

8. Polymer History (R. Seymour)

An international symposium on the History of Polyolefins will be held at the Miami Beach Meeting. The proceedings will be published in a hard covered book by ACS.

The ACS center for the history of chemistry (CHOC) is emphasizing polymer history in its first major project. *Polymer News* continues to publish profiles of polymer chemists.

Plans are also underway to publish an ACS hard bound book on "Genesis of Polymer Science." This book includes chapters by Dr.'s Pauling, Mark, Marvel, etc.

Dr. Charles Fisher and I are in the process of writing a book on AIC Pioneers which will include many polymer chemists and Dr. Morawitz who is cochair of the History Committee is also writing a book on the History of Polymer Chemistry.

INDUSTRIAL LIAISON (E. J. Vandenberg)

The industrial liaison committee has 28 industrial members with approximately \$22,000 in its account. The primary purpose of this group is to promote polymer education. The activities which are currently supported include the *Polymer Education Newsletter* (PEN), the *Undergraduate Summer Scholarship Program*, *Core Course Reports*, *Summer Faculty Industry Program*, and *tutorials and free short courses on Polymer Science at ACS national and regional meetings.*

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SPEAKERS BUREAU (G. E. Wnek)

The new Speakers Bureau listing is in the Fall 1983 Preprints. I have received one request so far for assistance in arranging a seminar. In an effort to further publicize the Speakers Bureau, a letter has been sent to several Universities.

Any suggestions to better implement the Bureau are always welcome.

Please direct all inquiries to:

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PUBLICATIONS MANAGER (W. T. Ford)

A set of guidelines for prospective editors and an information sheet on publishers have been sent to every organizer of a Division symposium. New mailings of these materials will be made semi-annually after announcement of future symposia in the Division newsletter.

Only one change in publication plans has been received since the last report: "Polymeric Liquid Crystals" from the symposium at the Washington meeting, August 1983, edited by Alex Blumstein, will be published by Plenum Press.

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