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Twelfth Annual Meeting Transactions Published

The official Transactions for the 12th Annual Meeting of Members of Industrial Hygiene Foundation, held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, on November 20, were published late in February and mailed to Members and Subscribers.

This pertinent bulletin, entitled "A Better Place to Work," includes the pointed keynote address by William B. Given, Jr., President of American Brake Shoe Company, which has attracted such wide attention. More than 5,000 copies of the address have been distributed to date and it has been reprinted in a number of journals. Other subjects of immediate interest in the Transactions include:

COMMUNITY ATTITUDE ON WORKING CONDITIONS; RESULTS OF FOUNDATION FIELD RESEARCH; INDUSTRIAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN ACTION; SUMMARIES OF CONFERENCES held in connection with the annual meeting; INDUSTRIAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION; ATOMIC POWER AND INDUSTRY; SICKNESS INSURANCE; and, HEALTH AND WELFARE FUNDS UNDER THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT.

Review of Flu Vaccination Experience

A report on "Results of Influenza Vaccination in Industry During the 1947 Epidemic," prepared by Anna M. Baetjer, Sc.D., of the Johns-Hopkins University, was issued by the Foundation recently. This material was made available to the Members in advance of publication through the courtesy of Dr. Baetjer. It will be recalled that she made an important presentation on the subject of influenza at the 1946 annual meeting. (See Health in Industry, Transactions, 11th Annual Meeting.)

Foundation Committees Plan Meeting

The Foundation's MEDICAL COMMITTEE, of which Dr. A.J. Lanza is Chairman, will hold an all-day meeting in New York on March 10. The agenda includes plans for a number of the Committee-sponsored activities of benefit to Foundation Members.

The CHEMICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL COMMITTEE is holding a luncheon meeting in Boston late in March in connection with the annual meeting of the Industrial Physicians and Surgeons and the Industrial Hygiene Association. The Foundation's LEGAL COMMITTEE is planning to meet in New York on May 6.

Hatch Named Chairman of Two National Committees

Theodore F. Hatch, the Foundation's Research Director, was recently appointed to the National Research Council's Committee on Sanitary Engineering and Environment. He will serve as Chairman of the sub-committee on Industrial Hygiene. Meanwhile, Mr. Hatch has also accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Safety Codes and Exhaust Systems of the American Standards Association.

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Foundation Announces New Laboratory

Industrial Hygiene Foundation has arranged with Elizabeth Steel Magee Hospital, part of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, to occupy a laboratory building providing facilities for expansion of the Foundation's basic researches in industrial health. The building is located near the Foundation's headquarters at Mellon Institute.

Andrew Fletcher, President of the St. Joseph Lead Company and Chairman of the Foundation's Board, in a recent communication to Member companies announcing the new facilities, said in part:

"In addition to our routine plant and field studies, we propose to develop at the new Laboratory an organization for the primary use of our Members along the following lines:

- "1. Toxicological studies, including animal work.
- "2. Research in industrial hygiene methods along the line of development of new instruments, method of analysis and procedures for use in practical field work, etc.
- "3. Engineering research under controlled laboratory conditions, such as air cleaning methods, ventilation requirements, etc."

The additional laboratory facilities have been necessitated by the increasing demand from Member companies for investigations in fundamental and applied phases of industrial hygiene and toxicology and in industrial physiology.

The first project will be started early in April.

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Foundation Secures Additional Laboratory Facilities



A building at the Elizabeth Steel Magee Hospital, part of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where Industrial Hygiene Foundation has arranged for laboratories in order to expand its research program and facilities. The building is located near the Foundation's headquarters at Mellon Institute.



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Annual Meeting Date Fixed for Nov. 18; Conferences Nov. 17 & 19

Trustees of Industrial Hygiene Foundation at their Spring (semi-annual) meeting in New York recently fixed the date for the 13th annual meeting of Foundation Members for Thursday, November 18, at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh. The program for this meeting will be planned for management representation from member companies.

Professional conferences for industrial health specialists will be held on November 17 and 19, the day before and the day after the main meeting. These conferences, limited to one representative from industrial Member companies, are for (1) physicians; (2) for engineers; (3) for chemists and toxicologists; and (4) for attorneys, compensation, personnel and industrial relations executives.

Details concerning the Meeting and the Conferences will be sent to Members in the fall, and companies will be requested to designate their representatives at that time. Meanwhile, the Staff of Industrial Hygiene Foundation invites suggestions from Members for program subject matter.

Legal Committee Meets

The Foundation's Legal Committee, headed by Mr. Theodore C. Waters, Chairman, met at the Harvard Club in New York on May 6. The principal discussion dealt with planning the agenda for the Legal Conference to be held on November 17, in connection with the Foundation's annual meeting. As last year, the Conference will be a half-day discussion.

Staff Traveling Extensively

The Foundation's Staff is traveling extensively in connection with field researches and special studies for Member companies. Dr. C. Richard Walmer, Medical Director, covered more than 20,000 miles during the past 30 days. Mr. Theodore F. Hatch, Research Director, and Mr. W.C.L. Hemeon, Head Engineer, have also been spending more time in the field than at the Foundation's headquarters in Mellon Institute. Projects have included:

Engineering assistance on new plant design, study of needs for an industrial hygiene program, survey of industrial medical administration, a community air pollution problem and dust and fume control.

Dr. E.R. Weidlein Awarded Priestley Medal

Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, Director of Mellon Institute, and long-time friend and supporter of Industrial Hygiene Foundation, has been awarded the Priestley Medal, highest honor in American chemistry. Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Weidlein was largely responsible for planning and organizing the nation's wartime synthetic rubber program.



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Research Advisory Council Formed

Announcement is made of the appointment of a Research Advisory Council to serve the Foundation, especially in connection with the operation of its new industrial health laboratory in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Members of the Council, all presently associated with the Foundation in various capacities, are:

Theodore F. Hatch, Secy.	Research Director	Industrial Hygiene Foundation
W.A. Hamor, Sc.D.	Assistant Director	Mellon Institute
T. Lyle Hazlett, M.D.	Medical Director	Westinghouse Electric Corp.
A.J. Lanza, M.D.	Assoc. Med. Director	Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
Willard Machle, M.D.	Consultant	New York City
W.P. Yant, Sc.D.	Director of Research	Mine Safety Appliances Co.
R.E. Zimmerman, Sc.D.	Vice President	U.S. Steel Corp. of Del.

Prof. Drinker Representing I-H-F at International Congress

Prof. Philip Drinker of the Harvard School of Public Health will serve as the official representative of Industrial Hygiene Foundation at the Ninth International Congress on Industrial Health to be held in London, September 12-17.

Prof. Drinker has been chairman of the Preventive Engineering Committee since the formation of the Foundation in 1935. He is also a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Articles on Dust Exposure and Dust Analysis

Companion articles appearing in the May, 1948 Journal of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, are:

Influence of Particle Size in Dust Exposure. Theodore F. Hatch and W.C.L. Hemeon, Industrial Hygiene Foundation.

X-Ray Diffraction Analysis of Crystalline Dusts. Harold P. Klug, Leroy Alexander and Elizabeth Kummer, Mellon Institute.

Copies of these reprints are available to interested members and subscribers upon request.

Beat the Heat!

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation (Industrial Relations Department) has issued an entertaining pamphlet addressed to employees entitled "How You Can Beat the Heat!" Written in rhyme and illustrated with cartoons, it carries an effective message for warm weather living.

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LOBBY CONFERENCES were popular. Talking in one are, from left to right, S. W. Gurney, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; A. S. Johnson, American Mutual Liability Insurance Company; B. E. Kuechle, Employers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Wisconsin; and W.C.L. Hemeon, engineering director, Industrial Hygiene Foundation.



COLLABORATORS Prof. Philip Drinker, left, and Theodore F. Hatch who wrote "Industrial Dust" enjoy a chat at the annual meeting. Prof. Drinker is a trustee of the Foundation, and chairman of the Preventive Engineering Committee. Mr. Hatch is laboratory director of the Foundation and professor of Industrial Health Engineering, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh,