Book review

Occupational exposure in the welding industry health risk assessment 84.03; **Exposure monitoring and chemical analysis of welding fume** 85.23; **Welding fumes, iron oxides, and other metallic industrial aerosols** 85.35; **Health, occupational exposure, and thoracic magnetic moment of shipyard welders** 85.36; **Nickel and chromium compounds and welding fumes in mammalian cell transformation bioassay in vitro** 85.37; **Assessment, management, and reduction of risk for welders** 85.40. By RM Stern. Danish Welding Institute publications.

Dr RM Stern of the Danish Welding Institute is primarily concerned with the risk assessment of the health of welders, particularly the long term carcinogenic risks of exposure to chromium and nickel in stainless steel welding. The above six articles are a selection of his reports to the Institute during 1984-5. His research interests vary from bioassay of nickel and chromium compounds and welding fume in mammalian cell transformation (No 85.37) to use of magnetopneumography, a technique for measuring radio opaque deposits in the lungs of welders, as a measure of exposure (No 85.36). Two articles (84.03 and 85.40) deal with risk assessment and although some of the material is repeated in the second article, they are a mine of information on various aspects of welding and relevant publications.

His conclusions are cautious. He states that it is difficult to demonstrate an excess risk among welders when compared with similar skilled manual occupations and makes a plea for a unified approach to risk management with special attention to certain welding operations where there is some evidence of possible high risk.

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Notices

International Symposium: Man Made Mineral Fibres in the Working Environment, Copenhagen, 28-29 October 1986.

The symposium will cover occupational hygiene, safety, toxicology, and epidemiology aspects of the production and use of man made mineral fibres and is intended for researchers and practitioners in occupational health, hygiene, safety, and toxicology, as well as for those working in the regulation process of the working environment in government, industry, and trade unions. The symposium will be trilingual, with simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and German. The conference fee will be \$250 covering attendance, documentation, and the symposium proceedings as well as lunch and coffee arrangements. For further details contact Unit of Occupational Health, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, Scherfigsvej 8, DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark.

ISSA's XIth World Congress on the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Diseases, Stockholm, May 1987.

The theme of the congress is "Cooperation towards a better working environment. The future of safety and health at work—a mutual national and international concern." The agenda will include occupational safety and health in the light of technical development, tools and means for development of working environment, and information and exchange of new knowledge. There will also be specialised meetings. Swedish organising committee: Post Box 22236, S-104 22 Stockholm, Sweden.