

Committee Spotlights



Seed and Meal Analysis Committee

The scope of this committee is to promote the development and standardization of test methods and sampling procedures for oilseeds, oilseed meals, and flours.

The Mycotoxin Subcommittee under Leo Goldblatt continues to be very active by evaluating new methodology as well as participating in developing new Methods.

Our three AOCS members on the AOAC-AOCS-AACC Joint Committee on Mycotoxins continue active. The full Committee met in October 1976, during the fall meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists in Washington. Much interest continues in the work of this group.

Walter Pons' Gossypol Subcommittee plans to conduct a study on a revised Method for free gossypol in cottonseed meal during the coming year. Collaborative work done several years ago on bound gossypol is being reviewed to determine if adequate data are available to recommend a change at this time.

The Sunflower Analysis Subcommittee under Jim Robertson plans to collaboratively study our sunflowerseed Methods with the FOSFA (Federation of Oil Seeds & Fats Assn. Ltd of London) and other methods now currently used by industry with a view of finding a method which will be acceptable for all concerned.

The Sampling Subcommittee continues to work on sampling for aflatoxin content.

Marion E. Whitten, Chairman
Seed and Meal Analysis Committee

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee of the Society is a constitutional committee in that it is defined and called for in the Constitution, Article 7. This committee was an outgrowth of what used to be the Journal Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society, but the name was changed to Publications Committee when the Constitution was revised in October 1969. Prior to that time, the Journal Committee had the responsibility for preparation and publication of the Society's Journal. In 1964, the Journal Committee recommended to the Governing Board that a new Society publication be formed called *Lipids* and this be the repository for reports which are more of a basic or fundamental nature and usually biochemical in type. The Editor of *JAOCS* served as Editor for the first year (1965) for the new publication, while a subcommittee was set up to operate *Lipids*, and Dr. Lundberg was obtained as the Editor of *Lipids*, which has turned out to be a very successful publication. This, however, gave the "Journal" Committee an inadequate name. Therefore, when the Constitution was revised in 1969, it seemed appropriate to have a Society "Publications" Committee to supervise all of the Society's publications except those of the Uniform Methods Committee.

Membership in the Publications Committee consists of the Chairman, editors of publications (except those of the Uniform Methods Committee), and nine other appointed members who serve on a three-year rotating basis. The Chairman is appointed by the Governing Board and is also

called the Director of AOCS Publications. Other membership in the committee is by appointment of the Chairman.

The objectives of the Publications Committee are to establish policy and to direct the preparation and distribution of all of the AOCS publications except those supervised by the Uniform Methods Committee and to do this in such a way as to bring credit to the Society in a scientific sense, to communicate matters of Society importance to its members, and to be fiscally sound.

In order to accomplish these things, several editorial subcommittees have been formed:

Journal Committee—A.R. Baldwin, Chairman
Lipids Advisory Committee—R.T. Holman, Chairman
JAOCS Abstracts Committee—S. Koritala, Chairman
Advertising Committee—K. Zilch, Chairman
JAOCS Index Committee—M.W. Formo, Chairman
JAOCS Book Review Committee—J.F. Gerecht, Chairman
Monographs Committee—E.G. Perkins, Chairman

Approximately 100 people work in this system of committees under the auspices of the Publications Committee. Future issues of *JAOCS* will be carrying more detailed reports of each of these committees.

A group of Associate Editors, now numbering 16, performs the editorial work of reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication in *JAOCS*. In addition, we have over 100 reviewers helping to review the manuscripts. All of these activities are coordinated by the Editor and his Editorial Assistant from the Editor's office in Minneapolis. Reviewed and edited manuscripts are then submitted to the AOCS office in Champaign for publication. In 1976, 190 manuscripts were submitted, with 178 of those actually being published in the *Journal*.

Both *JAOCS* and *Lipids* had an active year in 1976, with paid circulation of 6,211 and 1,931, respectively. This is an increase for both publications over 1975 circulation.

In March of 1976 the AOCS sponsored a World Conference on Oilseed and Vegetable Oil Processing Technology held in Amsterdam. There were a total of 51 exhibits and 762 registrants at this conference. In June *JAOCS* put out a special issue which contained all of the papers from the Amsterdam Conference and to date has sold over 700 copies of this special issue.

From October 10-14, 1977 AOCS will be sponsoring a World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held in Montreux, Switzerland. We also plan to have a special issue of the complete proceedings of this conference, probably January 1978.

A.R. Baldwin
Director of Publications

Asbeck to speak at meeting

Dr. Walker K. Asbeck, a coatings consultant, will present the 1977 Joseph J. Mattiello Memorial Lecture at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology this fall. The federation meeting is being held Oct. 26-28, 1977, in the Astrohall in Houston, TX. Dr. Asbeck will speak the morning of Oct. 28. He retired in 1974 as a corporate research fellow from Union Carbide Corp. ●