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The Industrial Hygiene Foundation notes with sorrow the passing of Dr. Royd R. Sayers on April 23 in his 80th year. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Commissioned in 1915 following medical school and internship in Buffalo, Dr. Sayers spent his entire professional career in governmental service. From 1917 to 1932 he was Chairman of Health and Safety Division, Bureau of Mines, U. S. Department of Interior. Subsequently, he became medical director in the U. S. Public Health Service (USPHS) assigned as Chief of the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the National Institutes of Health. It was in this capacity that he was chosen to serve on the Air Hygiene Foundation's original Medical Committee in 1936, and also elected a Foundation Trustee. In 1939 representing the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons (of which he was President) as well as IHF and the USPHS, Dr. Sayers was responsible for conducting a Symposium on Sick Absence. The Annual Meeting statistical report on Sick Absence to the Foundation membership from 1940 through 1953, resulted from this meeting, and was characteristic of the close working relationship between IHF and the USPHS in such research.

In 1941 he was appointed Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, and the same year addressed the 6th IHF Annual Meeting on two important subjects, "Findings from Major Studies of Fatigue" and "Some Comments on the New Federal Coal Mine Inspection Act".

In 1947, Dr. Sayers returned to the USPHS and was appointed Chairman of the Medical Board established by the Trustees of the United Mine Workers' welfare and retirement fund. In 1950 he became senior medical supervisor of occupational diseases of the Baltimore City Health Department.

The life of Dr. Sayers exemplified the highest ideals of professional and public service, and we in the Foundation who have benefited from his leadership and friendship, are grateful for his long association in the affairs of the Foundation.

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