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PURPOSE OF SUGAR INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGISTS, INC.

Sugar Industry Technologists, Inc. was established in 1941 to serve the professional interests of its members by providing a forum for the exchange of scientific information and other technical aspects of sugar refining, by encouraging original research in sugar technology, by promoting a broader acquaintance among its members, and by cooperating with other engineering, technical and scientific societies.

Past Meeting Sites

1941 - 1967, New York

1968 - Montreal

1969 - New York

1970 - New Orleans

1971 - New York

1972 - Houston

1973 - Miami

1974 - Vancouver

1975 - Savannah

1976 - Toronto

1977 - San Francisco

1978 - London, England

1979 - Boston

1980 - Chicago

1981 - Fort Lauderdale

1982 - Atlanta

1983 - New York

1984 - Houston

1985 - Saint John, N.B.

1986 - Baltimore

1987 - Sydney, Australia

1988 - Savannah

1989 - New Orleans

1990 - Vancouver

Approved Future Meeting Sites

1991 - New York

1992 - Brussels, Belgium

1993 - Toronto, Ont.

1994 - Hawaii

1995 - Dominican Republic

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FORWARD

The 49th Annual Meeting and Technical Technical Conference were held in Vancouver, the pearl of super, natural British Columbia, Canada.

The staff of B.C. Sugar did an outstanding job. The Local Arrangements Committee led by Don and Joyce Webster has to be commended for the excellent organization which made our stay in Vancouver a memorable one.

Program Chairman Frank Stowe assembled a total of 14 interesting papers. Joe Alberino presided as Chairman of Symposium Cane Sugar Refining - Methods of Purification. Congratulations to the authors and their companies for the excellent quality of the presentations.

Bruce Foster, our Executive Director and his secretary, Diana Dixon were quite instrumental in having the meetings and functions running smoothly.

We welcome C. Frank Stowe, our Past President who will serve again on the Committee and a new member to the Executive Committee, Jean de Chazal of Colonial Sugar who will replace Conrad Ourso.

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to our host company, B.C. Sugar, who invited us to help celebrate the Company's One Hundredth Anniversary. They were gracious hosts and more particularly the local colour evening will be a landmark for all the attendees!

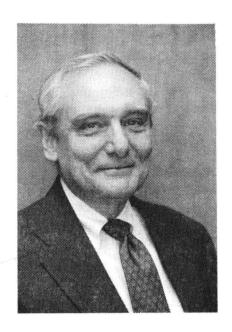
We will look forward to welcoming you at our next meeting in New York which will be co-hosted by Amstar Sugar Corporation and Refined Sugars, Inc.

It will be the Fiftieth Anniversary of S.I.T.!

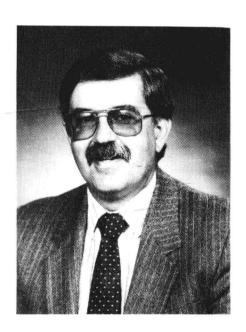
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1963 - Dan Gutleben 1964 - Edgar W. Harris * 1968 - Curtis L. Taggart * 1970 - George P. Meade *

* Deceased

^{**} Formerly - Honorary Award



President Léon Sué presents the Crystal Award

to

Joseph A. Harrison, Sr.

SIT CRYSTAL AWARD - 1990

JOSEPH A. HARRISON

SIT and Joe started together. Joseph A. Harrison began his career in the "Sugar Business" May 6, 1941 as an apprentice electrician at the Quaker Sugar Refinery in Philadelphia, Pa.

He continued his education, going to Temple University evening school.

In June of 1942 his training and education were interrupted by WWII and he served in the U.S. Navy until the beginning of 1946.

He served in several battles in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters but managed between battles to attend N.Y.U., Morehead State University, Ky. and Willian and Mary annex, Va. studying Electrical Engineering. In January 1946 he returned to Quaker Sugar, which was now National Sugar, as Leadman Electrician working on automatic control for packaging equipment, power control and alcohol equipment control, including centrifugal control circuits, with Scotty and Tony Stulreyer of Western States.

He was promoted to Junior Electrical Engineer in 1950 having continued his college studies in Electrical Engineering at Drexel Institute evening college in Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1952 he was promoted to Electrical Engineer and his first major project was the complete conversion of the Philadelphia refinery from direct current power to 3 phase alternating current power. He was promoted to Construction Engineer in 1954 with the responsibility of all new construction, automatic controls and machinery.

He was promoted in 1956 to Night Shift Superintendent with reponsibilities for all operations including process, packing, shipping and engineering,

In 1957 he was promoted to General Superintendent responsible for all sugar processing and engineering including maintenance, construction and new projects.

In 1960 he was promoted to Refinery Manager of the Long Island Refinery of National Sugar in New York.

He was promoted again in 1963 to Assistant Vice-President of Operations and moved to Wall Street with responsibilities in operation at all refineries and plant labour negotiaions

In 1966 he was asked to join Supreme Sugar Company, Supreme, Louisiana, as Operations Manager and Vice-President of Operations, where he has been since. He started a full carbon plant in 1966 and a Taloflote plant in 1975.

He was involved in the initial alcohol fuels (ethanol or gasohol) program studies from sugar and corn conversion and was also involved in the initial studies of the geopressure, geothermal well in Louisiana with L.S.U. This source has not been used for energy yet, but Joe is convinced it will in the near future.

He also started, with the consent of the SIT Executive committee and board, the Sugar Institute Technology Program at Nicholls State University. He is still the consultant for the school, but only teaches when someone is missing or new courses are added.

He has been active in SIT since 1960 and served on the board and Executive Committee until 1988. He was President of SIT for the Atlanta, Georgia meeting 1981-1982.

Joe has five boys from a first marrige. His first wife died and his second wife of 25 years, Vicki, raised the five boys together with two children of their own. The latter two are still home with them in Supreme. Nine grandchildren await the day Joe retires so Joe and Vicki can spend more time with them.

S.I.T. CRYSTAL AWARD - 1990



President Léon Sué presents the Crystal Award

to

Earl J. Roberts

SIT CRYSTAL AWARD - 1990

EARL J. ROBERTS

Earl Roberts was born in Magee, Mississippi and grew up on the family farm. His father died when Earl was eleven years old, and so, as a young boy, he had heavy farm work responsibilities for some years.

In 1935, after graduating from high school, Earl entered Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, where he played in the National Guard Band, worked on the campus, and in his third year, was appointed Laboratory Instructor in organic chemistry, to help pay his way through. He graduated with distinction in 1939 with a major in chemistry. Employment as a Chemist was very difficult to find at that time, so he took a job as a high school science teacher. After school was out, he took a job with the Mississippi Testing Laboratory testing concrete.

In January 1941 he was appointed a graduate assistant in the Chemistry Department at Louisiana State University. Upon graduation in 1942 with an M.S. in organic chemistry, Earl obtained employment as a Junior Chemist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Southern Regional Research Center. He was assigned to work on cotton and peanut proteins and to prepare plywood glue, needed in the war effort, from them. Several papers and patents resulted from this work.

After two years, he transferred to the Agricultural Chemical Research division, and was assigned to work on processing problems in the cane sugar industry. His first accomplishment was to develop a quantitative method for aconitic acid in sugar house products, and then to help develop a commercial process for recovering aconitic acid from cane sugar molasses. The Godchaux Sugar Company built an aconitic recovery plant at Raceland, La, based upon this work, and operated for several years at considerable profit. For this work, Earl was awarded the U.S. Department's Superior Service Award in 1950. Earl continued in sugar research, on the isolation and identification of the non-sugars in sugarcane protein. Earl is responsible for developing the table on "Composition of Sugarcane & Juice Solids" that has appeared in The Cane Sugar Handbook since 1983.

In 1965 this work on sugarcane research was discontinued and Earl was assigned to work on the structure of cotton cellulose as revealed through chemical reactions, which led to many publications and patents. Frequent attempts to lure him to industry or academia did not succeed. Earl remained with U.S.D.A. until 1972, when he retired, and was hired the next day by Dr. Frank Carpenter to work for the Cane Sugar Refining Project, Inc. His first assignment, on acid beverage floc, showed that the most prevalent type of beverage floc resulted from the reaction of an acidic polysaccharide and a small amount of protein, both constituents of sugar-cane and cane sugar. A study of the characteristics of the indigenous polysaccharide, isolated from fresh cane juice showed that it contained glucuronic acid, and was not the pectin reported in old literature. Further study revealed a cane glucan now identified as phytoglycogen. A quantitative method for total polysaccharides resulted from this work.

About this time the presence of dextran, causing false pol and increased viscosity in raw sugar, was identified as an important factor in sugar processing. Earl's background in polysaccharide work led to his developing a specific method for dextran in sugarcane products, which is now the official AOAC method for quantitative analysis for dextran in raw cane sugar.

In 1981, when C.S.R.R.P.I. was reorganized as Sugar Processing Research, Inc. (S.P.R.I.) wirh Dr. Margaret Clarke as Managing Director, sugarbeet companies began to support the group, and Earl's expertise on plant sugars and polysaccharides is now being applied to sugarbeet processing in addition to cane sugar manufacture and refining. At present, he has reduced his work time to two days per week, and is engaged in research projects on color removal and polysaccharides. Earl has published more than 100 papers and 6 patents. His papers have been presented at all major sugar meetings, and many chemical conferences.

Earl is married to Kirk Lilly and they have a daughter, a son, and triplet grandchildren. In his spare time Earl engages in cabinet making. He has served as a Cub Scout Master, Boy Scout Leader, President of his son's High School Band Booster Club, and as a Deacon in his church.

THE GEORGE AND ELEANORE MEADE AWARD - 1990

The Best Paper #587 presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting by Luis Rocha San Miguel Bento of RAR - Refinarias de Acucar Reunidas, Portugal.



President-Elect, Christian Laur presents the George and Eleanore Meade Award

to

Luis Bento

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