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PREFACE

This Fibrous Dust Seminar represents an important step towards fulfillment of the first goal in which direction industry should be moving according to Dr. Theodore Hatch, IHF Trustee Emeritus, in Industrial Hygiene Highlights - Vol. 1—i. e., protection of employee health.

These proceedings exemplify industry's attempts with IHF's help to advance scientific progress by use of epidemiological and biostatistical studies, in plant as well as in the experimental research laboratory.

Studies on fibrous glass, which appears to have no demonstrable pathogenic effects, provide an effective control over those investigations on asbestos bioeffects reported herein, all of which have been performed in or for IHF. It can be seen that studies designed to investigate pathogenic effect become highly sophisticated in an attempt to prove the "null hypothesis." These studies of fibrous dusts are still under way and further progress will be reported as it develops in an effort to keep our members and the interested scientific and professional communities advised.

The use of fibrous dusts is so widespread today that all those responsible for employee health should find this bulletin interesting and useful.

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