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Although it is now almost inconceivable that any reader of this journal, or any member of ILEP, will not be aware of the production of "*Leprosy and related subjects*" from this international medical abstracting service, we continue to draw attention to what must surely now be the most up-to-date and comprehensive source of information on leprosy publications available anywhere. Furthermore, these issues contain so much on tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases, that they will soon become essential reading for workers in these subjects also. The extremely rapid production and publication of these issues, with their remarkably comprehensive cover, will inevitably raise doubts about the value of laboriously collecting and publishing abstracts in leprosy journals. A further point to consider would be the free air-mailing of "*Leprosy and related subjects*" to all bona-fide clinical and research workers outside Europe and the USA.

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Dr Heiser set up his fund in The New York Community Trust and stipulated that income generated be used not to treat patients but to try to find a cure or preventative for leprosy. The New York Community Trust, a public foundation designed to carry out the charitable purposes of donors, met with medical experts and scientists to determine the best approach. It was decided that the three most important objectives should be: to attract the brightest, most highly motivated young biomedical scientists to train in research fields related to leprosy; to support the training efforts of laboratories and senior investigators who are experienced in leprosy research; and to promote collaborative research studies of leprosy and encourage international sharing of scientific information.

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