

Two Merit Awards presented

The AOCS Award of Merit was presented in Toronto to Lars H. Wiedermann, a soy oil specialist with the American Soybean Association in Singapore, and to the late Arthur Wrigley, a long-time staff member at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center.

Wiedermann has been an AOCS member for three decades, and an active member of the North Central Section until his retirement from Swift and Co. a few years ago. He served as general chairman for the 1976 AOCS meeting in Chicago and on committees of several other national meetings in Chicago. He has been an invited speaker at AOCS short courses and world conferences.

Wrigley, a member-at-large of the AOCS Governing Board in 1973, died several months ago. He had retired from the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center where he had been a research leader specializing in plastics investigations in the Animal Fat Products Laboratory. He served as general chairman for a 1966 National Meeting and had been active on other local committees for national meetings. He had served in numerous offices for the Northeast Section, including a stint as president in 1970.

The Award of Merit was established in 1967 to recognize achievements within AOCS and to stimulate those working in various AOCS activities.

Conoco authors cited

The 1982 Soap and Detergent Association award for the best technical paper published in *JAOCs* has been presented to M.C. Allen and D.E. Linder of Conoco's Research and Development Department in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

The winner paper, published in the October 1981 *JAOCs*, was "Ethylene Oxide Oligomer Distribution in Nonionic Surfactant via High Performance Liquid Chromatography." SDA President Theodore Brenner presented the award to the two authors during the AOCS meeting in Toronto.

Deaths

G.A. Dhopeswarkar

AOCS has been informed of the death of Govind A. Dhopeswarkar, a member of the Society since 1969 and an adjunct professor at the University of California-Los Angeles Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology.

Dr. Dhopeswarkar died of a coronary attack on April 1 while playing tennis. He received his master of science in 1951 and his doctorate in 1954 at the University of Bombay, followed by postdoctoral work at Columbia University and UCLA. He joined the UCLA faculty in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Saral, and daughters, Anita and Rohini (Mrs. Satish Joshi). Co-worker James Mead described Dr. Dhopeswarkar as a "very good, sometimes underestimated scientist who has left his mark in his chosen field of lipid metabolism. He was a good associate and friend, and we will all miss him."

Appointments

Thomas G. Gibian has been named chief executive officer and chairman of Henkel Corporation, a Minneapolis-based manufacturer of products ranging from food ingredients and specialty chemicals to consumer and industrial adhesives. Dr. Gibian is also executive vice president and chief operating officer of Henkel of America, Inc., New York, the financial and management company for North American activities of Henkel KGaA, Dusseldorf, West Germany. . . Ross M. Sheldon has been named manager-marketing for Organic Chemicals Division, SCM Corporation. . . International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. has appointed Jerome I. Lindauer as a vice-president of IFF (U.S.) in charge of new product and marketing research, fragrances. . . Mallinckrodt, Inc., has promoted two people to general manager positions in its chemical group. Daniel E. Woods Jr., has been promoted to general manager of the Calcicat catalyst division while James S. Roof is now general manager, specialty chemicals division. . . Also at Mallinckrodt, Mark G. Nichols has been named group vice president for the firm's chemical group, which includes the specialty chemicals, catalyst, and drug and cosmetic chemicals divisions. . . Mallinckrodt's award for technical achievement has been named for August H. Homeyer, who retired in 1973 after a career as a researcher and executive with the firm. . . Ginger Gosy has been named communications coordinator for the National Renderers Association. . . Rust International has named four new vice presidents: Ollie W. Coggin, project support; Paul Crowe, business development industrial; Norman D. Knight, special projects; and David Neel, business development for pulp and paper. . . The Dow Chemical Company has named Donald A. Rickard a vice president and corporate director for manufacturing and engineering. . . Theodore C. Rogers, president and chief operating officer for NL Industries Inc. has been elected chief executive officer for that firm. . . Roger A. Upham has joined the organic chemistry staff at Twin City Testing and Engineering Laboratory Inc., responsible for GC and MS studies. . . Walter L. Barnes is now marketing manager for the eastern United States for Fluid Systems Division of UOP Inc. . . Fritzsche Dodge & Olcott Inc., the flavor and fragrance firm, has named Roger Gallatin as manager of sales and marketing for basic products. . . Mahlon A. Burnette III has been named executive director for the League for International Food Education (L.I.F.E.), a consortium of scientific societies, including AOCS, aimed at providing technical assistance and nutritional information to developing parts of the world. . . Robert E. Bellstrom has been named manager of international accounts of Emery Industries. . . Kenneth Nickerson has joined Anderson International Corp. as a specialist in replacement parts sales, specifically for the rendering industry. . . AOCS member David Kritchevsky, associate director of The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, has been named a member of the board of scientific advisors for the American Council on Science and Health. There are 78 other members, including AOCS member Roslyn B. Alfin-Slater of UCLA. . . AOCS members Paul Thionville and Ed Hahn were among door prize winners at the National Cottonseed Products Association meeting with Thionville receiving an instant camera and Hahn a clock-radio.