

Method development update

Technical committees

It has been requested that the complete list of AOCS technical committees with chairpersons, company and a phone contact, be published. The list of current AOCS technical committees is as follows:

- AOM Alternative Committee, Mark Matlock, ADM (Decatur), chairman, telephone 217-424-2460.
- Bleaching Methods Committee, Raymond Coleman, United Catalyst, chairman, telephone 502-637-9751.
- Chromatography Committee, John Callahan, Colgate-Palmolive, chairman, telephone 201-878-7671.
- Commercial Edible Fats and Oils Committee, Ron Sleeter, ADM (Decatur), chairman, telephone 217-424-2466.
- Fatty Acids and Derivatives Committee, Gerald Szajer, Akzo Chemie, chairman, telephone 312-442-7100. This committee formerly was the Industrial Oils and Derivatives Analysis Committee.
- Flavor Quality and Stability Committee, Jeremiah Roberts, Best Foods, chairman, telephone 201-688-9000. This committee formerly was the Flavor Nomenclature and Standards Committee.
- Jojoba Analysis Committee, Frank Flider, JMC Technologies, chairman, telephone 602-

996-1701. This committee formerly was the Jojoba Seed and Oil Standards Committee.

- Lecithin and Co-Products Committee, Bernard Szuhaj, Central Soya, chairman, telephone 219-425-5100.
- Mycotoxin Committee, Art Walkling, Best Foods, chairman, telephone 201-688-9000.
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Committee, Bryan Madison, Procter & Gamble, chairman, telephone 513-659-7437.
- Seed and Meal Analysis Committee, Chair vacant.
- Soap and Synthetic Detergents Analysis Committee, George Battaglini, Stepan Chemical, chairman, telephone 312-446-7500.
- Tocopherols in Deodorizer Distillates, Charles Marx, DPI Division of Eastman Kodak, chairman, telephone 716-588-4517.
- Trace Metals Analysis Committee, Howard Robinson, Lever Research, chairman, telephone 201-943-7100. This committee formerly was the Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy Committee.

At the Uniform Methods Committee (UMC) meeting in New Orleans on May 20, 1987, all subcommittees were eliminated and combined with the parent committee. Several committees

changed their names to better reflect their activities. The former subcommittee chairmen now are project coordinators. The Automated Color in Oils Analysis Committee now is a project of the Commercial Edible Fats and Oils Committee, with Michael Erickson of Interstate Foods as project coordinator.

Dilatometer calibration

Kontes Glass Co., Vineland, New Jersey, supplier of dilatometers for Solid Fat Index (AOCS Official Method Cd 10-57), indicates that new dilatometers can be supplied with a certificate of calibration. There will be a charge for the calibration. The optional calibration is being offered by Kontes Glass Co. in response to requests for the service due to concerns about mercury calibration of dilatometers in laboratories located in food companies. Anyone interested in the service should contact Kontes Glass Co. directly.

Solvent toxicity

Art Hazards News 10(1):4(1987), notes that 1,1,1-trichloroethane has been known to cause cardiac-related sudden deaths. Apparently even low-level exposures can affect heart rhythms. The *Art Hazards News* article further notes that monitoring is urged for persons continually occupationally exposed to this widely used commercial solvent.

Publications

Book reviews

How to Find Chemical Information, A Guide for Practicing Chemists, Educators and Students, 2nd Edition, by Robert E. Maizell (John Wiley & Sons Inc., 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158, 1987, 402 pp., \$44.95).

This book presents a practical approach to information searching. The reader is shown in a step-by-

step manner how to develop a search strategy and how to implement the strategy using such tools as *Chemical Abstracts*, encyclopedias, handbooks and the numerous on-line computer retrieval systems. The book focuses on the development of a solid foundation for evaluating future changes and developments in a given field.

There are 19 chapters. Each chapter is well written and is in an easy to read style. Specific chap-

ters deal with keeping up-to-date; how to get access to the literature, complete with names, addresses and phone numbers, *Chemical Abstracts* and other abstracting services, and on-line services; how to use them; as well as an outstanding chapter on patent searching. This book is highly recommended for anyone doing literature searching, from the first-timer to the professional.

This book belongs in every technical library. A paperback