Oser Chosen IFT

President-Elect

Annual Award Winners Named

B. L. OSER, president and director of Food and Drug Research Laboratories, Maspeth, N. Y., assumed the post of IFT President-Elect at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists in Minneapolis, May 17. He will assume the presidency of IFT at the close of next year's annual meeting, planned for Philadelphia in May.

Dr. Oser is a biochemist with long experience in the fields of food technology, nutrition, toxicology, and food and drug regulations. In the food-related field alone, he has served or is serving as member of the Food Protection Committee of the American Public Health Association, the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives of the Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization, and the Food Additive Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (whose Food Section he currently serves as president).

Individual, Group Efforts Cited

Among those honored at the IFT Awards Dinner at the 27th Meeting were the following:

W. B. VAN ARSDEL, industry consultant and author, and for 25 years an administrator of USDA research activities, received the Babcock-Hart Award for his work in dehydrated and frozen foods. His efforts as head of a 50-man team led to major improvements in design and operation of commercial vegetable dehydrators. His leadership is also noted for work on "time-temperature tolerance" of foods. R. G. CASSENS of the University of Wisconsin was

named to receive the third IFT Award for Research. Dr. Cassens was nominated for his contributions to study of the nature and use of muscle and meat. Specifically, his investigations have been into the ultra and micro structure of porcine and bovine muscle by histochemical, biochemical and ultrastructure techniques in order to analyze the meat aging process.

M. J. COPLEY, administrator-scientist of the USDA, Albany, California, Research Laboratories, received the 1967 Nicholas Alpert Award. This award was originated by the IFT Chicago Section, and is named for the French inventor who devised a "canning" method in the early 1800's for preserving fresh food—then a radical breakthrough in food technology. Dr. Copley has been a guiding force in applying food technology to solve problems of utilization and consumption of food products for almost 30 years with Eastern and Western USDA Laboratories.

For outstanding efforts to promote international exchange of ideas in the field of food technology, ZOLTAN KERTESZ was selected to receive the 1967 IFT International Award. Dr. Kertesz is presently secretary of the Protein Advisory Group for WHO, FAO and UNICEF. This award was donated by two IFT Australian Sections. Corporate effort of Foremost Dairies, Inc., San Fran-

cisco, merited the 1967 Food Technology Industrial Achievement Award. KENNETH WARD, Foremost Vice-President and Industrial Division Manager, accepted on behalf of the corporation. The award was made in recognition of successful commercial development of improvements in bread making. Two food technologists largely responsible for the advance were cited in the presentation: R. G. HENIKA, of Foremost's laboratories, and NELSON RODGERS, now associated with the Pillsbury Company.

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• Names in the News

J. B. SPEAKMAN of Leeds University, England, has been selected to be the recipient of the 1966 Literature Award of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists. This award which recognizes excellence in basic research publications, was conferred at the Society's semiannual meeting on May 2, 1967.

Materials Engineering / Sciences

Exposition and Conference

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers has announced the inauguration of the new biennial Materials Engineering/Sciences Exposition and Conference (ME/SE) to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 1-4, 1968. Headquarters for both the Exposition and the Conference will be at the mid-city Sheraton Hotel.

F. J. Antwerpen, Executive Secretary of the AICE, stated that the sessions and symposia will concentrate on properties, characteristics, applications and advantages of new and improved materials of all kinds. Harold Grebe, Executive Vice President of the Reber-Friel Company of Philadelphia, who is managing the Exposition, states that already more than 150 major producers have planned exhibits of materials. This concentration means that the exhibitor will not be competing for attention with manufacturers of machinery and equipment.

Mr. Grebe further stated that attendance so far is estimated to exceed 8,000 engineers and executives.

CAS Summarizes History

A summary of facts and statistics concerning Chemical Abstracts Service is now available in "CAS Today," a specially prepared 32-page booklet. Published to commemorate the organization's 60th year of service to science and technology, the booklet reviews CAS's recent history and current status and includes data on the growth and composition of the chemical literature since 1907.



