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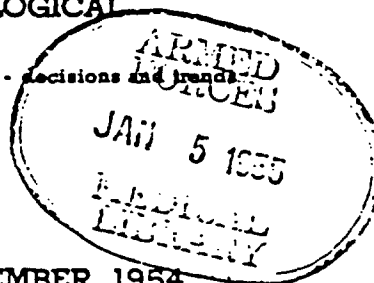
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DR. WEIDLEIN HONORED

Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, President of Mellon Institute, is the recipient of the first National Presidential Citation by the Air Pollution Control Association. The award was made in recognition of Dr. Weidlein's interest and dynamic leadership in the field of air pollution control since 1916.

NEW FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Eight companies have become members of Industrial Hygiene Foundation during the last quarter of the year. They are:

Commonwealth Sanitation Company
Mechanical Industries, Inc.
Olin Mathieson Corporation
Pilot Chemical Company

Pittsburgh Steel Company
Radio Corporation of America
I. L. Stiles & Sons Brick Company
Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation

REPRINTS OF TECHNICAL LITERATURE AVAILABLE

The following reprints by Foundation staff members are available upon request:

"Environmental Medicine in Industry" by Dr. C. Richard Walmer, published in the June, 1954 issue of Public Health Reports.

"Current Conceptions on Air Pollution" by W. C. L. Hemeon, presented at the Philadelphia Regional Technical Meeting of American Iron and Steel Institute, October 6, 1954, and at the San Francisco Regional Technical Meeting, November 5, 1954.

Two reprints on principles of industrial ventilation by W. C. L. Hemeon, entitled: "Exhaust for Hot Processes," and "Theoretically Required Exhaust Rates for Dust Control in Bulk Material Handling Systems". The papers are based on two chapters in the author's forthcoming book, Plant and Process Ventilation, which will be released by the Industrial Press in January, 1955.

A reprint combining two papers on stack dust sampling by W. C. L. Hemeon and George F. Mines, Jr., entitled "The Magnitude of Errors in Stack Dust Sampling," and "A New Method for Stack Dust Sampling." These papers were presented at the semi-annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 22, 1954, and published in the November, 1954 issue of Air Repair.

"Principles of New Plant Design for Health Protection" by Theodore Hatch. Reprinted from the Transactions of the Technical Conferences of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Industrial Hygiene Foundation.

ions on the surface irregularities produced by removal of alumina and other impurities. The presence of these ions enables the silica surface to attract a greater number of hydroxyl ions from the solvent medium, with the subsequent formation of highly soluble silicic acid. -- Cond. from authors' conclusions

Physicochemical Studies on Dusts. 8. Some Sorption Properties of Siliceous Dusts. J. G. Gibb and P. D. Ritchie. J. Appl. Chem. 4, 483-487 (Sept. 1954).

Rock crystal, Lochaline sand, and vitreous silica (Vitreosil) dusts all show reduced affinity for a dyestuff cation on removal of the disturbed outer layer from the particle surfaces. This layer of amorphous silica is therefore more reactive than the underlying core in sorption processes, just as in solution processes. In the case of vitreous silica, there is probably a physical difference between the outer amorphous layer and the nominally amorphous core, such as a more open structure. Heat treatment and repeated acid extraction have the same effect in both sorption and solution experiments. Alteration of the surface is probably responsible in both cases. -- Cond. from authors' conclusions

The Effect of Quartz Dust and Aluminum Phosphate on Certain Enzymes. B. Helferich and Erika Schmitz. Beitr. Silikose-Forsch. No. 24, 1-20 (1953). German.

This paper describes initial results on the inhibition of enzyme reactions by quartz dusts. It was found that potato phosphatase was adsorbed on quartz dust to an extent depending on the specific surface of the quartz, but that in the adsorbed state the enzyme was still nearly 100% active. Aluminum phosphate and aluminum silicate also adsorbed the enzyme. A search for phosphatase in a fresh sample of silicotic lung tissue gave negative results. The work will be continued with other enzymes. -- Cond. from Bull. Hyg.

Early Diagnosis of Asbestosis by Enlarged Radiographs. J. Krausler and R. Seyss. Z. Unfallmed. u. Berufskrankh. 47, 59-64 (Mar. 15, 1954). German.

After a brief description of asbestosis and the changes in the lung tissue in the early stages, the authors describe a radiographic technique with a fine focus. Of 16 asbestos workers, with 1 to 18 year's exposure, eight showed changes in the lung tissue with the enlargement technique; two of these showed no change by normal technique, and in the other six cases the degree of change shown was minimal. -- Cond. from Bull. Hyg.

Pneumoconiosis in a Feldspar Worker. W. Rotter and H. Gartner. Zentralbl. Arbeitsmed. u. Arbeitsschutz 4, 35-40 (Mar. 1954). German.

The authors describe a fatal case of lung disease in a feldspar worker, which they regard as modified silicosis. The dust contained 27.1% potassium