

Introduction



This issue of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society* comprises the official proceedings of the World Conference on Oilseed and Edible Oil Processing held Oct. 3-8, 1982, in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Approximately 1,000 persons from more than 60 nations participated. Conference organizers fashioned the program to discuss new developments in oilseed and edible oil processing since the 1976 World Conference on Oilseed and Vegetable Oil Processing Technology, and then to look to what lies in the future. Complementing the lecture-discussion program was an exposition by industry suppliers and a series of events to foster and facilitate informal discussions.

More than 700 technical registrants heard invited speakers from around the world discuss innovations: in the extraction of fats and oils from oil-bearing materials, in the processing of fats and oils into finished products, in the economical use of byproducts, in the handling of waste materials produced, and in the fats and oils industries for the rest of the century. Discussion sessions each day gave registrants the opportunity to question plenary speakers and present pertinent comments on relevant subjects.

Such conferences are important to the world's fats and oils industries. World population is increasing, creating additional demand for edible fats and oils. The technology

of yesteryear will not be sufficient to meet the demands of tomorrow. Participants in such meetings share their knowledge of current practices, discuss the possibilities for the future, and then return to their own institutions where, over a period of time, will evolve the improvements that will permit increased production of edible fats and oils.

General Chairman Frank White and Program Chairman Norm Witte recruited very capable steering and program committees that developed the fine technical program. Local General Chairman Kees Meershoek and his support from VERNOF-CEPE capably handled the local arrangements; this was the third time Dr. Meershoek has provided his expertise and experience for AOCS World Conferences. The AOCS staff added the professional approach that assured a very successful conference.

This proceedings will enable thousands of persons who were unable to attend the conference to share the information from the formal lectures and the discussion programs.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the organizing committee members, speakers, participating organizations, exhibitors and dozens of other volunteers and the AOCS staff for another fine conference on fats and oils.

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