

Meetings

Conference planners selecting speakers

Organizers for the AOCs/PORIM World Conference on Processing of Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils expect to complete selection of speakers early in 1984. The conference will be held Nov. 11-16, 1984, at the Hilton Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under sponsorship of the American Oil Chemists' Society and the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia.

The conference is designed to discuss fully the production, processing and uses of the three oils, all produced from trees. The rapid expansion of palm oil production during the past decade has been a major factor in world supplies of edible oils. Palm kernel oil and coconut oil are more saturated than palm oil.

Palm oil production was less than half a million tons annually as recently as the early 1970s. Malaysian production in 1982 was approximately 3.5 million tons, and there are predictions that production could reach 6 million tons annually during the next ten years. This rapid increase has led to construction of some of the world's most modern oil processing facilities in Malaysia. Conference organizers are arranging for tours to oil palm plantations and processing units during the meeting. Malaysia, Nigeria and Indonesia are the world's leading producers of palm oil.

Palm kernel oil production has expanded in proportion to the palm oil increase, but production is roughly one-tenth that of palm oil. It has characteristics similar to those of coconut oil, which is used for edible and inedible purposes in about equal proportions worldwide.

The Philippines is the world's major producer of coconut oil and provides about two-thirds of the coconut oil that moves in world trade each year. Indonesia and India rank as the no. 2 and no. 3 producers, respectively, but export relatively minor amounts of their production. Major importers of coconut oil are Western Europe and the United States.

Program co-chairmen are David C. Tandy of EMI Corporation in Des Plaines, Illinois, and Kurt G. Berger of the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. The director-general of PORIM, Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Anuwar Bin Mahmud, is conference honorary president. W. Nasir Daud of PORIM is chairman of the committee handling local arrangements.

An international steering and program committee has selected eight general topics as the general outline for the program.

Those topics, and confirmed session chairmen (as of late September), are:

General Overview—Yusof Basiron, Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia.

Properties of Oil—S. H. Ong, PORIM, and Marshall Pike, Harrisons & Crosfield Ltd., England.

Processing of Fruit—Lim Kang Hoe, H & C Oil Palm Research Station, Malaysia, and Richard A. Lee, consultant, Hong Kong.

Oil Processing—Teoh Kah Tin, Palmex Industries, Malaysia, and Ragnar Ohlson, AB Karlshamn Oljefabriker, Sweden.

Industrial Uses of Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils (Part 1)—Rudolpho Jiminez, Philippines, and C. Y. Wong, Lam Soon Oil and Soap Manufacturing, Malaysia.

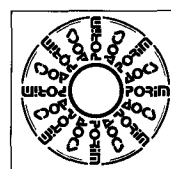
Industrial Uses of Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils (Part 2)—William F. Bernholz, BBK Inc., United States.

Modification Processes—Ralph Timms, Kempas Edible Oil, Malaysia, and Robert Hastert, Harshaw Chemical Company, United States.

Edible Products of Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils—Joseph Moolayil, Lever Bros. (M) Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia, and Robert Delaschmit, Palmco Inc., United States.

Further information and registration information about the AOCs/PORIM World Conference may be requested from Meetings' Coordinator, AOCs, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, USA, or AOCs/PORIM World Conference on Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils, c/o PORIM, 18th Floor Angkasa Raya Bldg., Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur 16-06, Malaysia, or VERNOF, Raamweg 44, The Hague, The Netherlands.

The world conference is being held one week after the 1984 World Congress of the International Society for Fat Research (ISF) which will be held Nov. 4-9, 1984, in New Delhi. Details for the ISF meeting may be requested from: The Organizing Committee, ISF-OTAI World Congress, c/o Shiram Foods and Fertilizer Industries, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi - 11015, India.



Jojoba papers sought

Persons wishing to present papers during the Sixth International Conference on Jojoba and Its Uses must submit abstracts before March 31, 1984, for the meeting to be held Oct. 21-26, 1984, at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel.

Abstract forms are available from the conference chairman, Dr. Jaime Wisniak, Department of Chemical Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva 84105, Israel. Topics to be discussed include physiology, genetic development, cultivate practices, agronomic economics, marketing, processing and uses. Visits to plantations are planned, as well as an accompanying exposition during the conference.