

First World Congress of the International Society of Fat Research Held in Chicago

For the first time in the 30 year history of the International Society of Fat Research, the meeting was held in the United States, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, on September 27th.

The World Congress convened with the 44th Fall Meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society to bring together the largest assembly of scientists who are concerned with feeding the world hungry, anti-pollution controls, and the everyday problems of better living.

More than 200 scientists from 22 nations exchanged research and marketing ideas along with more than 1000 U.S. scientists.

Among the topics for discussion were protein from petroleum, protein from the seas, the reformulation of soaps and detergents, and the process of aging.

Now that the World Congress is over, it's hard to compare it with meetings of the past. Maybe it should be called an unparalleled success. Most of those who attended will agree that the exchange of valuable information during the meeting—both in the technical sessions and informally—is unparalleled in the history of AOCS meetings, with over 360 technical papers 139 of which were presented by foreign visitors.

World Congress attendance was well over 1,100 with a good portion of the participants coming from overseas. This alone contributed greatly to the wealth of information exchanged at the Congress. The AOCS hopes to publish most of the papers presented at the Congress in the coming year, either in *Lipids* or *JAOCS*.

Outside the technical sessions, one of the most prominent areas for information interchange was the exhibit hall. Once again this year, the exhibition was a definite asset to the purposes of spreading and exchanging scientific information.

One of the most exciting events in the meeting program each year is when the AOCS honors those who have made outstanding contributions in our field, and to our society. This year we presented the Award in Lipid Chemistry to E. P. Kennedy. The Award of Merit was presented to both R. T. Doughtie and R. A. Reiners. The Bond Award Medal went to F. B. Mallory, and the Bond Award certificate went to Dr. Mallory and R. L. Connor. Honorable Mention Bond Award certificates went to Daniel Swern and J. D. Turner. ISF President (and *Lipids* Editor) W. O. Lundberg was also presented with the Marques de Acapulco Medal during the Congress.

Besides those hard days of technical sessions and committee meetings, the "lighter side" of the convention was also a success. The Swedish Glee Club was magnificent—as was the wine tasting—and, as ever, the banquet was truly the highlight of the convention. The other highlights, including the Presidents' cocktail parties, the Kentucky Colonel breakfast, the Travel Club dinner, the Fatty Acid Producers luncheon and the Honored breakfast, all contributed to making the World Congress one of our greatest successes.

After the Travel Club dinner, the group saw movies and slides of their travels in Hawaii and Jamaica, shown by Clark Rose of Darling & Co. Plans for a possible Mexico trip after the Houston meeting were made. So if you are interested in three days in Mexico City and three days in Acapulco contact Dr. J. C. Cowan, Oilseeds Laboratory, Northern Util. Res. Dev. Div., ARS, USDA, 1815 N. University St., Peoria, Ill. 61604.

One of the highlights of the "lighter side" came at a small breakfast where our president, Dr. Steve Chang graciously received his commission as a Kentucky Colonel in the best Southern tradition remarked that he was

probably the first Chinese Kentucky Colonel, and wondered whether his commission had been cleared with the CIA.

The ladies, keeping busy with sightseeing and shopping, managed to give away a wealth of door prizes. The Grand Prize Winner was Mrs. Jane Walker who received a transistor radio donated by Blaw-Knox. Mrs. A. H. Preston won a silver tray courtesy of Crow-Reynolds. Spice racks, donated by Durkee Famous Foods, were won by Mrs. Fern Smith, Mrs. Lloyd Metzger, Mrs. R. J. Metzinger, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Miengon. Mrs. Meursing received a bottle of perfume from the Playboy club and Mrs. A. Graci went away with a box of golf balls from Industrial Filter and Pump. Electric Blankets were awarded to Mrs. Charles Morris and Mrs. J. A. Monik. Mrs. Nellie Rose won a flight back home from Air France; Mrs. Badman and Mr. R. Marmor won flights home from American Airlines, and United Airlines presented a flight home to Mrs. G. Cavanagh. Japanese Jam Jars, donated by Wurster and Sanger, went to Mrs. J. A. Chipault, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Yvonne Prosch, Mrs. Hoffmann, Mrs. S. S. Chang, Mrs. G. Halpin, Mrs. D. Firestone, Mr. C. J. Chapman, Mrs. F. Gunstone, Mrs. E. Sipos, Mrs. J. P. Duffy and Mrs. F. Bradley. All prizes were awarded Tuesday morning, before the tour of the Museum of Contemporary Art.

The World Congress was probably one of the most exciting technical programs we have put together in a while.

Now it's time to look to Houston . . . The precedent set at the World Congress just might be a little challenge for that famous Texas hospitality.

Informal Shop Talk at World Congress →

1. J. B. Markes, T. Ochiai and G. Thomas
2. W. S. Gilpin and Peter Kaustian
3. R. F. B. Padley and N. R. Bottino
4. K. Larsson, S. Bergstrom, and W. E. M. Lands
5. B. Weinberg and U. Riiner
6. R. R. Allen and H. Niewiadomski
7. T. Tomita and Guest
8. H. Niewiadomski and L. N. Norcia
9. F. Suzuki, T. Ochiai, T. Tomita and T. Akiya
10. Lars Appelqvist, I. A. Wolff, and R. K. Downey
11. J. C. Cowan and F. A. Norris
12. F. A. Kummerow and R. B. Alfin-Slater
13. A. M. Gavin, R. K. Barber and B. D. Miller
14. S. S. Chang, E. H. Goebel, A. M. Rossetto and I. Taussky
15. D. Johnson and L. H. Going
16. J. Yaste, I. Balazs and B. F. Szuhaj