

ISF/AOCS attract 1,700

Approximately 1,700 persons participated in the ISF/AOCS World Congress held April 27-May 1, 1980, in the New York Hilton, making it one of the largest gatherings of fats and oils specialists during the decade.

There were more than 1,500 technical and spouses' program registrants from around the world, plus an estimated 150 persons with the 49 organizations participating in the accompanying exposition.

Session chairmen who provided summary reports on their technical sessions indicated registrants asked numerous questions of speakers and that attendance remained strong throughout each session, with exceptions where sessions extended into the lunch hour or after 4:30 each evening. As might be expected, analytical methods were of major interest. Those attending the soap, detergent and cosmetic sessions said the papers were among the best heard at recent AOCS national meetings.

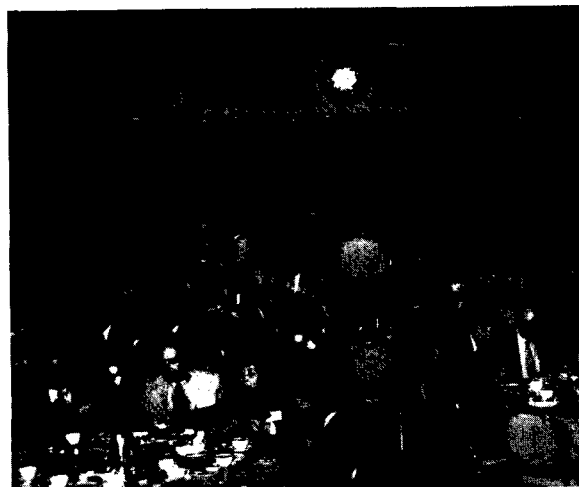
One session chairman recommended future AOCS meetings be structured to provide time for questions and answers at the conclusion of each session held on a specific topic.

The large attendance exceeded expectations of meeting organizers, who initially thought attendance might be in the 1,300 to 1,400 range. The registration desk ran out of printed registration forms on Sunday, April 27, and had to use photocopied forms. On Monday, the supply of plastic name badge holders was exhausted. Despite the large

attendance, there were few long lines at the registration desk.

The opening social event, a wine-tasting mixer on Sunday, April 27, drew an almost overflow crowd.

Gloria Starr-Kins, chairperson of the Manhattan borough



Plenary breakfast on first morning of World Congress attracted large crowd.

Meetings

president's committee to welcome international visitors, addressed the plenary breakfast on Monday, April 28. In her address on "Mankind's Right to a Guaranteed Food Supply," she outlined the pervasiveness of hunger around the world, telling those involved in food processing, "The world needs your advanced technology and structured planning" to avert a food crisis that could have more impact on the world than an energy shortage. The speaker has been active in several United Nations committees, particularly those relating to developing nations.

More than a hundred persons participated in the spouses' program, which included a choice of three tours Tuesday morning, all culminating in a luncheon at Tavern-on-the-Green, a Central Park restaurant.

The Wednesday evening banquet attracted more than 1,000 persons, an all-time record.

There were two well-received plenary lectures. Dr. James F. Mead, recipient of the Award in Lipid Chemistry, spoke Monday, April 28, on current and possible future research in lipids. Dr. Robert Ackman presented the Kaufmann Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, April 29, on "Potential for More Efficient Methods for Lipid Analysis."

Three post-conference tours held Friday, May 2, attracted about two dozen persons each. There was a cultural tour of the Hudson River Valley with stops at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as well as the restored home of early American author Washington Irving. Concurrently, there were visits to the Nabisco production and research and development facilities and the international Flavor and Fragrance facilities in nearby New Jersey. □



Opening plenary session speaker Gloria Starr-Kins, left, with assistant general chairman, Manny Eijadi.



Registrants filled some technical session rooms to standing room only.



Ann Berner, left, checks registration records with Frank Naughton, meeting finance chairman.



Dr. Stephen S. Chang, technical program chairman, gave last-minute instructions to session chairmen during a breakfast Monday.





Cost and energy savings were popular themes among exhibits.



Approximately 140 persons participated in the spouses' program.



U.S. and European registrants greet each other Sunday afternoon.



International and first-time visitors to New York City could obtain information on the city at a special Visitors' Welcome desk.



A delegation of fats and oils researchers from the People's Republic of China attended the ISF/AOCS World Congress and then went on to tour U.S. plants and laboratories in the United States. Visiting with William McPherson of EMI Corporation (left) in that firm's Des Plaines, Illinois, headquarters are, from left, Dr. Liu Fu-Kuang, professor at the Light Industry Institute, Wuxi; Huang Shi, a graduate student at Rutgers University under the sponsorship of the Chinese Scientific Research Institute of Food and Fermentation; Chu Yung-Shung, engineer at the Oil and Fat Research Institute in Shanghai; Guo Xiang-au, associate professor at Zhengzhou Grain College; and Qin Hong-wan, of the Bureau of Food in Shanghai and an engineer with the Shanghai Cereal and Oil Industries Corporation.