ENCLOSURE IX

Minutes of the meeting of the Subcommittee on Asbestosis of the Permanent Commission and International Association on Occupational Health, held in Tokyo, Japan, September 25, 1969.

Present:	Dr. Leo Noro,	chairman
	Dr. P. Pelnar,	secretary
	Dr. P. Cartier,	member
	Dr. L. Cralley,	"
	Dr. A. Grut,	"
	Dr. I. Webster,	"
	Dr. E. Vigliani,	secretary general of the Permanent Commission
Guest:	Mr. Ch. Rossiter	as observer for Dr. J. Gilson

1. A new member of the Subcommittee Dr. Aage Grut, H.M. Senior Medical Inspector of Labour in Denmark, was nominated by the president of the Permanent Commission and introduced to members of the Subcommittee.

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2. Report on the activity of the Subcommittee 1966-1969 was presented by the chairman, Dr. Noro, at the First Plenary Session of the Permanent Commission in Tokyo on September 21, 1969. The report was approved.

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3. Plans for the future activity were discussed and it was agreed to pursue three types of activity: scientific, exchange of information, and contribution to the future International Congresses on Occupational Health.

3A. The scientific activity. It was felt that an independent international body of scientists and experienced field workers as is ours is best suited to, and should take over the responsibility for creating

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recommendation of international standards for various aspects of practical application of occupational health in the work with asbestos.

It was resolved to form working groups on individual parts of this task. The chairman of each working group will be a member of the Subcommittee and he will appoint members of his group who need not be members of the Subcommittee.

The first working group will be concerned with standardization of techniques for measuring dustiness involving asbestos and for maximum allowable concentrations of such dust. Dr. Lewis Cralley was appointed chairman. The secretary general, Dr. Vigliani, agreed that our Subcommittee should take over this agenda from the Subcommittee on Maximum Allowable Concentrations presided by Professor Dr. Truhaut of Paris.

The second working group will be concerned with standardization of diagnosis of asbestosis and of criteria for pre-employment examinations. Dr. Paul Cartier was appointed chairman.

It was resolved that these two working groups will start their activity immediately and that they will present their up-to-date results for a wide discussion of all interested at an open colloquium in Milano in September 1970 (and a kind promise of help in organizing it was obtained from Dr. Vigliani).* Idea of regional meetings of members of

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* The exact date of September 28- October 2, 1970 is hereby being proposed after information was obtained that the date of the International Symposium on Inhaled Particles and Vapours in London was September 16-23,1970 and that a one day meeting on September 24 was planned under the auspices of ILO on dust sampling techniques in London.

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the Subcommittee or of the working groups (e.g. South Africa, North America, Europe) was discussed and favorably accepted as a possibility.

The Subcommittee was informed that the UICC Committee on Asbestos Cancer is supposed to discontinue its activity by the end of 1969. This would leave important responsibilities vacant and it was felt that our Subcommittee should take over. We shall be in touch with the chairman of the UICC Committee, Dr. Gilson, and with the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, which was said to also be interested.

3B. Exchange of information. It was resolved to create a system of information on published scientific works on asbestos and health. A network of mediating persons in various geographical areas will be formed who will collect all publications from their area for the central person and will receive publications from all other areas from the central person for disseminating in their area. The secretary of the Subcommittee was appointed the central person with the hope that expenses with copying and circulating the collected material can be absorbed by the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health in Montreal. The central person will appoint the mediating persons, preferably but not exclusively from the members of the Subcommittee. The collected documents will also be sent to all members of the Subcommittee and to interested industrial companies which are Sustaining Members of the Permanent Commission.

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3C. Triennal International Congresses on Occupational Health. It was resolved that our Subcommittee will provide program for a Symposium on Asbestos at every Triennal International Congress of the Permanent Commission and International Association on Occupational Health. The program of the Symposium will bring up-dating reports on world-wide progress made during the triennal period preceding the Congress in each of the following four fields: Diagnostic criteria of disease connected with asbestos exposure, its Epidemiology, its Pathogenesis and its Prevention. Original papers will be welcome in addition to these reports.

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4. Financing of the activities. Principal source of necessary funds can only be the "sustaining membership" of asbestos industries in the Permanent Commission and International Association on Occupational Health, as already discussed at the meeting of our Subcommittee in Johannesburg.

The chairman and the secretary of the Subcommittee will contact the members later again. In the meantime, the § 5 of the minutes of the Johannesburg meeting applies.

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