

# Kaufmann's Work to Have Lasting Influence on Lipid Science<sup>1</sup>

The Nestor of lipid research, Hans Paul Kaufmann of Münster, Germany, passed away October 2, 1971, at the age of 82. He is survived by Mrs. Kaufmann and a son, Dr. J. Kaufmann.



H. P. Kaufmann

Kaufmann was Professor emeritus of the University of Münster. He had been Head of the University's Department of Pharmacy and Chemical Technology, Director of the Federal Center for Fat Research, and Director of a government laboratory of the state of Nordrhein-Westfalen. He had been awarded honorary doctors' degrees by the Universities of Graz, Austria, and Berlin, Germany. The American Oil Chemists' Society honored Kaufmann in 1964, by electing him an Honorary Member, and the

German Society for Fat Research made him Honorary President in 1968.

Kaufmann was born on October 20, 1889, at Frankfurt a. M. He studied chemistry at the Universities of Jena, Heidelberg, and Berlin. In 1912, he earned the Ph.D. degree, under Ludwig Knorr, and, in 1916, the D.Sc. degree. In 1919, he became Associate Professor and Head

<sup>1</sup>The following was received from J. Baltes, President of the German Society for Fat Research, and is published in addition to the brief obituary which appeared in *JAOCs* 48: 452A (1971).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS HONORED STUDENT AWARDS FOR 1972

Nominations are solicited and will be accepted until February 21, 1972 for AOCS Honored Student Awards for that year. Graduate students at any North American institution of higher learning, in any area of science dealing with fats and lipids, who are doing research toward an advanced degree, and who are interested in the areas of science and technology fostered by this Society are eligible. In addition, the student must be a registered graduate student at the time of application and must not have taken his final examination for an advanced degree by the time of the award. Selection of awardees is on the basis of educational qualifications and performance.

The awards provide funds equal to travel plus reasonable expenses incurred by attendance at a national meeting of the AOCS. In 1972 these meetings will be held April 23-26 in Los Angeles and September 24-28 in Ottawa. Students will be awarded travel to the nearer meeting to allow as many awards as possible from available funds.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the national office of the AOCS or from the Chairman of the Honored Student Award Committee. Completed nominations should be returned before February 21, 1972 to: Ralph T. Holman, Chairman HSA Committee, The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota, Austin, Minnesota 55912.

of the Division of Analytical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Jena. After Knorr's death, Kaufmann studied pharmacy and succeeded his former advisor as Head of the Division of Pharmacy at Jena. In 1931, Kaufmann accepted a position as Professor of Pharmacy and Head of the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Münster. After a few years as Head of the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Berlin, he returned to Münster where he was Chairman of the Department of Pharmacy and Chemical Technology until he retired in 1958.

During his years in Jena, Kaufmann became interested in unsaturated fatty acids and reactions of their double bonds. He began to develop methods for the analysis and characterization of fats and oils. Having efficient analytical tools on hand, he soon embarked on biochemical studies. In addition he was highly successful in the field of lipid synthesis as well as in various areas of fats and oils technology. Throughout the years, Kaufmann carried on extensive scientific correspondence with his colleagues in other countries.

After his retirement from the university, Kaufmann continued to pursue an intensive research program as Director of the Federal Center for Fat Research at Münster. One of the Center's two institutes, the Institute for Technology and Biochemistry, bears his name. His scientific accomplishments are described in over 500 publications, most of which have appeared in *Fette. Seifen. Anstrichmittel*, the official journal of the German Society for Fat Research. He edited this journal from 1937 until his death. In addition Kaufmann published several books of which "Analyse der Fette und Fettprodukte" (1958) is probably the best known.

Kaufmann was the founder of the German Society for Fat Research in 1935 and was President from then until 1968. In 1954, he initiated the founding of the International Society for Fat Research, and in 1964 was President of the First World Fat Congress which was held in Hamburg.

Kaufmann distinguished himself by an extraordinarily creative and imaginative mind. His character was marked by never failing diligence and assiduity. His influence on lipid science has been extensive and will continue to be felt for many years to come. We honor his memory as a man of character and as an outstanding scientist.

## Ralph T. Holman Receives North Central Section's Bailey Award

The Alton E. Bailey Award Committee of the AOCS North Central Section has reviewed the nominations for the Bailey Award and is pleased to announce that Dr. Ralph T. Holman of the Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota, Austin, has accepted the Alton E. Bailey Award for 1972. The 12th presentation of this award is to be held March 22, 1972, at Josef's Restaurant, Hillside, Ill.

Holman is known for his achievement in investigating the metabolism of polyunsaturated fatty acids and establishing the dietary requirement of essential fatty acids. He has contributed to AOCS through many program chairmanships at national meetings and has served as an associate editor for *Lipids* since 1965.

Holman's topic for the Award Dinner will be "Nutrition and Metabolism of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids."

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