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Protein section proposed

Petitions have begun circulating to establish a unit of the American Oil Chemists' Society for persons interested in vegetable food proteins and coproducts.

AOCS' by-laws do provide for establishment of geographical or speciality sections. The "protein and coproducts section" would be the first such specialty section; there are four geographic sections: Northeast, North Central, Northern California (NORCAL) and Southwest (Southern California).

Leading the organizational effort is Ed Lusas of Texas A&M's Food Protein Research and Development Center. He is acting section chairman; George Liepa of Texas Woman's University is acting secretary-treasurer. Three persons have been named acting committee members-at-large to help organize the section and to determine how much support for the proposal there is among industry, government and academia. These committee members are: industry – Barbara Struthers, Ralston-Purina, St. Louis; government – Joe Rackis, USDA Northern Regional Research Center, Peoria, Illinois; and academia – Nancy Canolty, University of Georgia, Athens.

The tentative schedule is for the section to obtain recognition during 1982 by petitioning the AOCS Governing Board and then to begin formal operation during 1983. \Box

Southwest plans February seminar

The Southwest Section of the AOCS is organizing an all-day seminar with the theme "Product Development: From Lab Bench to Market Shelf." The seminar is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Buena Park Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park, California.

Program details and registration information will be published in the January JAOCS, or is available from Brian Flynn or Jack Hudson (213-518-2350, ext. 574).

Approximately 50 persons attended the Southwest Section's first meeting of the fall season in early October. Kenneth C. Kipers of Pilot Chemical Company spoke on "Evaluation of Selected Liquid Hand Soap Formulations." Sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium laurate and sodium α -olefin were evaluated using Ross Miles foaming, a practical hand washing test, and viscosity measurements, Dr. Kipers said. The sodium lauryl sulfate formulation appeared to be the anionic surfactant that provided optimal performance. The effect of various solids levels and pH levels also were investigated in the tests.

Salomon cited by Northeast Section



Salomon

Henry G. Salomon, a member of the Northeast Section for almost 30 years, received the section's 1981 Award for Professional Service at the section's opening meeting of the fall season this past October.

Salomon, president of L.A. Salomon & Bro. Inc. of Port Washington, New York, has been active in both the Northeast Section and the national AOCS since becoming a member in 1952. He has served as section president and on numerous committees for national meetings held in the New York area, serving as general chairman for the 1971 meeting in Atlantic City. He also is a past-president of the AOCS Foundation. During 1975, he received the national AOCS Award of Merit.

Salomon is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

The citation on his award says it was presented "in recognition of his contribution to our profession, society and community."

The section's next scheduled meeting is set for Jan. 12, 1982. Details are available from Northeast Section officers.

NORCAL to meet Dec. 11

Joe Smith, president of Oilseeds International Ltd., will speak on "Vegetable Oil and Its Future" to the NORCAL Section of the AOCS on Friday, Dec. 11, in a dinner meeting to be held at Alfred's Restaurant in San Francisco.

The meeting is scheduled to begin about 6 p.m. Smith is an experienced tradesman in oilseeds and has been a frequent contributor to *Sunflower* magazine, a publication of the National Sunflower Association. \Box