

## Chemistry Survey Shows Research Needs

**Westheimer of Harvard is Chairman**

A survey of US basic research in chemistry, the first such comprehensive assessment of the scientific opportunities and future fiscal needs in this vigorous and pervasive discipline, has been transmitted by the National Academy of Sciences to interested agencies of the Federal Government.

The study by a 15-member Committee for the Survey of Chemistry, under the chairmanship of F. H. Westheimer, Loeb Professor of Chemistry at Harvard University, is one in a series initiated by the Academy with the guidance of its Committee on Science and Public Policy to provide an overall perspective on research needs and opportunities within major areas of science. Companion surveys have been undertaken, to date, by the Academy in astronomy, mathematics, physics, plant sciences, and the uses of computers in university research.

### Call for 25% Increase in Federal Support

The report culminates a year and a half study of the potentials for growth and future fiscal needs of chemistry, and calls for a 25% annual increase in Federal support during the three to four years immediately ahead, to a total of \$120 million by 1968. It calls for broader recognition by the chemical industry, private foundations, and universities of the scientific gains—and benefits to agriculture, medicine, national defense, and civilian technology—to be realized from more rapid expansion of fundamental knowledge in chemistry.

The recommendations of the Committee ask specifically for funds up to \$14.5 million a year by 1968 to finance more extensive use of university central computer facilities in chemical research, an additional annual increment of \$7 million for the purchase of instrumentation above the present 20% growth rate, and up to \$5.6 million a year for departmental grants to universities, to provide for the research needs of junior faculty members. Steps are urged toward a broader inter-agency approach to the support of chemistry and increased efficiency in grant and contract administration. Universities are encouraged to undertake modernization of their programs at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

(Complete text of the report is available at \$5 from the Printing and Publishing Office, NAS-NRC, 2101 Constitution Ave., N. W., Washington, D.C. 20418. Request Publication 1292 of the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council.)

## "Food 1966 Plus — Innovations for Tomorrow," Theme of IFT 26th Meeting

"Food 1966 Plus—Innovations for Tomorrow" has been chosen as the theme for the 26th Annual Meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Ore., May 22-26, 1966.

The accent will be on innovations during the entire meeting, rather than on breakthroughs. The food industry is especially committed to innovations, which come with such periodic frequency that this meeting will be especially valuable to up-date key food industry professionals. The emphasis will be on the application rather than on the discovery of knowledge, but reports of discovery will also be presented.

## Herbert Sieck Retires, Member Since 1921

A member of the American Oil Chemists' Society since 1921, Herbert Sieck has retired from active business and has joined the ranks of members emeritus, an honor for which he has expressed his deep appreciation.

The announcement of his retirement followed the dissolution of the firm of William Garrigue & Company, Inc., with which Mr. Sieck has been associated since 1925.

For the past 40 years he has been identified with voluntary Social Welfare Agencies in Chicago and expects to devote practically all of his time to this work in the future, with some time out for gardening, fishing and relaxation.

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