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What has Industrial Hygiene Foundation done during the past year?

The following are some partial answers to that question:

At the first meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, on December 16, 1935, this organization was launched with 23 member companies and associations. As of today, there are 349 members.

Twenty-two companies and associations have affiliated thus far this year. They are:

American Can Company	Inland Steel Company
Anthracite Institute	National Ass'n Fan Manufacturers
Atlas Powder Company	National Pulverizing Company
Austin Motor Company (England)	National Steel Corporation
Crucible Steel Company	National Supply Company
Federal-Mogul Corporation	New Jersey Pulverizing Company
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co.
Ford Motor Company	Sharon Steel Corporation
General Ceramics & Steatite Co.	Sun Oil Company
General Electric Company	Sun Sand Company
Godrej and Boyce Mfg. Co.	Sylvania Electric Products Co.

Actually, the number of new members is 54 inasmuch as one of the organizations is the Anthracite Institute, which has taken out a multiple membership covering its 32 member companies. There are now 103 special subscribers—governmental agencies, private institutions, etc.

Field Work

Field work continued to increase in a satisfactory manner and involved studies in approximately 70 different plants. This work will be described by Mr. Hatch, the Foundation's Research Director. In an engineering-survey for the pottery industry, directed by Mr. Hemeon, Head Engineer, the Foundation collaborated with the U. S. Potters Association to hold a Pottery Dust Control Clinic here in Mellon Institute on October 13. Sixteen companies sent 31 representatives to this all-day conference.

Conferences

Conferences are proving a practical measure for increasing Foundation services to member companies. A Medical Conference, an Engineering Conference, and a Conference for Attorneys and Compensation Officials were held here yesterday. Tomorrow there will be a conference for research directors, chemists, industrial hygienists and toxicologists. These closed sessions, limited to member firms in mining and manufacturing, draw together specialists, with similar interests and problems, from all types of heavy industry and so serve as valuable vehicles for the exchange of information and experience. But already, some of these sessions are beginning to exceed conference size. In the year ahead the Foundation hopes to sponsor several conferences for specific industries, possibly for engineers in the steel industry or for physicians associated with the asbestos industry, etc.

Publications

"Health in Industry," the Transactions of our last annual meeting, was issued early in the year. Yesterday the printer delivered two new bulletins, "Air-Conditioned Crane Cabs," a publication in our Engineering Series, and "Industrial Air Sampling and Analysis," a handbook for plant chemists, and the first bulletin in our new Chemical and Toxicological Series.

In mid-year the Legal Committee issued a short analysis of Occupational Disease Compensation Statutes and Developments in the 1947 Sessions of the State Legislatures, as well as a memorandum on sickness insurance. More recently the Foundation released a comprehensive digest of the important Medical Survey of the Bituminous Coal Industry. Meanwhile, members of the Foundation staff published a number of papers in appropriate journals. Foundation publications for the year are on display in the lobby.

The Staff

The Foundation's staff is now composed of 10 people, seven men, and three girls in the general office. An engineer was added this year and early in the coming year we hope to appoint a laboratory assistant who will also help with the monthly Industrial Hygiene Digest. The staff now includes a Research Director, a Medical Director, a Head Engineer, together with other engineers and chemists. Member companies can regard these specialists as advisory members of their own staffs and can call upon them accordingly.

We are glad to announce the establishment of an x-ray panel, under the auspices of the Foundation's Medical Committee, to which member companies may refer questionable chest x-rays. You may obtain details from Dr. Walmer, our Medical Director.

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