



**Professional Educators Common Interest Group  
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Andy Proctor thanked the participants for attending and provided details on the origins of the group. The concept developed after discussion among AOCS members involved in university teaching as a potentially valuable means of promoting student learning and the quality of graduates entering industry. Earlier this year a survey was distributed to all AOCS members with an interest in lipid education. From the 32 surveys returned it appears that the greatest needs are for communication, teaching materials, and current information. 93% also saw value in developing a database of university programs.

There was much discussion about possible programs and activities for the group. Distance learning seems to be a hot topic and there was some interest in developing and sharing materials, however, there is also some sensitivity to property rights.

The group agreed to 1) collect and share syllabi for lipids courses -- including prerequisites and book selections, 2) ask educators to share publically available educational resources available at your universities - or ones that you recommend to your students, 3) develop a database of lipid and food science programs at universities around the world.

Andy agreed to serve as a group leader to get the CIG moving forward. He will work with the AOCS staff to set up the necessary websites to develop and share the information collected from the group.