



World

Vegetable Protein

Conference '78

It's now "World Vegetable Protein Conference '78" scheduled for Oct. 29-Nov. 3, 1978, in the RAI Center in Amsterdam.

A formal name change from "World Protein Conference II" was approved by the conference steering committee during the AOCS annual meeting in New York. The name was changed principally to insert the word "vegetable" into the title. European representatives felt the addition would provide better identification in Europe for the topic of the conference.

The conference is being sponsored by the AOCS and is being held to present, by means of lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits, the most recent information on uses of vegetable proteins for nutritional and functional purposes in a wide range of present and future foods.

Steering committee members agreed the conference would open with an introductory session on Sunday, Oct. 29, which would include welcoming addresses and would outline the theme, scope, and purpose of the meeting. That session would be followed by an informal social event. Official conference languages will be English and French.

Technical sessions will begin Monday morning and run until 12:30 p.m. when there will be a lunch break. Industry representatives may cooperate to serve vegetable protein lunches to registrants.

Dr. A.R. Baldwin, co-chairman for the conference, and Jim Lyon, AOCS executive director, were in Europe during June to coordinate plans for the conference. A European vegetable protein organization was to formally organize in early June.

During the steering committee meeting in New York, it was agreed the program committee would hold its first meeting June 30 in Chicago near O'Hare Airport. ●



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When the American Oil Chemists' Society convenes its 69th Annual Meeting in St. Louis' Chase-Park Plaza Hotel next spring, it will be the organization's third official gathering in the river city.

The first came in 1912, and is described in AOCS files as the organization's "third business meeting." The second was in 1961 when the Society's 52nd Annual Meeting was held there with a total of 75 technical papers presented.

In 1978, there probably will be more than 200 papers and, organizers hope, close to the 1,000-plus registrants that attended the annual meeting in New York two months ago.

During that meeting, St. Louis Meeting Chairman Robert Burton held a breakfast meeting to invite New York committee members to meet with their St. Louis counterparts to discuss how to run a good, smooth meeting.

One innovation in New York to be continued in St. Louis is having a welcoming breakfast for foreign registrants and persons attending their first AOCS national meeting. Tentative plans are to schedule the breakfast for Monday morning before the opening plenary session.

Dr. Burton outlined plans to have different style bands playing each day in the exhibit area, where complimentary snack lunches and beverages will be served. Details for the technical and social programs are being arranged.

The St. Louis meeting will be the first national meeting in several decades to follow the preceding meeting by a full year. The 1977 New York session, while the only national meeting during this year, came approximately a half-year after the 1976 Fall meeting in Chicago. New York committee members urged St. Louis planners to begin early in arranging session topics, locating chairmen, and seeking papers. ●