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About Revisions in Code Proposed by Governmental Industrial Hygienists

A number of Foundation members have inquired about the availability of copies of the proposed Industrial Hygiene code suggested by a committee of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. This was discussed at several of the Foundation's closed conferences last November by Mr. Charles D. Yaffe, Chairman of the Committee. It was stated that the draft of the proposed code was being revised and that copies would be available later.

In response to inquiries, Mr. Yaffe advises that several changes have been made since the conference discussion here but that the new draft will not be available for distribution until after a meeting of the Committee in Detroit on April 1.

This meeting is in connection with the annual meetings of the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, American Association of Industrial Dentists, American Association of Industrial Nurses, Inc., and American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. These organizations are holding the annual joint meeting in Detroit from April 2 to 9.

Pitt and I-H-F Sponsoring Conference on Industrial Ophthalmology

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Industrial Hygiene Foundation will sponsor a conference on industrial ophthalmology at Mellon Institute, May 16 to 18. The Conference will be open to all interested persons. In addition to industrial physicians, the conference will be open to all persons in industry interested in eye programs for better vision. Active in arranging the conference is Dr. Charles Gutscher, a consultant on the Foundation staff in industrial ophthalmology, and a member of the faculty of the Pitt Medical School.

Spring Meeting of Board of Trustees; Committee Meetings

The Spring (semi-annual) meeting of the Board of Trustees of Industrial Hygiene Foundation will be held in New York on May 12. Scene of the meeting will be the Board Room of Johns-Manville Corporation, one of the original Foundation members.

Meanwhile, the Foundation Medical Committee and the Legal Committee are both planning meetings in New York on March 30, at the Chemists Club and Harvard Club, respectively.

Dr. E. Ward Tillotson to Receive Bleininger Award

Dr. Edwin Ward Tillotson, Assistant Director of Mellon Institute and world authority on ceramics, has been named recipient of the Bleininger Memorial Award for 1949. This is the highest award given in this country for "distinguished achievement in the field of ceramics." Dr. Tillotson was active in the organizational period of the Foundation when silicosis was in the hysteria stage in the "dusty trades."



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Eyes Right

Industrial physicians, personnel and safety officials, and nurses from a number of Foundation member companies will attend the Conference on Industrial Ophthalmology at Mellon Institute, May 16, 17, 18. The Conference is jointly sponsored by the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, and the Foundation. Those desiring to attend may do so by submitting their names to the Foundation prior to May 15.

State Gives Pitt Armory; Possible Health School Site

The Pennsylvania Legislature has voted to turn over the Logan Armory to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The structure, near the Pitt campus, may be used by the new Graduate School of Public Health, of which Dr. Thomas Parran is Dean. The legislation directs the Governor to turn over the property after adequate space has been provided, by the University, to accommodate the Armory elsewhere.

Field Projects in Progress

Field projects in progress for Foundation members at the present time include:

Five separate studies of community air pollution to determine industrial sources, character, and volume of air-borne material.

Studies of medical administration and procedures, including the establishment of a plant hospital, costs, etc., are underway for three different members.

An evaluation of the silicosis problem in 20 foundries.

An appraisal of working conditions at oil refineries.

Special studies for Atomic Energy Commission.

Development of a program of safe practice in the handling of hydrogen sulfide, including instruction of plant operating personnel.

Ventilation problems in connection with electric furnaces are being studied at three plants at the present time.

Several smaller surveys, involving dust and fume control, are also underway.

Meanwhile, a number of research projects are underway in the Foundation's new laboratory, involving industrial toxicology and physiology.

The above list is a partial answer to the question:

"What does the Foundation do?"



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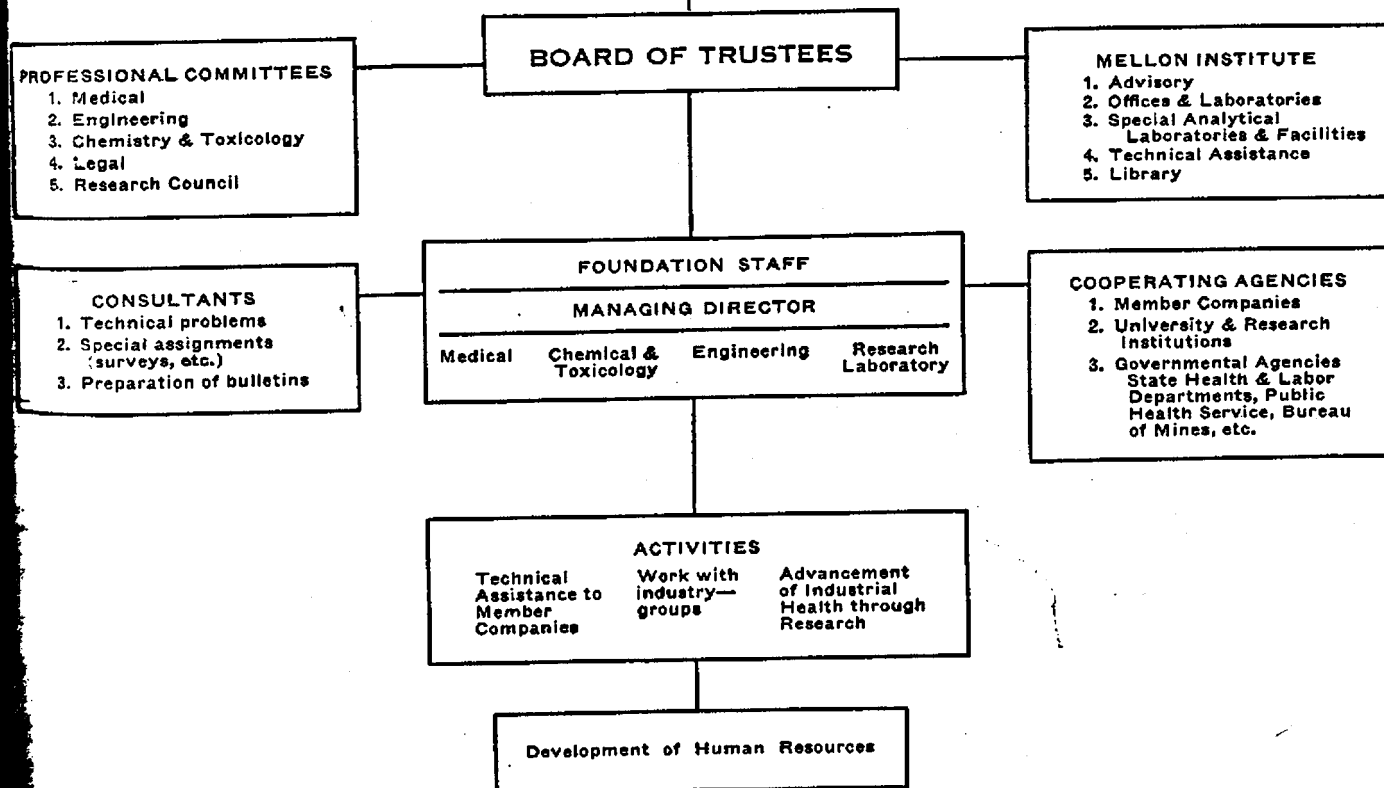
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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (350 MEMBER COMPANIES)



Adapted from Transactions of Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Industrial Hygiene Foundation held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 18, 1948.



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Annual Meeting and Conferences Set Attendance Record

Approximately 600 persons attended the 14th Annual Meeting and Conferences of Industrial Hygiene Foundation held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, November 16, 17 and 18. A breakdown of attendance, largest in the Foundation's history, follows:

	<u>Companies</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
Member Companies and Subsidiaries	113 (113 in '48)	294 (299 in '48)
Non-Members, by invitation	39 (24 in '48)	49 (33 in '48)
Special Guests		83 (87 in '48)
		426 (419 in '48)
Members Attending Conferences Only		173 (127 in '48)
		599 Total Attendance

A total of 655 persons attended the five conferences as compared with 408 in 1948

<u>Conference Attendance</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>
Medical	109	95
Engineering	97	131
Legal	78	44
Chemical	78	84
Industrial Wastes	293	
Ceramic (1948)		54
	655	408

Digests Available

Texts and excerpts of most of the papers presented at the main (management) meeting on November 17, are contained in the November (annual meeting) Industrial Hygiene Digest. Copies are available upon request. Complete transactions will be published as soon as possible.

The sessions received national attention in the press.

Exhibits on "Developing Human Resources"

The following Foundation members and subscribers displayed exhibits in response to invitation:

Wm. H. Singer Manufacturing Company	Wm. H. Singer Memorial Research
American Brake Shoe Company	Laboratory, Allegheny General Hospital
Pittsburgh Steel Company	Standard Oil Company of New Jersey
International Business Machines Corp.	Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation
Patterson Medical College	U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company	U.S. Steel Corporation
	Westinghouse Electric Corporation

Report by Managing Director, John F. McMahon, at 14th annual meeting of Industrial Hygiene Foundation, held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, November 17, 1949.

New Members in 1949

Deere & Company	Doehler-Jarvis Corp.	Metal & Thermit Corp.
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	Lever Brothers Co.	Southern Mica Co.
Texas Company	Jeffrey Manufacturing Co.	W. Va. Mfgs. Assn.*
Sylvania Electric Prod.Co.*	Rome Cable Co.	East Indian Railway

*Former member

Field Studies

The volume of field studies carried on during the year was greater than ever before. Highlights of this work included half a dozen surveys dealing with community air pollution; these were made for Foundation Members in the steel and glass industry, and for the Atomic Energy Commission. Likewise a number of studies were made or are in progress, to determine the health and medical needs of certain member companies. The Foundation welcomes projects of this kind, showing a company what it should have to provide adequately for the health of its employees, the cost, administrative procedures, the medical facilities needed for a given type of firm -- these constitute lasting contributions to labor, industry, to human relations, to developing human resources.

Personnel

We announced to the Foundation's membership the appointment of Dr. H.H. Schrenk as Research Director of Industrial Hygiene Foundation. This pleasing development became effective October 1. Dr. Schrenk comes to the Foundation after establishing an international reputation in industrial hygiene at the U.S. Bureau of Mines and more recently with the U.S. Public Health Service. Mr. Theodore F. Hatch is now dividing his time between the Foundation and the new school of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh -- one third with the Foundation and two-thirds with the new school which is headed by Dr. Parran. The Foundation salutes the progress at the School during the year and the recent appointment of Dr. Adolph Kammer to the faculty.

Staff Activities

The activities of the Foundation's staff during the year have included participation in programs and meetings of such organizations as the American Medical Association, the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, American Chemical Society, American Public Health Association, National Safety Council, Manufacturing Chemists Association, National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, Grinding Wheel Institute, and Canadian Institute of Stove and Furnace Manufacturers.

A Look About Us

Developments in the field of industrial health, or developments impinging upon the field, are coming as fast as newspaper editions.

The growth of sickness disability laws that include payments by the employer based upon sickness experience, as in New York and New Jersey, requires a new evaluation of the economics of health in industry. Degenerative diseases of later life now become a problem of management, like occupational disease. And well they may with heart disease claiming more than half a million lives annually (625,000) with many of these victims industrial executives.

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Developing human resources suggest a re-evaluation of the rule of 65 as an arbitrary retirement age. An average of 2,700 Americans are reaching that age every day! It has been stated from this platform before that consideration should be given to the individual's biological as well as his calendar age -- that is, if he desires to continue at work, as many do. This question becomes intensely practical with more and more pension plans and with fewer young people in the working ranks. At present, there is one person 65 or older for every eight persons of working age. By 1975, it is estimated that there will be one older person for every five persons at work. To put this in focus, in 1920 there were about 20 persons under 65 for every one person of that age.

Since most people are employed, the voluntary development and expansion of occupational health programs in industry will go far toward sanely solving our national health needs, and doing so more efficiently than by compulsory health insurance.

Plainly, we cannot afford the ruinous losses to industry, labor and the public resulting from labor-management strife. Everyone loses, which means America. Failure of employer and employee to work together in reasonable harmony offers a short-cut to socialism. On the other hand, attention to human resources offers a way out and the advancement of occupational health offers one practical procedure for bettering human relations and resources. In the forging and drafting of such procedures, the Foundation can be of direct assistance to you and can fortify you with the experience of other companies.

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