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Agenda item 5, 11th Executive Committee Meeting

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

1979	
24-27 January 1979	Seminar on Cancer and Environmental Pollution, Brazilia (Ministry of Health, Brazilian Government) (Drs. Selikoff & Higginson among speakers)
4-7 March 1979	International Conference on Critical Current Issues in Environmental Health Hazards, Tel Aviv (Dr. I.J. Selikoff - Chairman)
10 & 11 April 1979	Symposium on Asbestos, University of London (Dr. Selikoff and Mr. W. Simpson, Health & Safety Commission are among speakers)
25-27 September 1979	Symposium on the Biological Effects of Mineral Fibres, Lyon (International Agency for Research on Cancer/Pneumoconiosis Unit, Medical Research Council, Penarth)
1980	
26-30 May 1980	4th International Conference on Asbestos, Turin
8-12 September 1980	Fifth International Symposium on Inhaled Particles 1980, Cardiff, Wales (British Occupational Hygiene Society)
Proposed 1980 or 1981	Proposed Conference to Consider the Biological Effects of Asbestos - UK (proposed by SPAA)

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Points or fields of a possible co-operation, in the context of the Canada/EEC Minerals and Metals Working Group.

1. To set up a reference catalogue of on-going and past research including results of such research which could be up-dated at suitable intervals.

2. To research the incidence of cancer in certain localities in Canada with a view to extrapolating the results to low exposures, including the designation of EC experts to validate the methodology of this epidemiological study.

3. Exchange of information and possible collaboration in experimental studies in both Canada and the EC on the biological effects of asbestos fibres with a view to determine the relationship between tumor incidence and fibre exposure.

4.a) Research into techniques of measuring fibre concentrations from existing or new products with a view to reducing fibre emission from them.

b) Research into the development of new safe products.

5. Establishment of common techniques and regulations for safe transportation and handling of asbestos fibre.

6. Research into the demolition of buildings and disposal of asbestos containing waste (bags included).

7. Research into the improvement of techniques and instrumentation for the identification and routine measurement of levels of fibre in the environment, and in the workplace, including harmonization of fibre definition.

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Echange d'informations sur les tecniques de contrôle des émissions et leur incidence économique.

8. Harmonization of labelling for asbestos-containing products.

9. Exchange of information, exchange of scientists, common research projects, organization of workshops. Participation d'experts canadiens (comme observateurs) dans les deux panels de la C.C.E. (Asbestose et Mésothéliome).

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10. Establishing co-operation on industrial level, particularly in processing of asbestos fibre, which could also encourage the development and marketing og existing and new asbestos products.

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