

Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Great Britain

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR 1967-68

The year under review has again been a very active one and has been noteworthy for an increasing interest in symposia, a record rise in membership, the production of a Council Operations Manual, and the sponsoring of a Joint Select Committee on Cosmetic Legislation with the Toilet Preparations Federation. At the same time, the Society's Office at Kingsway has come into full operation.

Membership

A total of 51 new members joined during the year, resulting in the largest net increase in membership on record. Membership figures on 31st March were:—

	<i>1965</i>	<i>1966</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1968</i>
Honorary Members	6	6	6	6
Members	359	378	377	412
Associates	48	48	39	50
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TOTAL	413	432	422	468

It is with regret that Council records the death of Mr. J. Bather and Mr. E. S. Maurer, both Founder Members, and Dr. L. Salfeld.

The Society's office

The efficient and smooth running of the Society ultimately depends upon the effectiveness of the central secretarial facilities and it was for this reason that Council leased the office in Kingsway from which Mrs. Taylor, the then General Secretary, began working on 1st June 1967.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Taylor was unable to stay with the Society.

However, Mrs. Patricia Salzedo who took her place had previous experience with a learned society and was quick to assume her new responsibilities.

Currently the office is manned during mornings only, with a telephone answering machine taking enquiries at other times. However, the load on the General Secretary is considerable and increasing, in spite of the fact that Council members shoulder a great deal of their own secretarial work on behalf of the Society. Consequently Council is keeping the situation under review and may have to increase the secretarial help available in the office.

Most of the necessary furniture and equipment has now been obtained for the office, which as expected, has become the venue for virtually all Council and committee meetings. At the beginning of the year the Hon. Secretary was given full responsibility for both the office and the General Secretary, and Council are glad to record their appreciation of the smooth way in which the office is now functioning.

Scientific meetings

The full programme of meetings was held with the exception of Mr. Dudley Smith's lecture on "Problems of Parliament" which had to be cancelled at short notice when he stood (successfully) in a Parliamentary Bye-election. Undoubtedly the outstanding meeting of the year was the panel discussion jointly organised with the British Society of Perfumers, and the Aerosol Discussion Group of the Institute of Packaging. This was attended by a very large audience.

The meetings were as follows:-

5th October 1967		
	"Mouth odour"	Dr. M. N. Naylor
7th December 1967		
	"Lucent syrups tinct with cinnamon"	Dr. V. L. S. Charley
4th January 1968		
	"Synergism of antimicrobials"	Dr. E. E. Boehm
1st February 1968		
	"Perfuming aerosol products"	Mr. E. Clough
	<i>Panel discussion</i>	Mr. P. Dyson
		Dr. W. Pilz
		Mr. G. van Loveren

22nd March 1968

Medal Lecture—"Eyesweet and
colour science in cosmetics"

Dr. B. H. Crawford

2nd May 1968

"Some rheological aspects of cosmetics"

Mr. B. Warburton
and Dr. B. W. Barry

Symposia

These have been most successful. The symposium at Leamington which included a visit to Avon Cosmetics, generated immense interest and resulted in an attendance of 150. The spring 1968 symposium at Harrogate on the subject of "Technical developments in packaging for the cosmetic industry" was supported by 108 registrants.

Education

Of the 19 students who sat the Diploma Examination at Borough Polytechnic in June 1967, eleven were successful. The Hibbott Memorial Prize was awarded to Mr. J. Gokhale.

At enrolment in September 1967 the Diploma Course was again over-subscribed, but preference was given to students employed in the industry. Of the present lecturers, five are members of the Society—viz. Mr. E. K. Clarke, Mr. K. Curry, Dr. T. J. Elliott, Mr. S. Golding and Mr. A. F. Morris. The Council's thanks are due to them all for ensuring the continuance of this valuable course.

Due to the efforts of Mr. K. Tomlinson, it is now expected that a second Diploma Course will begin at Salford Technical College in October 1968. The Society has also explored the possibility of organising a course in the Midlands, but the necessary interest and support was lacking.

Journal

The Society has continued to play its part by publishing promptly 5 of the 13 issues of the Journal. In common with other scientific journals it has been decided to adopt the metric (SI) system in the *Journal* from January 1969.

The American Society's problem in producing its issues economically,

precipitated agreement to adopt a new scale of charges to those overseas societies who are taking copies of the British editions of the Journal.

In order to maintain the Journal at the highest possible standard, Council has decided to offer an Annual Publication Prize for the best paper published in the British issues of the Journal. An announcement will be made when the details have been agreed.

Scientific committee

During the year both the Methods of Analysis and Toxicology sub-committees began offering a technical advisory service to members. Enquiries have been few so far, but it is hoped that this service will be of benefit to members, particularly of smaller organisations.

The collaborative work of members of the Methods of Analysis Sub-Committee on the estimation of hexachlorophane in cosmetic products has been published in the *Journal*. A further collaborative study of two methods of hydroxyl value determination has been completed—neither method is felt to be adequate, and improved methods are being sought.

The Toxicology Subcommittee is investigating the possibility of writing a monograph on good housekeeping practice in cosmetic manufacture and possibly on methods of determining effectiveness of protection against bacterial and fungal contamination.

Relations with other bodies

The interests of the Society often overlap those of other organisations and it is obvious that the best interest of the cosmetic industry and the Society can often only be served through close co-operation with kindred organisations. The *British Society of Perfumers* is a case in point and Council is glad to record the close association which has been maintained between the two societies—besides the joint lecture meeting and a joint meeting of the Officers concerned, agreement has also been reached in principle to organise together a symposium on Perfumery.

Relations with the *Toilet Preparations Federation* have been strengthened and the important step was taken of proposing the names of three of the Society's officers who, with an equal number of representatives from the T.P.F., have formed an autonomous select committee to study the need for cosmetic legislation and the format, if any, this should take.

Our representatives on the *Parliamentary and Scientific Committee* have

been active and a suggestion led to the Committee visiting the Unilever Research Laboratory at Isleworth. The P. & S. Committee published a report on the "Collection, dissemination, storage and retrieval of scientific and technological information" which may be of interest to members.

Mr. R. Clark, a Past-President of the Society, was elected to the Praesidium of the *International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists* at the Praesidium Meeting held in Berlin in September 1967. Your Council, while appreciating the difficulties encountered in running an international organisation of this nature, felt that insufficient progress was being made in achieving the Federation's stated objects. The Society's representatives passed on to the international organisation constructive comments to this effect.

Annual dinner and dance

This event was held at the Hotel Russell. The Guest of Honour was Professor Northcote Parkinson and the Society's guests also included Mr. A. S. Cussons, Vice-Chairman of the T.P.F. As an innovation music was provided during the evening by both a conventional and a tropicana steel band.

General

As the Society's activities grow and, in the face of an ever-changing Council, the smooth functioning of our operations make increasing demands on members of Council and the General Secretary. In order to alleviate the situation, Council committees have devoted much time this year to drawing up an Operations Manual. This sets out in detail the responsibilities and duties of Council, its committees and individual Officers and members, and should help succeeding Councils to work effectively more quickly.

The Constitution and Rules have been reviewed in detail, but will have to be considered in full by the 1968/69 Council.

A new and completely revised Register of members, as at January 1968, was prepared and distributed to all members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on the 30th May, at the Washington Hotel, Curzon Street, London, W.1.

The Annual Report was presented by the President, Mr. D. E. Butterfield, who also reported on the recent I.F.S.C.C. Congress in Tokyo. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. A. C. Pitt.

In the voting for three new Members of Council the following were elected: Mr. T. A. Brock, Mrs. H. Butler, Mr. J. R. Lyons.

The officers for 1968-69 are:—

President:	Mr. C. Pugh
Immediate Past President:	Mr. D. E. Butterfield
Vice-President:	Dr. J. J. Mausner
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. J. M. Blakeway
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. G. A. C. Pitt
Hon. Editor:	Mr. A. Herzka
Hon. Education Secretary:	Dr. T. J. Elliott

Mr. L. S. Smith was re-appointed Hon. Auditor, and Messrs. H. W. Fisher & Co. were re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

The business meeting was followed by a buffet supper.

1968-69 PROGRAMME

Lectures will be delivered on the following Thursdays:

Venue: The Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

Time: 7.30 p.m.

3rd October 1968

Continuous measurement of moisture, fat, viscosity and temperature

H. A. Slight (British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association, Leatherhead).

31st October 1968

Legislation and the testing of cosmetics

Dr. J. Ward Reagan (Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon).



C. Pugh, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.
President 1968-69

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5th December 1968

Photography as an aid to industry

R. Bennett (Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough).

9th January 1969

Fluoride dentifrices

Dr. M. N. Naylor (Guy's Hospital, London).

6th February 1969

Joint Meeting with *British Society of Perfumers*

6th March 1969

Surface active agents

Dr. Aalbers (Chemyl, N.V., Bodegraven, Netherlands)

11th April 1969

Organ culture of skin

Dr. I. Sarkany (Royal Free Hospital, London, W.C.1.).

MEDAL LECTURE: Thursday, 1st May 1969

An industrialist looks at the cosmetics industry

Leonard P. Matchan (Chairman, Cope Allman Group).

1969 DINNER AND DANCE: Friday, 14th February, at the Russell Hotel, Russell Square, London, W.C.2.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, 21st May 1969.

SYMPOSIUM ON POWDERS

A Symposium on Powders, organised jointly with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, will take place in Dublin during the week beginning 14th April 1969. *Programme Secretary* Mr. N. J. Van Abbé, Beecham Toiletry Division, Beecham House West, Great West Road, Brentford, Middx.

SYMPOSIUM ON SKIN

A Symposium on "Skin" will be held at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex, on 19th and 20th November 1968. Participation is permitted only when application has been made on the appropriate form, and the fee duly paid. This is £8 for each participant who is a member of one of the Societies of Cosmetic Chemists affiliated to the I.F.S.C.C. The registration fee for non-members is £11. Registration forms giving all details are available from the General Secretary, 56 Kingsway, London, W.C.2. **The closing date for registration is 25th October 1968.**

Tuesday, 19th November 1968

- 09.25 "Dermal responses to the environment".
Dr. R. F. CRAMPTON (*British Industrial Biological Research Association, Carshalton*)
- 09.55 "The mechanical properties of skin".
R. T. TREGGAR (*Department of Zoology, Agricultural Research Council Unit, Oxford*)
- 10.25 "The skin microcirculation and its lessons for the cosmetician".
Dr. W. HARTSTON (*Skin Department, The London Hospital*)
- 10.55 Coffee
- 11.15 "An adhesive tape stripping technique for epidermal histology".
H. L. JENKINS and MRS. J. TRESISE (*Unilever Research Laboratory, Sharnbrook*)
- 11.45 "The effect of fat solvents on the permeability of the epidermis".
Dr. F. RAY BETTLEY (*London*)
- 12.15 "The influence of some detergents on the uptake of oxygen by hairless mouse skin".
V. K. H. BROWN (*Tunstall Laboratory, Sittingbourne, Kent*)
- 12.45 Symposium lunch
- 14.30 "Water binding in isolated stratum corneum and the effect of detergents".
J. D. MIDDLETON (*Unilever Research Laboratory, Sharnbrook*)
- 15.00 "Cycloimidinium amphoteric surfactants".
D. BASS (*Cyclo Chemicals Ltd., London*)
- 15.30 "Interspecies variation in dermal reactivity".
Dr. K. H. HARPER and R. E. DAVIES (*Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon*)
- 16.00 Tea
- 16.20 "Structure and activity of corticosteroids".
Dr. C. W. MARSDEN (*Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.*)
- 16.50 "The effect upon glycolysis in guinea-pig epidermis of *in vivo* and of *in vitro* exposure of skin to halogenated aromatic germicides".
Dr. W. E. SPROTT (*Unilever Research Laboratory, Sharnbrook*)
- 17.20 "Contact allergy".
Dr. C. N. D. CRUICKSHANK (*Medical Research Council Unit for Research on the Experimental Pathology of the Skin, University of Birmingham*)
- 19.30 for 19.45 Symposium Dinner

Wednesday, 20th November 1968

- 09.30 "Skin penetration".
C. W. BARRETT (*Pharmaceutical Department, The London Hospital*)
- 10.00 "Experimental studies on the influence of vehicles on percutaneous absorption".
Dr. HARVEY BAKER (*St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, London*)
- 10.30 Coffee
- 10.50 "The changing pattern of topical therapy in dermatology".
J. W. HADGRAFT (*The Royal Free Hospital, London*)
- 11.20 "Skin germicides: How much more effective?"
R. HALL (*Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.*)
- 11.50 "The preservation of preparations for application on the skin".
G. SYKES (*Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd., Nottingham*)
- 12.20 Symposium ends.