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The Pittsburgh Conference was attended by over 1000 participants from 50 countries. The symposium call for papers was issued in 1987 and invited submission of abstracts focusing on research and scientific expertise on the pneumoconioses and other occupational respiratory disease. The response was truly gratifying and resulted in the acceptance of over 275 papers for presentation in various scientific sessions and workshops and 124 papers for presentation at poster sessions. The Proceedings (Part II) now in your hand contains over half of those presented at the Conference.

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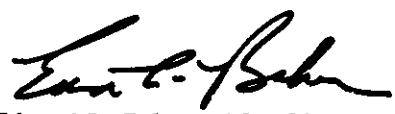

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