to provide advanced training in industrial and laboratory applications of gas chromatography for engineers, chemists and other technical people who have daily responsibility for process and laboratory instrumentation.

The Short Course Faculty will include the following men, all of whom are well known in this complex, highly technical sector of analytical instrumentation: Nathaniel Brenner, Perkin-Elmer Corporation; W. D. Cooke, Cornell University; S. D. Nogare, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc.; Arthur Karmen, Johns Hopkins University; F. W. Karasek, Phillips Petroleum Company; Roy Keller, University of Arizona; James Sternberg, Beckman Instruments, Inc.

Advance registrations should be sent to Prof. C. E. Brochers, University of Arkansas, Graduate Institute of Technology, P. O. Box 3017, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Soybean Association Plans Memphis Meeting

The 45th Annual Convention of the American Soybean Association will be held at the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 16-18, 1965, according to G. M. Strayer, Executive Vice-President

Two days of formal sessions will be followed by a field trip to a nearby state experiment station. Soybean producers from the surrounding Midsouth area are especially urged to attend, Strayer says.

For further information, contact G. M. Strayer, American Soybean Association, Hudson, Iowa 50643.

American Chemistry Society Award to J. J. Hazdra

J. J. Hazdra, Associate Professor at St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill., has received the American Chemical Society Local Section Member Relations Award for the Joliet Section of the Society.

Currently, Hazdra is directing a two-year research project at St. Procopius College on the fundamental structure and the surface chemistry of glass.