### Letter to the Editor \_

Sir:

I think abstracts of papers presented at meetings should be published, but not as an insert in the *Journal*. They should be published as a separate entity with its own pagination in a supplement to the *Journal* that can be either distributed at the meeting or mailed. That particular issue could be entitled "Supplement to: Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society, May 1981, Volume 58, No. 5, 1-44 (or No. 5A, 1A-44A)" and a typical reference would read: *JAOCS*(Suppl.) 58:23 (1981). In this manner, an abstract can be clearly referenced and a precedent would be set.

Sincerely,

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## InThis Issue\_\_

As you review the Meetings section of this JAOCS (p. 788A), you may be struck, as we were, by the number and diversity of major international fats and oils meetings scheduled for 1982.

There is a diversity of topics-from individual commodities to specific uses to the omnibus-type programs of AOCS in Toronto and ISF in Gdańsk. There is a diversity of locations-from the 10th Sunflower Conference in Australia to the Conference on Plant and Vegetable Oils as Fuels in Fargo, North Dakota.

This reflects, we think, an increasing awareness of the benefits of international information exchange at such meetings and an increasing awareness of the international character of the fats and oils industry.

One of AOCS' main purposes is to facilitate exchange of information among professionals—whether by publications or by meetings. It's gratifying to see such a healthy schedule of meetings.

# Calendar.

#### **AOCS WORLD CONFERENCES**

- World Conference on Edible Oil Processing, October 3-8, 1982, Congress Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- World Conference on Oleochemicals, Sept. 18-23, 1983, Convention Center, Montreux, Switzerland.

#### **AOCS SPECIAL CONFERENCE**

Conference on Dietary Fats and Health, Dec. 6-11, 1981, Conrad Hilton, Chicago.

#### AOCS NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Annual Meeting, 1982: May 2-6, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Annual Meeting, 1983: May 8-12, Chicago Marriott, Chicago, IL.

#### **AOCS SHORT COURSE**

Short Course on Methods for Nutritional Assessment of Fats, April 29-May 1, 1982, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

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#### October

- Association of Official Analytical Chemists Annual Meeting, Oct. 18-22, 1981, Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: AOAC, Box 540 Benjamin Franklin Station. Washington, DC 20044
- Station, Washington, DC 20044. "Food Instrumentation," short course, sponsored by the American Association of Cereal Chemists, Oct. 22-24, 1981, Denver, CO. Contact:

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