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A seminar on welding fume, the Palais de Congrès, Strasbourg, France, 8-9 April 1991.

The event is the first joint venture between The Welding Institute, United Kingdom and its French counterpart, the Institut de Soudure. The seminar is a unique opportunity for everyone concerned with welding and its safety to benefit from the knowledge and experience of world experts on: welding fume—the current situation, the health effects of fume, characterisation and assessment of fume exposure, control of fume hazards in the workplace.

Delegates will gain a greater understanding of welding fume and learn how it can be controlled for improved safety. Presentations will be given by invited speakers from France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, and Soviet Russia. A French German English simultaneous translation will be transmitted throughout the seminar. For further information please contact The Meetings Department, The Welding Institute, Abington Hall, Abington, Cambridge CB1 6AL. Tel: 0223 891162.

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Programme: (1) Occupational medicine and the environment; (2) Health, ageing, and work; (3) Occupational dermatosis of chemical origin.

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