Letter to the Editor

Sir:

The ISF-OTAI Congress 1984 was scheduled to be held from Nov. 4 to Nov. 9, 1984 at the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. However, the unexpected mob violence in condemnation of the assassination of beloved Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, made it impossible to ensure the safety of the delegates. A decision was, therefore, reluctantly taken on Nov. 2 to postpone the Congress. However, this was too late for the delegates from outside India, many of whom reached New Delhi and were not only very much disappointed but also suffered severe discomfort.

The organizers of the Congress are also extremely disappointed since a great deal of effort had gone into the two years' preparation for technical seminars, sponsored lectures, invited lectures and scientific exhibitions. Relaxation was to be provided in the evening by shows of folk dances and drama. Special programs were designed for accompanying spouses to provide them with a glimpse of India's past. More than 200 research papers had been accepted for presentation in 12 technical sessions. A poster session was also arranged. The subjects to be covered were: composition and properties, analytical procedures and instruments, biochemistry, assimilation of lipids and proteins, flavor and flavor stability, processing edible oils and fats, processing inedible oils, resources, sal, mango kernel and other lesser known fats, surface coatings, oleochemicals and energy conservation.

The Kaufmann Memorial Lecture was to be presented by Professor Dr. T. Kaneda on "Effects of Fats Autoxidation and Thermal Oxidation on Nutrition." The Kane Memorial Lecture was to be delivered by Dr. S. Vardarajan on "Technology Related to Oils and Fats in India." Mr. Lars H. Wiedermann was to deliver the Shriram Memorial Lecture on "Integrity of Fat System Formulation." The other invited lectures were "Fat Industry, A Raw Material Source" by Professor Dr. J. Hollo; "Quality Assurance in Oils & Fats" by Mr. Kurt G. Berger and "Cloning of Perennial Oil Crops" by Dr. A.T. James. Special lectures were also to be delivered by Professor Dr. A. Rutkowski, Dr. Ragnar Ohlson, Dr. K.D. Mukherjee, Mr. Gunnar Haraldsson, Dr. Lars A. Appleqvist and others.

The Congress will now be held from Feb. 3 to 8, 1985, at the same venue. Registrations already made will be valid for the new dates, and fresh registrations are welcome. The technical programs will be kept intact. Scientific exhibitions, cultural events and programs for spouses will be held as planned. Authors of technical papers are requested to confirm presentation of their papers on the revised dates. Dr. T. Kaneda has kindly confirmed that he will be available to deliver the Kaufmann Memorial Lecture.

The organizers solicit the patronage of the scientific community to participate on the revised dates.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely, S.C. Singhal President Oil Technologists' Association of India International Society for Fat Research

AOCS NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Annual Meeting, May 5-9, 1985, Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.
- Annual Meeting, May 14-18, 1986, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii.

AOCS WORLD CONFERENCES

- World Conference on Emerging Technology in the Fats and Oil Industry (with the Objective of Improving Quality and Efficiency), Nov. 3-8, 1985, Cannes, France.
- World Conference on Detergents, Oct. 5-10, 1986, Montreux, Switzerland.

AOCS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Short Course on Processing and Quality Control of Fats and Oils, April 30-May 1, 1985, Hershey Pocono Resort, White Haven, Pennsylvania.
- Short Course on Applications of Analytical Methodology in Fats and Oils Processing, May 2-3, 1985, Hershey Pocono Resort, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

Research Conference on Fat Requirements for Development and Health, May 2-4, 1985, Hershey Pocono Resort, White Haven, Pennsylvania.

1985

February

- 6th Practical Short Course in Cottonseed Oil Milling for First-Level Supervisors, Feb. 3-8, 1985, at Texas A&M University; sponsored by National Cottonseed Products Association, Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association and Texas Engineering Experiment Station. Information: John Farnsworth, Food Protein R&D Center, FM 183, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843 (409 845 2741).
- AOCS Executive Committee, Feb. 11-12, 1985, Newark, New Jersey.
- 36th Pittsburgh Conference and Exposition on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, Feb. 25-March 1, 1985, Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: Peter M. Castle, Exposition Chairman, Pittsburgh Conference, 437 Donald Road, Dept. WT, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

March

- XI International Sunflower Conference, sponsored by the Argentine Sunflower Association, March 10-13, 1985, Mar del Plata, Argentina. Contact: XI Conferencia Internacional de Girasol Secretaria, Av. Corrientes 127, 3er. piso, 1043 Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- "Fiber in Foods" seminar, Mar. 12-13, 1985, John M. Clayton Hall Conference Center, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. Contact: Sylvia Brocka, University of Delaware, John M. Clayton Hall, Newark, DE 19711.
- Euro Food Chem III, Third European Conference on Food Chemistry, sponsored by The Federation of European Chemical Societies, Working Party on Food Chemistry and the Flemish Chemical Society, March 26-29, 1985, Antwerp, Belgium. Contact: Euro Food Chem III, Flemish Chemical Society – Food Science Section, Dr. P. Dirinck, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, State University of Ghent, Coupure Links 653, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium.

April

- Symposium on Technological Developments for Today and Tomorrow; Food and Pharmaceutical Industries Division and New Jersey Section of Instrument Society of America, April 3-4, 1985, Giant Stadium Club, East Rutherford, NJ. Contact: Connie Sibona, ISA, c/o Beckman Industrial Corp., 4 Emery Ave., Randolph, NJ 07869.
- 10th Annual AOAC Spring Training Workshop, April 8-11, 1985, Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Contact: M. Virginia Gibson, FDA, 332 Bryan, Dallas, TX 75204, or Molly Ready, Alcon Labs, 6201 S. Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76134.
- 53rd Annual Short Course for Oil Mill Operators, April 16-17, 1985, at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Sponsored by International Oil Mill Superintendents' Association, Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association, and Natural Fibers and Food Protein Commission of Texas. Information: Larry Johnson, Food Protein R&D Center, FM 183, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.
- Symposium on Color and Appearance Instrumentation, sponsored by the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, April 17-18, 1985, Sheration Hotel, Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, 1315 Walnut St., Suite 832, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
- Chemistry and Analysis of Lipids, organized by the Oils and Fats Group and the Royal Society of Chemistry, Perkin Division, Lipid Chemistry Group, April 17-19, 1985, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. Contact: Conference Secretariat, Society of Chemical Industry, 14/15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.
- International Symposium on Hazards Control in Handling and Storage of Granular Foods, sponsored by the International Commission for Food Industries (CIIA), April 24-26, 1985, Montparnasse Park Hotel, Paris, France. Contact: Association pour la Promotion Industrie Agriculture, APRIA, 35, rue du General Foy - 7500 Paris, France.

May

Infant Formula Conference, sponsored by the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, May 13-15, 1985, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact: Dr. James Tanner, Food and Drug Administration, HFF-266, 200 C St., S.W., Washington, DC 20204.

Soybean Processing for Food Uses, 1875 INTSOY (International Soybean Program) Course, May 28-July 12, 1985, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Contact: INT-SOY, University of Illinois, 113 Mumford Hall, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801.

June

- 68th Canadian Chemical Conference and Exhibition, June 2-5, 1985, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Contact: The Chemical Institute of Canada, 151 Slater Street, Suite 906, Ottawa, ON KIP 543.
- Annual Meeting of the National Soybean Processors Association (NSPA), June 30-July 2, 1985, The Hyatt at Hilton Head, Hilton Head, SC. Contact: National Soybean Processors Association, 1800 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

July

4th International Conference on the Shelf Life of Foods and Beverages, July 23-26, 1985, Rhodes, Greece. Co-sponsored by the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society, the Institute of Food Technologists U.S.A. and the Society of Flavor Chemists Inc., under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture. Contact C.J. Mussinan, IFF R&D 1515 Highway 36, Union Beach, NJ 07735 (tele: 201-264-4500).

September

2nd. International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopically Labeled Compounds, Sept. 3-7, 1985, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Dr. Donald Wilk, Symposium Coordinator, School of Pharmacy, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

October

- 63rd Annual Meeting and 50th Paint Industries Show of the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, Oct. 7-9, 1985, Cervantes Convention Center, St. Louis, MO. Contact: FSCT, 1315 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
- 99th Annual AOAC International Meeting, Oct. 27-31, 1985, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: Margaret Ridgell, AOAC, 1111 North 19th Street, Suite 210, Arlington, VA 22209.

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