

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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THE YEAR 1957 has been a most eventful one, not only for the SOCIETY but for the world in general. The history books of the future will record 1957 as the year of man's first successful venture into outer space. Surprisingly enough, this year found the SOCIETY involved far outside of its usual orbit. One might say that S.C.C., 1957 wore an international cloak almost from birth. For example:

Our special award of \$1000 which is given for outstanding, recent literary contributions of greatest value to our industry, was awarded for the first time since its conception to two British scientists, namely Drs. Archer John Porter Martin and Anthony Trafford James, for their pioneering and development in the field of gas liquid partition chromatography.

This timely and outstanding selection was made possible by the efforts of Herman J. Amsterdam, Chairman, and the members of his Special Award Committee and also Dr. Lester Apperson, Chairman, and the members of the Literature Review Sub-Committee.

Shortly after this event, 51 members of our SOCIETY found themselves abroad attending and taking part in seminars held in Paris, Geneva and London. This was our first *en masse* attendance of Seminars held in Europe in the history of the SOCIETY.

I am and we all should be indebted to our Secretary, Robert Kramer, for the magnificent job he did in organizing this entire trip. This you realize was all in addition to the many other functions he performs as Secretary of the SOCIETY. The smoothness with which the seminar in Geneva was conducted was due to a large degree to the efforts of Dr. Donald Powers and Edward Morrish, Co-Chairman of the European Seminar Committee.

While in Europe, we became aware of what I consider the most important event of the year. An International Congress of Cosmetic Societies was held in Paris. The countries represented were: England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and the United States. It was here that the French proposed the formation of the first International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists.

In view of the far reaching implications of this proposal, I took advantage

of the annual occasion of President's Night at both the Chicago and New York Chapters to bring to the membership all the details and pros and cons concerning this international grouping. For those of you who could not attend these meetings may I indicate that my talk entitled "Toward a United Nations of Cosmetic Chemists" will appear in the January issue of our JOURNAL which will be published in England by the Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Great Britain.

This year marks the birthday of two brand new Societies of Cosmetic Chemists, namely the German Society of Cosmetic Chemists and the Swiss Society of Cosmetic Chemists. Maison G. deNavarre and Robert A. Kramer by their personal contacts during their many trips abroad were most instrumental in sparking and stimulating the existence of these societies.

The publication committee, headed by Maison G. deNavarre as in former years, has done an excellent job of keeping our JOURNAL self-sustaining and maintaining a good flow of the current issues. This year deNavarre called to our attention the subject of relative costs of journals in England and the United States and the fact that the British Society has mailed us journals in excess of those they have received from us. While in London we settled differences.

Another first was the presentation of our fourth annual Seminar at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Prior to 1957, the Seminars had always been held in New York. Dr. Joseph Kalish, our Seminar Chairman should be commended for the excellent program and the manner in which it was conducted. May I add that 196 people attended the seminar, giving us a profit instead of an anticipated loss. It is interesting to note that about 50 of the chemists attending the Seminar were from the New York area.

Coinciding with the seminar was the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Chicago Chapter. This was a delightful occasion and Gustav Carsch, his fellow officers and committee chairmen put on a fine show. Incidentally the Chicago Chapter is currently sponsoring a noncredit course in cosmetics at the University of Chicago.

The New York Chapter under the guidance of Warren B. Dennis, Chairman, also worked toward promoting cosmetic education in the Eastern Colleges. In September of this year, Columbia University offered a credit course in cosmetic chemistry. Mr. Dennis and all his officers deserve definite recognition for their persistent efforts to establish and uplift cosmetic education.

The interesting, provocative scientific programs presented at both the May and December meetings were organized by William Markland your Program Chairman.

Our library is increasing in both size and scope. Your Library Chairman and Historian, Harry Isacoff, is currently working out a plan whereby our library will receive new technical books from publishers, gratis, provided we publicize the books to our membership.

No president could accomplish very much without the aid of the Arrangements Committee Chairman, Walter Wynne and the Publicity Chairman, Savery F. Coneybear. I am greatly indebted to both these men for their wholehearted cooperation.

Morris J. Root, our Membership Committee Chairman, reports an increase of 97 new members over last year, bringing the total up to 633 members. Among these new members are three from Canada, one from Israel and one from Holland. This is indeed in keeping with the world-wide recognition and prestige that the SOCIETY enjoys.

Our Treasurer, Dr. Walter A. Taylor, has been keeping a watchful eye on our finances and finds us financially fit.

The Executive Committee made up of the last five presidents with George G. Kolar as Chairman has made the president's task a relatively easy one by its thorough study of all pertinent problems. My sincerest thanks to all these gentlemen for their display of wisdom and guidance this past year.

Tonight, December 10, 1957, marks the end of the Society's twelfth year and we honor our tenth recipient of the Medal Award. This Medal is the highest honor the SOCIETY can bestow upon any scientist for outstanding contributions in the field of cosmetic science. This year our recipient, Dr. John H. Draize, is a man well known to all of us for his outstanding work in the fields of pharmacology and toxicology.

The selection of a recipient was left in the hands of the Medal Award Committee made up of past medalists. This year the Committee was headed by Dr. Emil G. Klarmann and included Miss Florence E. Wall, Dr. Everett G. McDonough, Dr. Ernest G. Guenther and William A. Poucher. My hat is off to this Committee for a job well done.

With deepest appreciation, I wish to thank William Giese for his most capable aid as administrative assistant and also our directors, Gabriel Barnett and Savery F. Coneybear for their help and complete cooperation.

Before introducing your new officers and directors for the year 1958, may I point out that Edward Morrish, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was himself nominated for President of the SOCIETY and in order to save him the embarrassment of counting his own votes I asked him to reassign the chairmanship and asked James Baker, your President-Elect and new president for 1958 to take over the committee. The results of the election indicate that:

Savery F. Coneybear is your new President-Elect.
Robert A. Kramer is again your Secretary.

Dr. Walter A. Taylor is again your Treasurer.

Dr. Paul G. I. Lauffer and Dr. Sophie L. Plechner are your new directors.

Ladies and Gentlemen consider yourselves officially installed in your respective offices as of tomorrow morning.

And now may I present your new President for 1958 who will take over completely after tonight's affair—James H. Baker.

President's Luncheon Address*

By James H. Baker

I AM GRATEFUL to all those who elected me president of this still growing and imposing society. The honor carries with it a trust and a duty. I am thankful to you for the honor; and conscious of both trust and duty.

With your indulgence, I would like to present a few comments on what has been accomplished up to now and to tell you what I hope to do during the next year.

May I go back and refresh your memories, for a few moments, as to why this SOCIETY was born. There must have been sound reasons or else we would not have prospered in all directions as we have in the relatively short period of thirteen years.

The primary and paramount reason was: To elevate and promote the professional stature of the cosmetic chemist. I believe that all other reasons are subordinate to this.

The dissemination of scientific work pertinent to our field by means of papers at our semiannual gatherings, seminars, chapter meetings and through the JOURNAL, together with the opportunity to exchange personal ideas and fraternize, are merely means of elevating and promoting our stature in the scientific world.

Those of us who worked in this industry during the nineteen thirties and early forties, know that the professional stature of a cosmetic chemist was well-nigh nil. We were more or less frowned upon by the learned chemical groups, even though our chemical education and training was parallel to other chemists.

In fact, we are called upon to broaden our scope of scientific knowledge to such an extent that we must today understand and discuss intelligently additional fields, such as: Dermatology, Toxicology, Skin Allergies,

* Presented at the December 10, 1957, Meeting, New York City.