North Central Section Completes Symposium Plans

The AOCS North Central Section's second meeting of the 1971–72 season was held at Josef's Restaurant, Hillade, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 17, 1971. Program Chairman R.G. Krishnamurthy of Kraftco reported on the progress of organizing the symposium for the January meeting. He then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Lloyd A. Witting of the L.B. Mendel Research Laboratory, Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Illinois.

Witting had chosen for his topic, "The Physiological Aspects of Vitamin E With Specific Reference to Aging." He reviewed the work that had been done on free radical mechanisms in vivo and the retardant effects of alpha tocopherol and other antioxidants in laboratory animals and man. A discussion of lipid peroxidation, polyunisaturated fatty acid content of membranes, and resultant requirements for antioxidants or alpha tocopherol followed.

Plans for the January symposium are now complete. It will be held at Josef's Restaurant, Hillside, Illinois, on January 26, 1972. Registration will be from 8:00-9:00 AM. The program is as follows: 9:00-9:45 AM—Phosphates in Foods—Their Use and FDA Status Stauffer Chemicals; 9:45-10:30 AM—Ester-Based Synthetic Lubricants—Properties and Performance, W.R. Grace & Co.; 10:45-11:30 AM—Codex Alimentarius—What It Means To U.S., J.B. Stine, Adviser to U.S. Delegation; 1:00-1:45 PM—Physical Properties of Triglycerides, Retrospect and Prospect, E.S. Lutton; 1:45-2:30 PM—Selectivity of Copper Containing Hydrogenation Catalysts, H.J. Dutton, USDA; 2:45-3:30 PM—Lipoxidase Method for Cis-Cis Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids, A Collaborative Study, David Firestone, FDA; 3:30-4:15 PM—Facts and Fictions of PCB, William Papegorge, Monsanto Corporation.

Registration fee for the symposium will be \$8.00, including the luncheon.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AWARD OF MERIT

The Society Award of Merit is to be presented to qualified Society members at the Spring 1972 Meeting, Los Angeles, April 23-26, 1972.

The Award is given to recognize current and past achievements in serving the Society:

- (a) Active productive service to AOCS committee work.
- (b) Marked leadership in technical, administrative or special committee or Society activities.
- (c) Outstanding activity or service that has particularly advanced the Society's prestige, standing or interest.
- (d) Any distinguished service to the Society not herein otherwise specifically provided for.

Nominations shall cite the record of the nominee which qualifies him for the Award, and five copies of the nomination shall be submitted to James Lyon, Executive Director, American Oil Chemists' Society, 508 S. Sixth, Champaign, Illinois 61820 before February 21, 1972.

AOCS Member Forms New Engineering Firm

Announcement is made of the recent formation of new engineering consulting firm: Myers Roby Engineers, 2950 N. Water Street, Decatur, Ill. 62526. The organization has two principals: Noel W. Myers, chemical engineer and AOCS member, and Dennis E. Roby, civil and structural engineer. Both are registered professional engineers. Myers specializes in consulting and design engineering for processing facilities for soybean milling and vegetable oil refining activities. He has had 21 years experience in these activities associated with A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. and

Archer Daniels Midland Co. Roby and his design group executes the engineering drawings for a complete package plan for any new process or modification. Roby has had 10 years industrial experience with Chicago Bridge & Iron and in private practice in Illinois since 1967.

The new firm will specialize in the unit processes of oilseed extraction and the subsequent oil refining steps. Also air and water pollution problems are being dealt with in this agricultural processing field as well as in the chemical industries.

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