

The Canadian Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society—9th Annual Meeting

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The Canadian Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society (CAOCS) was organized in 1986. The Section currently has a membership of approximately 200 individuals representing university, government and private industry involved in the fats and oils industry.

One of the major objectives of the CAOCS is to provide a forum where graduate students are encouraged to present their research. A Section Meeting is held yearly to help to meet this objective. Researchers and industry representatives from different regions are also encouraged to present their findings. The meeting provides the opportunity for delegates to network with other professionals in the fats and oils industry and to participate in the business activities of the Section. In addition, company representatives are given the opportunity to display company literature and products within an exhibition area. Joint local meetings with other professional groups are also encouraged, either in conjunction with the annual meeting or as a separate function. The Expert Committee on Fats, Lipids and Other Oils meets yearly following the CAOCS Annual Meeting. The attendance at the annual section meeting is generally very good. An interim meeting is also held yearly in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

To encourage the participation of students in the technical program at the CAOCS Annual Meeting, the Section has a fund to sponsor graduate student travel bursaries. A Graduate Student Paper Award is given each year to the student who presents the best paper. The students are judged on oral presentation, the use of visual aids and the ability to answer questions. A judging committee is appointed prior to the meeting and consists of three representa-

tives from various areas of the fats and oils industry. The winner receives a cash award and a plaque. The abstract of the winning paper is also published in the CAOCS Newsletter. Contributions toward the Bursary/Award fund are made both by individuals and by companies.

The Section publishes a newsletter which provides members with an update on fats and oils research results and personnel, member activities and section news. Since 1991, the Section has designated regional reporters who are responsible for providing updates of regional news to the newsletter editors. This has resulted in a greater amalgamation of the Section, which spans a geographical size of about 4,000 miles.

The four manuscripts included here (pages 921-939) were presented at the 9th Annual Meeting of the CAOCS, which was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on September 26-27, 1993. A total of 63 delegates were in attendance, and 25 oral papers and 6 poster papers were presented. Three of the papers were written by student presenters (Ramamurthi, Ward and Xu). The papers describe research issues in the areas of analytical methodology and oilseed processing.

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