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SEVENTH KINGSTON CONFERENCE

Dr Philip Enros, Programme Chair for the VII Kingston Conference on the History of Canadian Science, Technology and Medicine, reports that the programme is virtually complete. The conference will take place 18-20 October 1991 in Ottawa. The primary theme is the National Research Council of Canada in honour of its seventy-fifth anniversary. The NRC is assisting the CSTHA/AHSTC is sponsoring several sessions. The Friday session will take place in the historic Sussex Drive Laboratories of the Council and will include a tour of the building.

Saturday and Sunday sessions will be devoted to a rich variety of topics relating to the NRC, along with sessions concerning the history of science policy, engineering education, geology, patents, industrial innovation, military technology, science and resource industries and science and the state.

The Park Lane Hotel in Ottawa is the main venue for the conference sessions. The CSTHA/AHSTC will also hold its sixth biennial meeting during the conference.

Members of the Association will receive further information on pre-registration in coming months. Non-members are cordially invited to attend and may request a registration bulletin and programme from the Secretary: Prof Richard Jarrell, Dept of Science Studies, Atkinson College, York University, North York, ON M3J 1P3.

XIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ICOHTEC

The International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC) is organizing its next international congress, to be held in Vienna during the week of 1-6 September 1991. The general theme of the congress will be 'The Development of Technology in Traffic and Transport Systems,' which includes land, sea and air transport technologies along with their social, cultural and economic consequences. A special session, devoted to the history of technology and natural science will also be held. Papers, limited to fifteen minutes' length, are preferred in English or German, but French or Russian papers may be read. Registration fees are OS 1000 (OS 600 for students). Accommodation can be ar-

ranged. The deadline for registration and receipt of abstracts is 15 April 1991. Interested persons should contact: Hellmut Janetschek, Technisches Museum Wien, Mariahilfer Strasse 212, A-1140 Vienna, Austria. Telephone 89101-175, FAX 8943105.

CAPE BRETON STEEL PROJECT

Many readers may know that the steel complex in Sydney, Nova Scotia, now a century old, contains a collection of historic buildings and machinery. On-going modernization of the complex will lead to the demolition and removal of much of the old complex. In order not to lose this industrial and social heritage, the community, Sydney Steel and the Beaton Institute of the University College of Cape Breton have organized the Steel Project. This broadly-based programme will record both the physical and human aspects of steel-making in Cape Breton and will collect photographs, videotapes, interviews and other materials. A report on the status of the project will appear in a future number of this journal. Anyone wishing further information should contact: The Steel Project, Beaton Institute, University College of Cape Breton, PO Box 5300, Sydney, NS B1P 6L2; (602) 539-5300.

CANADIAN STRATEGY FOR HERITAGE IN THE 1990S

The Hon Marcel Masse, Minister of Communications, and the Hon Robert De Cotret, Minister of the Environment, convened a national meeting in Edmonton, 25-27 October 1990, involving a broad range of heritage groups from across the country. This was the first meeting for public consultation in the process of creating a new heritage strategy for Canada to chart directions for the next decade. Prof Richard Jarrell represented the CSTHA/AHSTC. Some 230 representatives of historical, preservation, architectural conservancy, multicultural, environmental, industrial archaeology and other heritage oriented groups, along with federal, provincial and local heritage agency officials, archivists, museum personnel and others spent two intensive days in workshops. At the end, each workshop reported to the plenary session and enumerated some of the features a new heritage policy should have.

Not surprisingly, 'heritage' means many things to many people. In the CSTHA/AHSTC, it means both an intellectual heritage -- all too often unknown or ignored by the public and state -- and a physical heritage represented in museums and in historic sites of scientific and technological interest, to say noth-

ing of many sites not yet so designated. It was clear that many representatives at the conference interpret heritage in a physical sense (old churches, homes, public buildings). However, the minority of those involved historical documentation were able to obtain a hearing. An encouraging sign was the enthusiastic endorsement of the importance of conserving and interpreting native heritage.

The final reports stressed both the further need for money -- this was not unexpected -- but also for continuing consultation by governments with the public and with each other before any policy is set in stone. A strong current amongst the representatives was that Canada requires a coordinated national strategy, not a specifically federal government policy.

Copies of the Summary Report of the conference and further information about on-going consultation can be obtained from: John R. Thera, Director, Heritage Policy Working Group, Department of Communications, 300 Slater St., Ste 580, Ottawa K1A 0C8; telephone (613) 990-4138, FAX (613) 952-0568.

RECENT THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

James T.H. Connor, 'Minority Medicine in Ontario, 1795 to 1903: A Study of Medical Pluralism and its Decline' (PhD, University of Waterloo)

J. McNaughton, 'The Role of the Midwife in Traditional Health Care in Newfoundland Women' (PhD, Memorial University of Newfoundland)

L.C. Stanely-Blackwell, 'Leprosy in New Brunswick, 1844-1910: A Reconsideration' (PhD, Queen's University)