

World conference on detergents

Approximately five dozen session chairmen and plenary speakers from more than a dozen nations are completing preparations for the Second World Conference on Detergents—Looking Toward the 90s, to be held Oct. 6-10, 1986, in Montreux, Switzerland.

Session chairmen from Belgium, Finland, West Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States have worked with general chairman Ted Matson, his European counterpart Adolf de Jong and their international program committee to select plenary topics and identify the speakers for those topics.

Speakers from Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States will participate.

The purpose of the meeting is to offer an update of the technical, economic, legislative and commercial trends that will affect the detergent industry through the end of the century.

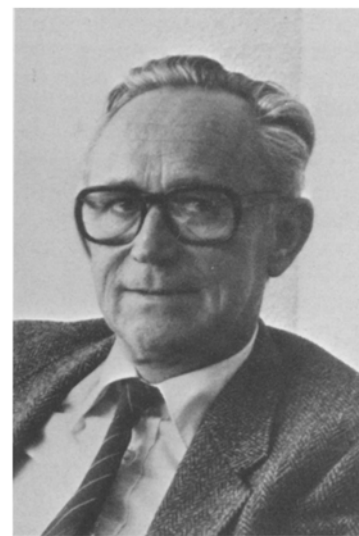
The conference will open with plenary talks by Enzo Fano of the United Nations, Werner Rein of the Union Bank of Switzerland and Michael R. Angus of Unilever. Their talks are expected to provide a backdrop of information on world sanitation, financial and industrial conditions for the more detailed technical presentations that will follow.

Those presentations will include sessions on world trends in the detergent industry; raw materials (petrochemicals, oleochemicals and inorganics); appliances and textiles; formulation technology (laundry products, nonlaundry products, builders and special functions); processing and packaging; research and consumer interface; and a conference summary.

In addition to the 45 plenary session talks, organizers are scheduling a series of volunteer poster presentations to provide additional technical information. There also will be an exposition accompanying the conference at which industry



Ted Matson



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suppliers can display the latest equipment and services.

There will be ample opportunity for informal conversation in a series of social events and coffee breaks. The social events include an opening reception, a midweek all-conference tour and a closing gala social event. Accompanying spouses and guests may register for a series

of tours and events.

Montreux, at the east end of Lake Geneva (Lake Lemman), has been the site of two previous world conferences. The 1977 World Conference on Soaps and Detergents and the 1983 World Conference on Oleochemicals were held in the same congress hall that will be used this year.

Specialty sales grow

Specialty chemical sales are forecast to grow to \$64 billion in 1991 from \$45 billion in 1985, according to Strategic Analysis Inc., a Reading, Pennsylvania, consulting firm.

The growth of the industry during this period will average 6% per year, it predicted, with adhesive and sealant consumption reaching \$2.25 billion, an increase of 8%. Specialty surfactants sales are expected to rise 6% to \$675 million and sales of oil field chemicals and industrial coatings may each top the \$5 billion mark. Printing inks, cosmetic chemicals, and paint and coating additives, it said, will grow by 3%.

Sharkproof detergents?

Detergents may have the ability to scare off sharks, according to researchers at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Professors Eliyahu Zlotkin of the zoology department and Yechezkel Barenholtz of the department of biochemistry have found that many detergents seem to ward off sharks. Fifteen detergent substances have been tested so far, and seven have proven themselves effective.

Zlotkin, who works with world shark expert Samuel Gruber of the University of Miami, said the substances have been tried on blue sharks off the coast of California with promising results.



R.P. Dames

B.L. Loeb

Emery joins NDCC group

Emery Chemicals has joined USI in the National Distillers and Chemical Corp.'s (NDCC) Chemical Group. NDCC combined its petrochemical and oleochemical operations into a new chemical unit in early May. John Hoyt Stookey, NDCC chairman, said, "The move reflects our deep commitment to the chemical industry, and dedication to improving quality and efficiency, advancing technology and introducing new products in both petrochemicals and oleochemicals."

Douglas L. Allen, already a vice-president of NDCC, has been named president of the new chemical group. Robert T. Betz has been named general manager of Emery Chemicals and a corporate vice-president, while Richard L. Dunlavy has been named a corporate vice-president and general manager of USI.

NDCC also named Francis L. Brophy, already a corporate vice-president, to the additional position of chief financial officer, and Pierre Van assche as controller. In addition, NDCC named Richard G. Williams to the new corporate position of vice-president for planning.

Meanwhile, in other changes at Emery, Robert P. Dames has been promoted to vice-president of marketing, a newly created position. As such, Dames will be responsible for the marketing efforts of the oleochemical, personal care and specialties, and polymer chemicals and synthetic lubricants groups. He formerly was the director of the oleochemicals group. In addition, Barry L. Loeb has been promoted to vice president of manufacturing.

News briefs

Rol-Montedison has launched a liquid soap for use as a toiletry on the Italian market. The product is intended to be fully biodegradable.

Italian Costum Laboratories, Perugia, Italy, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in October.

Oleofina, a member of the Petrofina group, will build a fatty alcohols plant in Ertvelde, Belgium. The plant, which is expected to be operational in 1988, is designed to

have a capacity of up to 30,000 metric tons per year. Oleofina will use part of its fatty alcohol output for the production of esters, quaternary ammonium chlorides and other chemicals at its Oelegem-based plant near Antwerp.

The PQ Corp. has named Vincent J. O'Grady business manager for performance materials in its specialty chemicals division.

Under a reorganization plan, Novo's Enzyme Division will become the Novo Bio-Industrial Group, comprised of four divisions. The divisions include biochemicals, detergent enzymes, enzyme process and fruit and wine.

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