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FISH IN NUTRITION MEETING PLANS ARE ADVANCED

Twenty-five major articles summarizing the world's knowledge on nutrition and public health attainments in five major divisions of fishery technology will be presented at the International Conference on Fish in Nutrition to be held in Washington, D. C., September 19-27, 1961, the Department of the Interior said today.

In addition there will be 44 short manuscripts, each presenting the results of research into the many nutritional aspects of fishery products.

The meeting is sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The Department of State is the official host. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, is in charge of arrangements with travel funds for foreign researchers being provided by a Public Health Service grant. An official insignia for the meeting has been adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization. A clip sheet of this insignia in several sizes is attached.

All the papers have been completed and submitted to FAO in draft form. Six outstanding nutrition and public health authorities from the United States, Europe, and the Far East have been called to FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, to thoroughly review and edit the papers. In addition, two fishery technologists for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and a consultant from the National Institutes of Health have gone to Rome to offer technical assistance in the editing.

The conference on Fish in Nutrition, which is the first of its kind ever held, will be held in the auditorium of the new State Department Building. Fifty nations will be represented by approximately 400 delegates. Representatives of the fishing industry of the United States met in Washington some months ago and pledged their support of the meeting. Some segments of the industry will provide varied entertainment for the guests, while others will acquaint the visitors with American fishery processing and distribution methods by providing tours in certain key industries and areas.

The agenda now being considered includes as main topics such things as the role of fish in world nutrition, the chemical composition of fish and fishery products, contribution of fish and fishery products to the diets of various nations; fishery products in animal nutrition; possibilities for increasing fish consumption.

Under the main titles would be reports on the amino acid composition of the protein in fishery products; fish oils and their role in nutrition; food values of fresh fish compared with processed fishery products; minerals and vitamins in fish; fish in dietetics, including geriatric diets; incidence of world malnutrition, by regions; fish flour and its importance in preventing malnutrition; fish derivatives in feed for swine, calves, poultry, and furbearing animals; economic and social incentives for increasing production; and methods of consumer education.

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