oriented research program in the preservation of cultural heritage. Preusser also served as head of publications and associate director of programs at GCI. He is now president of an independent consulting company, Frank Preusser and Associates, Inc., and is a guest professor of conservation science at Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music.

Preusser has published on a wide variety of topics that have made a significant impact on the conservation field. These include pest control with modified atmospheres; environmental monitoring and control; corrosion and cleaning of metal objects; weathering and cleaning of stone; use of synthetic polymers in conservation; and new techniques for technical analysis of materials. He has lectured extensively and provided instruction worldwide.

He is serving or has served on advisory committees for the Conservation Analytical Laboratory, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, the International Union of Testing and Research Laboratories for Materials and Structures (RILEM) as well as many UNESCO committees for preservation and training practices. Frank Pruesser has made numerous contributions to the field of conservation as a scientist, administrator, and educator, and we welcome him as a Fellow of AIC.—Michele Derrick

Recent Graduate Dues Reduction Available

October 1 Deadline

In response to requests from recent graduates of training programs, the board has instituted a one-year reduced full membership rate ($75) for those individuals who are moving from a student rate ($45) to a full-dues paying associate rate ($100). To be eligible for this category, you must submit proof of date of graduation or completion of formal apprenticeship training by October 1. We hope that this rate reduction will help to alleviate the financial burden that some students have experienced as they graduate or advance in our profession.

Health & Safety News

AIC's annual meeting in Norfolk hosted a number of exciting health and safety activities. New Health and Safety Committee member Kathryn Makos, industrial hygienist at the Smithsonian Institution, presented this year's Health and Safety luncheon lecture, "Putting it in Proper Perspective: A Practical Guide to Health Hazard Regulations." Makos covered a broad range of health and safety issues and fielded numerous questions from a large and enthusiastic audience. Time did not permit all questions to be addressed within the alotted lecture slot, and Kathy graciously remained to answer questions well into the next hour.

The Health and Safety Committee is delighted that interest in health and safety issues appears to be increasing. Along with several informational handouts, Kathy distributed survey questionnaires to all those who attended the luncheon lecture, so that we may target specific topics for future lectures and workshops. Twenty-six surveys were returned. Respondents indicated the greatest interest in personal protective equipment (14); hazardous waste disposal and environmental regulations (14); ventilation for health hazard control (13); ergonomics (11); fire protection (11); and laboratory safety (11).

Along with the information received in the luncheon surveys, 37 AIC members listed numerous health and safety topics on posted sign-up sheets. All of these excellent suggestions will be reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee for future lectures, workshops, and publications.

Participants in the Solvent Safety and Respiratory Protection Workshop held on June 16 gave rave reviews to instructor David Jacobi and his curriculum. Attendees found the explanation of the "respiratory protection factor" (PF) very valuable and suggested this information be shared with the wider membership via *AIC News*. Protection factors are assigned to different classes of respirators (e.g., half-mask, full-mask); the higher the protection factor, the less penetration will occur. For example, a half-mask respirator with a PF of 10 means that if 10 ppm of a vapor were in the air outside your respirator, then it might be possible to find 1 ppm vapor leakage inside your respirator (but no greater than 1 ppm exposure based on a 10:1 ratio). The penetration of the contaminant is the inverse of the protection factor. This may be reassuring if the ratio minimizes your actual exposure to well below OSHA health hazard limits. If, however, you wish to eliminate all exposure potential, remember that a fume hood or other local exhaust ventilation is the best permanent control.

The Health and Safety Committee expects to meet later this fall to begin work on *The Handbook*. We are inspired by all of your input following our announcement in the May 1996 *AIC News*. As soon as the committee has completed its preliminary outline, we will contact members who have expressed interest in contributing to this important effort. Look for future announcements of our progress in the *News*!—Hilary A. Kaplan, Chair, Health and Safety Committee

Outreach Update

On June 13, at the AIC 24th Annual Meeting in Norfolk, 50 conservators dedicated to providing information, ideas, and encouragement to the public about the importance of preserving their family heirlooms gathered at the AIC public outreach meeting.

Over boxed lunches and sodas, we heard from Craig Deller of Deller Art Conservation Group, Ltd., in Geneva, Illinois, about the innovative ways in which he is educating the public about conservation. He appeared on a local cable access station (he assured us that it was not too difficult to pitch the idea and appear on the program) and was part of "At the Auction," a cable television program. He also has been a guest on the *American Woodworker Magazine*'s Internet discussion group and has been interviewed and published in *American Woodworker Magazine*.

The group also learned from Catherine McLean of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, about an