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CSTHA/AHSTC NEWS

The Association recently sponsored its first workshop, the Canada-Australia Workshop on Science and Technology, held at the University of Victoria on 5-7 July 1990. The workshop, supported by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, brought together six Canadian and six Australian scholars to explore comparative themes in the history of science and industry in our two nations. Canadian participants included Gail Avrith, Yves Gingras, James Hull, Suzanne Zeller and David Zimmerman. Work is now underway to produce a volume of proceedings of the workshop, to be edited jointly by Roy MacLeod of Sydney University and Richard Jarrell of York University.

The International Union for History and Philosophy of Science is represented in Canada by a Canadian National Committee (CNC), to which the Association names one member. Our retiring member, Arnold Roos, was also Canada's representative to ICOHTEC, the International Committee on the History of Technology. Dr Robert Butts of the University of Western Ontario, chair of the CNC, reports that our recommendation that Dr Norman Ball be the new representative to ICOHTEC will not be processed at this time. The International Relations office of the National Research Council manages these affairs -- the NRC is the official adhering body to International Unions -- and major funding cutbacks to that office has resulted in serious problems for the CNC. Dr Butts has objected strenuously to no avail; in the meantime, the Association is disenfranchised from its international representation.

KINGSTON CONFERENCE VII

The Seventh Kingston Conference on the History of Canadian Science and Technology, and the sixth sponsored by the CSTHA/AHSTC, will be held in Ottawa during the weekend of 18-20 October 1991. Dr Philip Enros, Programme Chair for the meeting, has made a preliminary call for papers and sessions. The central theme of this conference is the history of the National Research Council of Canada. As 1991 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NRC, the Council is joining with the Association to sponsor several thematic sessions, one of which will take place in the historic Sussex Drive Laboratories

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

One of the most active industrial archaeological organizations today is the Vlaamse Vereniging voor Industriële Archeologie (Flemish Society for Industrial Archaeology), with headquarters in Brussels. The VVIA recently published the second edition of its industrial heritage bibliography as Number 8 (1988) of its publication *Tijdschrift Industrieel Erfgoed*. In handy booklet form, the bibliography has 568 entries on all aspects of industrial archaeology and the history of technology, divided into general categories (with Dutch and English headings). The bibliography includes monographs in English, French, German, Dutch, Spanish and Italian, with numerous annotations (in Dutch); a number of Canadian entries are listed. The bibliography would be a valuable guide for newcomers to the field. Copies can be ordered, at 250 Belgian francs each, from the VVIA, PO Box 30, B-9000 Gent-12, Flanders (Belgium). A third edition is contemplated.

Belgium will host the 7th International Congress on the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage from 3-8 September 1990. These conferences are sponsored by the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH); Dianne Newell of the University of British Columbia is a member of the Executive Board of the TICCIH. Canadian participants at the Congress include Louise Trottier (NMST, Ottawa), Ian Woods (Markham, Ont.) and Prof Newell.

RECENT THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

James Robert Allum, 'Science, Government and Politics in the Abolition of the Commission of Conservation, 1909-1921,' MA thesis, Trent University

André Cellard, 'Maladie mentale et société au milieu du XIXe siècle,' PhD dissertation, Université d'Ottawa.

Robert Gauvin, 'Les forges Grondin de Saint-Boniface de Shawinigan, Québec (1878-1881),' MA thesis, Université Laval.

Michel Girard, 'Visions de la forêt au tournant du siècle: l'évolution des discours de l'Etat, de l'industrie, des scientifiques et des groupes d'intérêt au sujet de la forêt québécoise,' MA thesis, Université d'Ottawa.

Robert G. McIntosh, 'A Community Transformed: The Nova Scotia Coal Miners, 1879-1925,' MA thesis, Carleton University.

T. C. Nesmith, 'The Philosophy of Agriculture: The Promise of the Intellect in Ontario Farming, 1835-1914,' PhD dissertation, Carleton University.

Natalie R. Neville, 'The School of Mining and Agriculture at Kingston: A Case Study in the Development of Canadian Engineering Education,' MA thesis, Queen's University.

Rénald Fortier, 'Intervention gouvernementale et industrie aéronautique: l'exemple canadien, 1920-65' PhD dissertation, Université Laval.

William Waiser, 'Macoun and the Great North-West,' PhD dissertation, University of Saskatchewan.

C. L. Warsh, 'Moments of Unreason: The Homewood Retreat and the Practice of Early Canadian Psychiatry, 1883-1923,' PhD dissertation, Queen's University.