

World Conference on Vegetable Food Proteins

One highlight of the World Conference on Vegetable Food Proteins to be held Oct. 29-Nov. 3, 1978, in Amsterdam will be the accompanying exposition of materials and equipment involved in the utilization of vegetable proteins.

J. Patrick Graham, AOCS director of advertising and promotions, recently conferred in Amsterdam with C.J.M. Meershoek, local chairman for the conference, and officials of the RAI Center in Amsterdam, where the conference will be held.

Exhibits will be on the RAI Center's second floor. A limited number of exhibit spaces will be available — fewer than at any previous AOCS World Conference. Firms interested in exhibiting should contact Graham as soon as possible at AOCS Headquarters, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820.

One unique feature of the exposition is that no technical talks or discussion groups will be scheduled during the time the exhibits are open. The exposition opening on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1978, will mark the formal beginning of the conference. Exhibits will be open again from 1 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 2). Technical talks will be

held each day from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Informal discussions will be held after 3:30 p.m. During the 2½-hour break each day, delegates will be able to visit exhibit booths and to have a meal, in RAI Center restaurants, that includes some vegetable protein foods.

The RAI Center has its own customs center so all shipments can be assigned automatically to the broker of that location. Paperwork involved in foreign exhibits thus can be kept to a minimum.

The technical program for the conference is still being developed. North American program committee members met in November to refine their plans. European program committee members met during October in Paris and will meet again during January in Germany. Additional session chairmen named since the list printed in the November *JAOCS* include: Y. Sakaguchi, Japan, and F.A.M. Bouvy, The Netherlands, for Fermented and Other Products, with W.H. Tallent; and J.W. Mansvelt of The Netherlands for Confectionary Products with K. Mittelberg.

A final, complete list of cosponsoring organizations will be released after all organizations invited to participate have had an opportunity to respond.

