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EDITORIAL

This issue starts off with the full AGM Reports and you will see that the first trustees of our newly-established Charitable Trust are Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC., Professor Hugh Cockerell, OBE., and Pat Saxton, Secretary-General of the Chartered Insurance Institute. We shall be giving details of the work of the Trust as it progresses.

Three new members were elected on to the Committee: Mr. R. Hanson-James of Graham Miller, Mr. S. Salama of the Commercial Union and Baron C. von Bechtolsheim of the Munich Reinsurance Company, London. They took over from three long-serving members: Mr. J.S. Butler, Mr. A.H. Kay and Mr. D. Sasserath. To Mr. Butler, incidentally, our heartiest congratulations upon just having been elected to the Presidential Council of AIDA.

The winter programme of talks is now under way, having been opened on 15th November by Mr. Frank Marks, a Sydney solicitor. A precis of his talk is included on page 9.

Our further lunch-time talks are on 13th February on UK Investor Protection Legislation by Marshall Field, CBE., FIA., on 13th March on the West German Pharma Pool by Dr. Kurt Reinhold of the Munich Re Head Office; and on 16th April on EC. Competition Law by Mr. W.H. Borner of the Aachen

and Munich Group.

One point to bear in mind is that the March talk and subsequent ones will be held in the new ILU Council Chamber in 49, Leadenhall Street.

The EC Products Liability Directive, which was adopted at the end of July 1985, is going to entail some quite significant changes in English Law and so, on page 15, we have a preliminary look at its main provisions and at what some of its implications will be.

The editor of the AIDA Newsletter, Professor Simon Fredericq of Ghent University, will in future be mailing a copy of the Newsletter to each BILA member and so there will no longer be a necessity for this Bulletin to carry excerpts. The AIDA Newsletter appears about 4 times per year and will be mailed direct, i.e. not via BILA.

Whilst we are on the subject matter of AIDA, the 7th World Congress of May 1986 is drawing closer and, by the time you receive this Bulletin, Professor Cockerell will have taken a lunchtime meeting - on Wednesday, 15th January - through the UK Report on "Insurance Confronted by the Changing Notions of Liability", which he will be presenting in Budapest.

Finally, we decided that it was time to print an up-to-date membership list and this forms the last part of the Bulletin. Now, membership lists being what they are, they tend to contain the odd inaccuracy and so we should be very grateful if you would please have a quick look at your own entry and let us know if it contains any errors. Only in that way will we be able to boast a completely accurate master list. Many thanks.

Gordon Cornish