



# Committee Spotlights

## Fat and Oil By-Product Analysis Committee

### Glycerin Analysis Subcommittee

*R.M. Kelley, chairman*

This subcommittee has had no activity during the past year.

### Lecithin Analysis Subcommittee

Inactive

### Vegetable Oil Distillate Analysis Subcommittee

*Robert L. Winters, chairman*

This subcommittee completed the review of procedures for saponification value and revisions in the procedure for unsaponifiable to be applicable to vegetable oil deodorizer distillate. These procedures were presented to the Uniform Methods Committee at the Fall 1976 AOCS meeting and have since been added to the AOCS Methods Manuals as AOCS Tentative Method Cd 3B-76, Saponification Value and revised AOCS Official Method Ca 6b-53, Unsaponifiable Matter. No further work has been scheduled for this subcommittee at this time.

Projected work for this committee will include a review of Sections E and J in the AOCS Methods Manual that pertain to glycerin and lecithin analyses.

**K.M. BROBST**

Chairman, Fat and Oil By-Product Analysis Committee

## Lipids Editorial Advisory Board

Scope: "To work with the Publications Committee in establishing and putting into operation the editorial policies necessary for the proper preparation of the publication, *Lipids*."

The Board of Editors and Editorial Advisors meets at each national meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society to hear reports on recent developments and to make plans for the future. The business of the committee is of such a nature that most of the work is done by correspondence and the annual meetings are largely in the nature of a report.

Within the past year, the Board of Associate Editors and the Advisory Board have been reorganized on a three-year rotating basis. The list of Associate Editors has been expanded somewhat to include persons knowledgeable in currently popular subject matter. A subcommittee of this Board is currently working on a new Style Manual and Guide to Authors and the final report possibly will be published by the end of this year. The number of papers received for consideration in *Lipids* apparently is stabilizing and, in 1976, 196 regular papers and 42 short communications and Letters to the Editor were submitted for possible publication. The Editors and the Production Office try to expedite publication and have succeeded in reducing publication time to less than six months. A charge of \$40 per page is requested of authors to partially meet the costs of publication. Payment of page charges is not a condition of publication, but, nevertheless, most authors do pay these charges.

**RALPH T. HOLMAN**  
Editor, *Lipids*

## International Relations Committee

Inasmuch as it has been close to two years since the last report was written on the activities on the International Relations Committee, I feel that a better picture would be presented if the results are given for the 1975 and 1976 years.

This committee was created in the spring of 1963 by Dr. Raymond Reiser, and I have had the honor of serving as its chairman since 1966. It has not had a spectacular growth over the years but has established itself as an integral and a well-known part of one of the features of *JAOCS*, where the articles contributed by our foreign correspondents appear in the "Four Corners" section.

During 1975-76 a total of 44 articles from 17 countries were published. Some of these articles were rather lengthy and touched upon, in detail, programs covered by several scientific meetings which took place in the respective countries reported from. We now have a total of 36 countries where we have permanent corresponding secretaries, most of them rather active, and every year we add an average of one or two countries to our list.

In many cases the articles by our foreign correspondents aroused special interest on the part of some readers who asked me for the authors' addresses in order to obtain, directly from them, some additional and direct information on the specific subjects of interest.

I personally was happy to meet a number of our foreign correspondents at the Amsterdam Meeting in March 1976 and also to make acquaintance with other foreign scientists, some of whom might become contributors to our Journal.

As a member of the Advertising Committee, I do my best to contribute to the activity of that group with my knowledge of some of the people and companies with whom I come in contact in my European travels.

We regularly publish, mostly through the reports from France, the reports on meetings of members of the European Club of the Centers for Lipid Research.

I am happy to say that I am finding an enthusiastic and extremely active and helpful cooperation and support on the part on our headquarters in Champaign who are doing a marvelous job of reminding our foreign correspondents, at regular intervals, of the datelines on which their articles are due, editing the "Four Corners", etc.; to them go my sincerest thanks.

May I add that at the 1974 Mexico City Convention I presented a rather detailed report on the history, aims, and activities of the International Relations Committee, and anybody who is interested more in these activities, possibilities and hopes, and who could contribute new ideas which would help in our expansion, would be most welcome to read this report, which could be obtained from Mr. James Lyon.

**EUGENE MARSHACK**  
Chairman, International Relations Committee ●