

DANSK KOSMETIK-KEMISK SELSKAB

AT THE MARCH meeting of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Denmark, Mr. O. Byrge Sorensen spoke on "Statistical Methods in the Cosmetic Industry." The usual statistical methods of control cannot be used when the product to be controlled is manufactured in batches. For the statistical control of the thioglycolic acid content (and ammonia content) of a cold wave solution, a method was developed which may be used for the control of any product made in batches.

In April Dr. Kaj Zilstorff Pedersen gave a lecture on "The Sense of Smell" at the Polyteknisk Laereanstalt. Extended collaboration with the neuro-surgical department of Rigshospitalet has caused greater interest in the sense of smell with regard to diseases in the cranium, especially tumors. During the last twenty years the senses of hearing and balance have been investigated rather thoroughly, while the knowledge of the senses of smell and taste has been quite primitive. Elsborg's method (1935) of examining the sense of smell was found to be the most satisfactory for clinical use. Treatment of disturbances in the sense of smell is often difficult but frequently if started early, helps the patient.

SOCIÉTÉ DE CHIMISTES COSMÉTICIENS



Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Switzerland

THE FOLLOWING notice of the formation of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Switzerland was taken from the May 27, 1957, issue of *Schweizerisches Handelsamtsblatt*.

SOCIÉTÉ DE CHIMISTES COSMÉTICIENS, a Genève. Sous ce nom, il a été constitué une association ayant pour but: (a) de diffuser les connaissances scientifiques de l'industrie des produits cosmétiques; (b) de

parfaire les connaissances professionnelles des techniciens en cosmétique et en parfumerie; (c) d'établir des contacts entre les chimistes cosméticiens en Suisse et à l'étranger; (d) de publier annuellement des études sur les questions cosmétiques scientifiques, et ce en pleine collaboration avec les sociétés amies; (e) d'organiser des conférences sur le plan national et international. Les statuts portent la date des 5 et 29 avril 1957. Les ressources de l'association sont constituées par des contributions volontaires des membres, des dons, des legs ou autres subsides. L'association est administrée par un comité de 5 à 11 membres. Elle est engagée par Kurt-Joseph Pfeiffer, président, de et à Genève, ou Georges Malet, vice-président, de Genève, à Lancy, signant collectivement avec François Riondel, trésorier, de et à Genève, ou Max Moser, membre-adjoint, de Hitzkirch (Luzerne), à Genève. Domicile: 7, place de la Fusterie; étude Max Moser, avocat.

Dr. A. Barbier has subsequently been designated as vice president.

On August 1 members of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (U. S.) on the European Tour arrived in Geneva for joint meetings with the Swiss Society. Complete details were not available at this writing, but papers were presented by members of both Societies at two meetings held at the University of Geneva. Guests were present from the principal countries of Europe.

All arrangements were made by the Swiss Society headed by Mr. Kurt J. Pfeiffer. During the five-day visit, guests were entertained at a welcoming cocktail party, a tour through Firmenich and Cie., followed by a cocktail party given by Mr. André Firmenich, a reception at Sion by *Arval*, S.A., a visit to L. Givaudan and Cie., and afternoon party with Mr. Xavier Givaudan as host. A final evening reception ended the festivities in Geneva.

SOCIÉTÉ FRANCAISE DE COSMÉTOLOGIE

THE CURRENT officers of the French Society are as follows: President, E. Bourdet; Vice Presidents, R. Alquier, M. Mesnard, J. Sfiras, and M. Noir; Treasurer, R. Severyns; Asst. Treasurer, F. Harlan; Secretary, L. Schmuck; and Asst. Secretary, J. D'Athene.

On July 28 a reception was held to welcome the members of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (U. S.) on a European Tour to Paris.

A joint meeting was attended by both the French, British and the U. S. Society to study the possible formation of an international society of cosmetic chemists. Visits to various factories and the Instituts de Beauté fol-