

santo Co., is vice president and president-elect for 1987. Other officers include James Y. Oldshue, vice president for mixing technology at Mixing Equipment Co. in Rochester, New York, who is completing a three-year term as treasurer. Oldshue will be a speaker at the 1986 hydrogenation colloquium to be held by AOCS next spring in Hawaii.

## News briefs



Dennis D. Terry has been appointed manager of operations for SVO Enterprises Corp., a subsidiary of Lubrizol Enterprises Inc.

of Wickliffe, Ohio.

The Jojoba Marketing Cooperative, affiliated with the Jojoba Growers Association, has changed its name to JMC Technologies Inc. Members of the marketing cooperative currently have cultivated over 10,000 areas of jojoba.



Nancy Chumney has been appointed group leader, Applications II, Flavor Division, of Firmenich Inc. She will be responsible for activities in the company's beverage laboratory.

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Groen Division of Dover Industries Inc. has appointed John Jurkowski director of engineering for the company's Process Equipment Group.

Tiger Oats, a South African-based firm, has acquired 71% of the shares of National Sun Industries. The remaining shares are held by

Universal Seeds & Oil Products Inc. (USOP), a London-based company. National Sun Industries operates a crushing facility in Enderlin, North Dakota, that handles safflower, soybean and sunflowerseed.

## Obituary

GEORGE M. ANDRETICH

George M. Andretich, president of Wurster & Sanger Inc., died Nov. 12, 1985, after suffering a heart attack. He was 51.

Andretich had been with Wurster & Sanger for 25 years. He joined AOCS 15 years ago when he was a project engineer with the firm. He later became president of Wurster & Sanger.

Andretich was a consistent exhibitor at AOCS annual meetings. He served on the entertainment committee for the 1983 annual meeting in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, and four children, Susan, Lisa, Michael and Nick.

## From Washington

### FASEB to study diet and cancer

The Food and Drug Administration has contracted with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) to undertake a study of dietary characteristics and cancer. As part of this project, FASEB's Life Sciences Research Office and Scientific Steering Committee will review information being collected by Cornell University and the Chinese Center for Preventive Medicine on cancer mortality in the People's Republic of China. They will examine dietary levels of vitamins A, C and E, levels of selenium and other trace elements, fat and cholesterol

intake, calorie and dietary fiber intake, and food preservation and preparation methods to see how these factors affect cancer mortality rates. FASEB also is encouraging submission of scientific data on these specific areas for consideration by the Scientific Steering Committee. Written information and reference materials on dietary characteristics and cancer must be received by Feb. 28, 1986. Written requests to make oral presentations at an open meeting to be held in March must be postmarked before Feb. 28 and received by March 7. For more information, contact K. D. Fisher, Life Sciences Research Office, FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Details: *Federal Register*, Nov. 13, 1985, pp. 46832-46833.

### Hormone provided from rape pollen

A search for the plant growth hormone brassinolide recently led scientists to painstakingly collect rape pollen. Researchers brushed about 500 pounds of pollen derived from rape plants from the legs of millions of bees. From that pollen, chemists extracted 125 milligrams of brassinolide—a particle about the size of a grain of sand. They then grew a single crystal from the brassinolide. Using the techniques of crystallography, they x-rayed the crystal to examine the arrangement of the atoms within the brassinolide molecule. With that