

SAFETY COMMITTEE

EPA PROPOSES TO DROP TITANIUM DIOXIDE

On Feb. 19, 1988, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed rule deleting titanium dioxide (TiO₂) from the list of toxic chemicals.

In reviewing the health data, EPA has found that the weight-of-evidence is not sufficient to support a determination that TiO₂ can reasonably be anticipated to cause cancer in humans and that available data does not show that the substance causes or can be reasonably be anticipated to cause any significant adverse health or environmental effect.

About half the TiO₂ available in the United States is formulated into paints and coatings, about 24 percent is used by the paper and paperboard industry and 15 percent is used in plastics.

FAIC NEWS

ENDOWMENT AWARDS

The FAIC Board is pleased to announce the following recipients of the George Stout Memorial Fund: Michael T. Bauza, Catherine A. Bell, Bonnie Curtin, Michael C. Duffy, Lisa E. Hall, Christina Krumrine, Julie Lauffenburger, Michele D. Marincola, Albert R. Marshall, Jr., Miranda K. Martin, Nancy H. Nitzberg, Jan Paris, Karen L. Pavelka, Frances Prichett, Don Sale, Harriet K. Stratis, Katherine Untch, James M. Vallano, Melvin J. Wachowiak and Carol Sue Whitehouse.

The Guilding Symposium sponsored by the Wooden Artifacts Specialty Group was awarded \$2,044 from the Small Session Fund.

FAIC DONORS

Recent contributors to the Carolyn Horton Fund include: Margaret Holben Ellis, Gary Link Frost, Lewis R. M. Hall, Shereyn Ogden and Eleanor L. Wolff.

Additional contributors to the Treasurer's Campaign are: Jane N. Carpenter, Mary-Lou E. Florian, Dennis Inch, and Ross M. Merrill.

THANKS TO FAIC FOR SUPPORT OF SYMPOSIUM

I would like to correct the record as well as offer an apology to the Board of the FAIC for my failure to mention the Foundation's grant of \$2,044 to the Gilding Conservation Symposium during the annual business meeting of the Wood Artifacts Group on June 5, 1988. The planning committee was most grateful for the board's early and continued support of our efforts. In addition to the grant which will provide much-needed financial support for our research fellows, the Foundation's sponsorship of the Gilding Conservation Symposium has enabled us to seek the additional funding necessary to host an international conference. It is with deepest appreciation that I alert the membership to this critical support given to the Wood Artifacts Group by the FAIC.—Deborah Bigelow, Project Director, Gilding Conservation Symposium, 1988.

ENDOWMENT DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of **completed** applications to all FAIC Endowment Funds for 1989 grants is Feb. 1, 1989. Completed applications (an application without all referral information is not considered "completed") should be sent to the FAIC office.

FAIC endowments include the *George Stout Memorial Fund*, *Small Session Fund*, *Publications Assist Fund*, *Professional Award Fund*, and the *Carolyn Horton Endowment Fund*. For descriptions of these endowments, see the May 1988 AIC Newsletter.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR GENERAL SESSION—17th ANNUAL MEETING CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 31-JUNE 4, 1989

AIC members who wish to present a paper at the general session of the 1989 Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, should submit an abstract no later than Oct. 14, 1988. The papers will be reviewed by a program committee chaired by the Vice President. Acceptances will be mailed on Nov. 18, 1988. Completed camera-ready abstracts suitable for inclusion in the *Preprints* will be due in the AIC office by Feb. 1, 1989.

Abstracts should present a summary of the subject matter to permit an evaluation of the paper's quality and significance. Papers submitted should be particularly suited to oral presentation, either because of extensive photographic materials or suitability for open discussion, rather than those with numerous graphs and charts or other materials more suited to publication. The committee will consider the following factors: 1) the general interest of the paper and its practical usefulness for the AIC membership; 2) suitability for oral presentation; 3) quality of the paper's contents and the significance of its results; 4) the importance of having an overall balance to the meeting. Papers judged more suitable for a Specialty Group session will be passed on to the appropriate group.

The paper must be one not previously published. AIC retains the first right of refusal for the *AIC Journal* for any paper given at the Annual Meeting.

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