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This supplement is the second to be published on the work of IA in the U.S. and features the accomplishments of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) during the summer of 75. HAER remains the standard bearer in recording - the key element in understanding our industrial archeology.

During the Second International Congress on the Conservation of Industrial Monuments (SICCIM) held in Bochum, W. Germany, Sept. 1975, reports were heard from countries in both eastern and western Europe, and Japan. None of these countries conduct a program or have an official governmental agency comparable to HAER. HAER has perhaps the most comprehensive approach to documenting the physical remains of our technological heritage through its summer survey program, but it cannot claim to have achieved the comprehensive, national inventory of identified resources that most European countries have. This, obviously, is accounted for by the enormous land mass of the U.S. Europe also appears to be more sensitive to its technological heritage and these monuments are almost as highly regarded as the great works of architecture. Lack of a total inventory of American IA also demonstrates the need for more intensive survey work at the local regional levels by State Historic Preservation Offices, IA groups and individuals, much in the manner of the British IA movement.

One of the functions of SIA is to keep its membership informed of what is happening in the field, and to stimulate activities such as mentioned above. HAER is a small organization with a limited budget, and thus alone cannot be expected to shoulder the enormous task of identifying and preserving our industrial and engineering heritage. It has established standards and can offer experienced advice to those who wish to do field work. We hope this supplement will be interesting and will inspire individuals and groups to undertake IA projects on their own. Eric N. DeLony, HAER.

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