

COMMUNICATIONS **OFFICIELLES**

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OFFICIAL NEWS

Members of the personnel shall be deemed to have taken note of the news under this heading

STAFF INSURANCE SCHEME - Information Notice
(la traduction française de cette communication paraîtra dans le bulletin No 26)

Since the last information notice was published here, in February, the Management Board of the Staff Insurance Scheme has held six full meetings, not counting several meetings of its sub-committees studying various special aspects such as investments.

At the full meetings, the following were the principal items of business :

- organization of the elections of the Board (results published in Bulletin No 13)
- further study of the Board's procedural regulations, including those of the Investment Committee
- examination and approval of the Annual Report of the Scheme 1977, which will be put before the Finance Committee in June
- approval, after discussion in the presence of the Scheme's consulting actuary, of a scale of costs of purchase of added years of membership of the Scheme under Article 12.1(b) of the Scheme's Rules (details available on request at the offices of the Administration of the Scheme)
- approval of the first two requests received in this latter connection
- settlement of a number of individual cases where the Rules require the Board to fix the conditions for payment of benefits (certain cases of partial disability for example)
- 40 cases of transfer values payable under Article 16 of the Scheme's Rules, whether to national or private pension schemes or to individuals in certain circumstances
- making of recommendations to the Director-General on an appeal case in respect of which, before taking his definitive decision, the Director-General had consulted the Board
- a small number of cases of withdrawal of contributions for maintenance of membership in other schemes (Article 3.4 of the Rules).

The plenary meeting, planned for 24 May, was postponed, and the Board decided that in view of the imminence of the period in which most staff's holidays fall, it would be better to hold the meeting in September. Details will be published in due course.

T. Ball - Chairman

INCIDENT OF 26 MAY 1978

In the evening of 26 May, a crane driver climbed down a ladder into an area in which a secondary pion beam was present. He had been called in by an experimental group who needed a shielding block to be put into position.

Whilst there was no indication that the crane driver had received a substantial dose of radiation, it was decided to hold a Fact-Finding Enquiry so as to establish the circumstances and provide a basis for action to prevent such incidents in the future. The members of the Fact-Finding Group were F. Wittgenstein (Chairman), R. Magny, W.C. Middelkoop, I. Pizer, K. Goebel and C. Stahel.

The results of the enquiry are :

- Medical tests and examinations show no evidence of damage to the crane driver's health
- it is extremely unlikely that the crane driver received a radiation dose in excess of the generally accepted limit
- the incident was caused by a misunderstanding between the shift physicist and the crane driver, combined with the fact that a ladder was leaning against the shielding wall.

Steps are being taken by the Divisions involved to ensure that better precautions are taken to avoid the type of situation which led to the incident.

A.J. Herz
Health and Safety Division

REUNION D'INFORMATION

Nous invitons l'ensemble du personnel du CERN à une réunion d'information générale qui se tiendra dans l'amphithéâtre le jeudi 6 juillet 1978 à 16h00.

A cette réunion, nous passerons en revue les activités du CERN et présenterons les perspectives d'avenir pour le Laboratoire. La traduction simultanée en français et en anglais sera assurée dans l'amphithéâtre; la réunion sera retransmise sur circuit fermé de télévision, sans traduction, dans la Salle du Conseil et les amphithéâtres des ISR et du SPS.

J.B. Adams - Directeur L. Van Hove - Directeur
général Exécutif général de la Recherche

INFORMATION MEETING

We would like to invite all CERN personnel to a general information meeting which will be held in the Auditorium on Thursday, 6th July 1978, at 16.00 hrs.

We will present at the meeting a review of the work of CERN and the future outlook for the Laboratory. Simultaneous translation will be available in French and English in the Auditorium and close-circuit television transmission of the meeting, without translation, will be available in the Council Chamber, the ISR and the SPS Auditoriums.

J.B. Adams - Executive L. Van Hove - Research
Director-General Director-General