

Vegetable Protein plans nearly completed

Within the month, the full schedule of plenary speakers for the World Conference on Vegetable Food Proteins should be completed. The conference is to be held Oct. 29 through Nov. 3 at the RAI Center in Amsterdam under primary sponsorship of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Conference chairman A.R. Baldwin expects to have the plenary program ready for distribution in March, following January meetings in the United States and Europe with program and steering committee members. Session chairmen were to begin obtaining commitments from speakers following those meetings.

The conference is being held to present by means of lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits the most current information on utilization of vegetable protein for nutritional and functional purposes in a wide range of present and future foods.

Session topics during plenary sessions will be: Protein Nutrition; Economics; Regulatory Affairs; Characteristics of Protein Ingredients; Cereal, Snacks, and Bakery Products; Meat and Fish Applications; Confectionary Products Applications; Use of Vegetable Proteins in Fermented and Other Products; Marketing Requirements and Experiences; New Developments in Vegetable Proteins; and Use of Vegetable Proteins in Dairy Products.

A full program and registration material will be included in the March *JAACS*. Individual registration forms will be mailed during May to persons who have requested them.

The general program format calls for plenary sessions to be held each morning Monday through Friday. The Food Protein Council, one of the co-sponsoring organizations, is arranging for luncheons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

and Friday that will include foods with vegetable protein used as an extender, as an analog, and as a functional ingredient. No special luncheon is planned Wednesday because that afternoon will be free time for conference participants. Round table discussions will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons, permitting registrants to meet with speakers in a more informal atmosphere. Round tables may also include persons invited to present brief papers relating to topics covered in the plenary session.

An accompanying exposition in the RAI Center will feature utilization of vegetable protein in food products. The exposition area will be open Sunday afternoon, and during 2½-hour luncheon breaks on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Firms interested in exhibiting should contact AOCS Advertising Director Pat Graham at 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820.

Group travel arrangements for U.S. participants will be coordinated through a travel agent. Tentative plans are to determine when U.S. residents want to depart and return, and then build group travel plans to accommodate those travelers. Most American registrants will be registered at the same hotel.

Conference organizers also are arranging a full week of activities for spouses of conference registrants. Details will be available later, but tentative plans include plenty of sightseeing, shopping, and chances to observe local culture.

All-conference social events will include an opening reception Sunday, a reception in an Amsterdam museum Monday evening, and a "Dutch Evening" party on Wednesday. ●

