

## **Management Analysis Report for the two-year (2008-2010) chairmanship Period.**

### **Introduction and objectives:**

On May 16th, 2010, the two-year period for which we were elected to conduct the Latin American Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society will come to an end.

For me and my colleagues in the Governing Board, who are mentioned in the footnote, the challenge was not a minor issue because several tasks of considerable importance lied ahead of us. Amongst such tasks we can mention the following:

- To manage the section under the new AOCS guidelines, both for the sections and divisions.
- To organize, together with ASAGA (Argentine Oils and Fats Association), the 13<sup>th</sup> Latin American Congress on Oils and Fats in Rosario, Argentina during the month of November 2009.
- To define the place for the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> Latin American Congresses.
- To design and implement a logo and motto for the Section.
- To appoint regional delegates in different countries in Latin American to reinforce and increase our presence in the region.
- To try to promote the creation of new associations to add up to the existing ones (ASAGA-SBOG-CORCHIGA).
- To increase the number of members with the purpose of counting with a larger amount of adherents and to become the most important section within AOCS.
- To implement a blog for technical consultation which would serve as a contact bridge between our members and the Governing Board, in addition to providing a new consultation tool of unquestioned value for our adherents.
- To organize, together with AOCS and FEDEPALMA, a short training course on Palm Oil that took place during the 2009 Congress in Cartagena.
- To apply the available funds of the Section to grant new benefits for our members, amongst which the following stand out:
  - a) Complimentary edition of "Temas Selectos sobre Grasas y Aceites", Volume I, in Spanish.
  - b) A complimentary polo shirt with the Section's logo as an appealing souvenir.
- To implement the delivery of a digital version of ASAGA's quarterly A&G magazine, the most important publication of its kind in Latin America, to be distributed to the Section's members, free of charge.
- To organize, together with ASAGA, the 8th Meeting for Industrial Managers to take place from September 9 to 11, 2010, in a venue pending confirmation.
- To establish a close contact with all of AOCS sections and divisions in search of a fluid exchange of news, technical issues and to obtain scholarships for young professionals.
- To widen our contact with AOCS with the goal of achieving greater and new benefits for the Section members.
- To generate a monthly edition of the Section's Newsletter with news of scientific and technical interest.

### **Advances and achieved goals:**

Starting from the saying “a promise is a promise”, before ending our period we render accounts of the tasks carried out and the achieved goals:

- Together with ASAGA we organized a successful 13<sup>th</sup> Latin American Congress in Rosario, Argentina – more than 2300 participants and 63 exhibiting companies clearly evidence the importance and the outcome of the event. On the other hand, we obtained 25 scholarships for Latin American professionals and students and, in addition we included several members of the Section in the Scientific Committee for the evaluation of the scientific papers and posters which were presented. Also, and for the first time, presentations on tropical and special oils were added to the conference program.
- We defined that the venue for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress to be organized with AOCS, will take place in Cartagena, Colombia in 2011, and we pre-nominated Chile as the venue for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress to take place in 2013.
- We designed and created the logo and motto of the Section. We are enclosing the logo and our motto is: “In Search of the Latin American Integration”.
- All of the regions count with a designated delegate and Colombia already counts with its own association, “ASOCOINGRA” that adds up to the existing ones.
- We have increased the number of members and we hope to double the number at the Annual Meeting to take place in Arizona.
- The technical consultation blog is in operation and its inclusiveness will be extended to serve the complete AOCS community.
- We have launched our monthly Newsletter, which is entering its second year of existence and is an interesting contribution for our followers.
- We organized, together with AOCS, a Short Course on Palm Oil in Cartagena during the important FEDEPALMA Congress, with 107 participants, which turned out to be a true success.
- We designed a polo shirt with the Section's logo which was distributed amongst the members present at the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress, and will also distribute this gift amongst those who will attend the luncheon in Arizona. We also plan to distribute the book “Temas Selectos sobre Grasas y Aceites”, Volume 1, to new members and participants of the aforementioned event.
- We established a significant exchange with all of AOCS Sections and Divisions. We can point out our contacts with the Australian, Indian and Canadian Sections and with the Microscopy and Food Structure Division.
- With the Australian Section we exchanged diverse information of common interest, to India we contributed a lecturer – Eduardo Dubinsky – for the 64<sup>th</sup> OTAI Congress that took place in New Delhi on November 9, 2009 and with the Canadian Section our exchange may be more than interesting.
- The distribution of digital A&G and the organization, together with ASAGA, of the 8th Meeting of Industrial Managers are our short term challenges.

Finally, we wish to express our grateful thanks to AOCS for its permanent support to the young professionals that collaborated pro-bono with this Governing Board, to all the Governing Board members, to our regional delegates, to SBOG, CORCHIGA and ASAGA, to our members and to all of those that have contributed with this management, which we hope has been valued and well considered by our followers. We only wish to ask those that are members of AOCS, but still not members of the Section to go ahead and subscribe in order to start enjoying the benefits that the Section can provide.

With a small annual fee of \$ 15 and to honor the saying “Unity is strength”, we invite you to be a part of the Section because this will allow us to continue our growth.

## **AOCS Latin American Section**

### **Governing Board:** Latin American Section of AOCS (2008-2010 period)

**President:** Héctor Carlos Autino, Argentina

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**Account Auditors:** Eduardo Dubinsky, Argentina and Carlos Molina, Chile.

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**Representative of the Andean Pact countries:** Roberto Berbesi, Colombia.

**Bolivia Representative:** Juan José Guzmán.

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**Pro-bono collaborators:** Erica Siegrist, Argentina. Paula González, Argentina. Jane Mara Block, Brazil. Gerardo Fledhaus, Mexico. Germán Zevallos, Argentina.