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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

Otto Mayr is a mechanical engineer, historian of technology, curator, museum director and author. He received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the Technical University of Munich in 1956. In 1964 he received his master's in science at the University of Rochester and in 1968 he obtained his Ph.D. from the Technical University of Munich.

Mayr was appointed Curator of Mechanical and Civil Engineering in the Division of Engineering and Industry at the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History) in 1970. He went on to be chair of the Department of Science and Technology, 1976-1977, and then acting director of the museum from 1978-1979. In 1983 Mayr became the general director of the Deutsches Museum and served in that capacity until he retired in 1992.

This accession consists of two volumes of images, invitations, news releases, brochures, and other related materials that were compiled to document the period of time when Otto Mayr was Acting Director of the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History). In addition, there are images from Mayr's participation at the International Symposium of Science Museums in Future Society which took place at Sunkyong, South Korea.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Congresses and conventions
- Museum curators
- Museum directors

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Color photographs
Manuscripts

Names:

Deutsches Museum (Germany)
International Symposium of Science Museums in Future Society (1990: South Korea)
Mayr, Otto
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Department of Science and Technology
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry
Technische Universität München
University of Rochester

Places:

Sunkyong (Korea)

Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 1	Presentation album - Volume 1 - Otto Mayr, Acting Director, National Museum of History and Technology, 1978-1979
Box 1 of 1	Presentation album - Volume 2 - Otto Mayr, Acting Director, National Museum of History and Technology, 1978-1979
Box 1 of 1	International Symposium on the Role of Science Museums in Future Society - Sunkyong, South Korea, October 10, 1990