

Neiditch receives ASTM award



AOCS member Oscar W. Neiditch, principal scientist for Lever Brothers Co., Edgewater, New Jersey, received a 1985 ASTM Award of Merit. Neiditch was cited for nearly 20 years of work with the ASTM Committee D-12 on Soaps and Other Detergents. The award includes an accompanying honorary title of Fellow of ASTM.

Neiditch has been either a principal author or major contributor for eight published ASTM standards. He joined Lever Brothers as a principal research chemist in 1949 and became principal scientist in 1969. Neiditch has been a member of AOCS since 1963.

Shell Chemical expands

Shell Chemical Co. in September announced plans to expand its higher olefins process unit at Geismar, Louisiana, from 590 to 650 million pounds per year. The work is set to be completed by April 1986. In August, Shell

restarted an idled 150 million pound per year linear higher olefins unit at Geismar.

News briefs

Raymond F. Attebery has been appointed director of quality performance for U.S.I. Chemicals and Emery Chemicals, both divisions of National Distillers and Chemical Corporation. Meanwhile, Paul Van Nortwick has been named project manager at Emery Chemicals, responsible for determining the markets for aroma chemicals and new branch chain acids. AOCS member Dave Bigner, formerly director of process technology, now is product manager of oleochemicals, the position previously held by Van Nortwick.

Akzo's Brazilian subsidiary is building a \$15 million fatty nitrile and amines plant at Itupeva, Brazil, with an expected yearly capacity of 7,500 metric tons of amines and 6,500 metric tons of nitrile. Startup of the facility is set for the end of 1985.

SHORT COURSE PROCEEDINGS

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