

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

Calendar

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.

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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.