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105th AOCs Annual Meeting & Expo Heads to San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas, USA – Fats and oils professionals from around the globe will gather in San Antonio from May 4-7, 2014 for the **105th AOCs Annual Meeting & Expo**, held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The AOCs Annual Meeting is known worldwide as the premier forum for the fats, oils, surfactants, lipids, and related materials industries, with the goal of continuing the advancement of scientific knowledge.

The highlight of the meeting is the expansive offering of technical material, with presentations in 12 different interest areas that attract professionals of all levels. “This year’s technical program was designed and organized by a diverse professional base consisting of leading experts and enthusiasts from the industry, academia, and government across the organization and multiple AOCs Divisions. We are offering a wide array of topics that are especially innovative, timely, and relevant to both academic researchers and industry professionals,” says Dr. Roger Nahas, Director of R&D and Applied Antioxidants Technology at Kalsec, Inc. and Chair of the Lipid Oxidation and Quality Technical Program.

Between technical sessions, the AOCs Expo will serve as the gathering place for Annual Meeting attendees, where more than 85 companies from across the world will showcase a wide variety of products and services in the fats and oils industries. Also featured will be “The Emerging Topics Symposia,” which will encompass global discussions on critical issues that impact the future business of fats and oils.

Other highlights of the 105th AOCs Annual Meeting are networking opportunities for industry professionals. This year, numerous events are planned to take place throughout the course of the meeting to facilitate delegate interaction, including receptions, common interest groups, and AOCs Division and Section activities. “AOCs gives you the opportunity to meet the right people to improve your current and future development,” says Dr. Liliana Minevski, 104th AOCs Annual Meeting attendee.

Attendees also have the opportunity to expand their knowledge through four pre-meeting short courses to be held in San Antonio. The one- and two-day short courses will be held Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. Topics include: “Analytical Techniques: Quality Control, Process Control, and Refinery Optimization,” “Basics of Edible Oil Processing and Refining,” “Update on Current Market and Technology Trends in Edible Oils and Fats, Biodiesel, and Other Non-Edible Applications,” and “Plant Proteins and Other Co-Products of Oil Processing: Separation Technologies and Industrial Applications.”

Registration for the 105th AOCs Annual Meeting & Expo will open in January, 2014. Register by February 28 to get the best rate. For more information, please visit AnnualMeeting.aocs.org.

About AOCs (American Oil Chemists’ Society)

AOCs advances the science and technology of oils, fats, surfactants and related materials, enriching the lives of people everywhere. For more than 100 years, AOCs has promoted the science and technology of lipids in the fats and oils industry through analytical methods, proficiency testing, peer-reviewed technical publishing, and in providing venues for technical discussions and educational opportunities.

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