



Call for papers

The technical program planning committee for the 1987 annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, to be held May 17-21, 1987, in New Orleans, Louisiana, is accepting abstracts until Nov. 1, 1986, for papers to be presented at that meeting.

Persons wishing to present papers should submit three copies of a 100-300 word abstract (no figures, schemes or references) with title, speaker, co-authors and address clearly indicated. All information should be on one side of a single piece of paper.

Presentations are expected to require approximately 20 minutes, including any time the author wishes to use for questions from the audience. Please indicate if the presentation will be a traditional slide-and-lecture format or a poster session paper. Poster presentations are encouraged.

Persons whose abstracts are accepted will be notified early in 1987 by the chairman.

Mail abstracts to: Dr. Thomas J. Jacks, 1987 AOCS Technical Program Chairman, Southern Regional Research Center, ARS-USDA, PO Box 19687, New Orleans, LA 70179.

Topics being considered for symposia and regular technical sessions include: lipids and aging,

production and utilization of vegetable food proteins, prostanoids, fatty acids, oxidation of food lipids, micellization and detergency, surface chemistry, surfactant performance and evaluation, surfactant structure and performance relationship, mycotoxins, molecular biology and genetic engineering of oilseed protein, effects of dietary protein on health and disease, functionality of oilseed and legume proteins, vegetable proteins and their cholesterol and triglyceride-lowering potential, new concepts and practices in structuring vegetable proteins, 1987 update on the utilization and separation of important worldwide plant proteins, and free radicals, antioxidants, skin cancer and related diseases.

Oil palm meeting

An international conference on oil palm will be held in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Nov. 9-15, 1986, organized by the Institute of Agricultural Research and Development at the University of Port Harcourt. Sponsors are Risonpalm Ltd. of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and Socfinco S.A. of Brussels, Belgium.

The conference will focus on developments in major producing areas of the tropical world. Plenary sessions will include discussion of country status reports, economic and sociological problems, agronomy and manufacturing. The conference will be presented in English. For more information, contact The Secretary, International Conference on Oil Palm, Institute of Agricultural Research & Development, University of Port Harcourt, P.M.B. 5323, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, or The Secretary, Socfinco S.A., Place du Champ de Mars 2, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium.

Lecithin colloquium

The Fourth International Colloquium on Lecithin will be held Sept. 15-17, 1986, in Chicago, Illinois, with a title of "Lecithin: Technical, Biological and Therapeutic Aspects." Brian Ansell of the Depart-

ment of Pharmacology, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, and Israel Hanin, Department of Pharmacology School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, will chair the colloquium. For further information, contact Fourth ICL Secretariat, PO Box 280 246, D-2000 Hamburg 28, West Germany.

Vegetable proteins

The Mexican Institute of Oils, Fats and Proteins and the American Soybean Association are organizing an International Seminar on Vegetable Proteins, to be held Sept. 24-26, 1986, in Querétaro, Mexico, approximately 150 km from Mexico City.

Seminar topics will focus on technology, processing and uses, through commercialization of products for animal feeds and human consumption. Talks will be presented in English and Spanish, with simultaneous translation.

For more information, contact the Instituto Mexicano de Aceites, Grasas y Proteínas A.C., Praga No. 36, 2nd piso, C.P. 06600 Mexico City D.F., Mexico (telex 17-17-371).

Specialty chemicals

The Société Française de Chimie has announced a forum on specialty chemicals and their physicochemical properties, characterization and formulation, to be held Feb. 4-6, 1987, in Nice, France.

The preliminary program for the "Formula" forum calls for eight colloquiums and five symposia. Colloquiums are planned on material polymers, food specialties, coatings and adhesives, detergents, pesticides, auxiliary textile process agents, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics, and lubricants. Symposia topics are tensio-activity, rheology of complex fluids, environmental and health constraints, and experiment scheduling expert systems.

For more information, contact the Scientific Committee of Formula, Société Française de Chimie, Département Congrès, 250, rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris, France.