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The Iron & Steel Technology
Conference and Exposition

7-10 May 2012

Georgia World Congress Center

Atlanta, Ga., USA



**2012 Call for Papers, Extended
Abstracts and Presentations**

Abstracts due by 15 August 2011

The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) is an international technical association representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. AIST is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

AISTech 2012 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition is scheduled for 7–10 May 2012 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Abstracts for this major international conference are being sought now for presentations at the event and published in the proceedings.

AISTech 2012 will feature international technologies from the world over, allowing steel producers to compete in today's global market. If you are involved in the steel industry, you can't afford to miss this event. Whether you present, attend or exhibit, take advantage of this opportunity to discover ways to make your job easier and improve your productivity.

International Exposure

All technical papers presented at the AISTech Conference are considered for publication in *Iron & Steel Technology*, AIST's monthly technical journal, with distribution to more than 13,000 recipients worldwide.

Participant Opportunities: Call for Papers, Extended Abstracts and Presentations

The AISTech technical program promotes the transfer of iron and steel technology by providing an international forum for authors to share ideas, experiences and knowledge of the industry. **We invite you to submit your abstracts for consideration.** AIST offers three opportunities to participate in the AISTech 2012 Iron & Steel Technology Conference. Choose the option that best suits your objectives and available resources.

Option 1: Technical Paper

Papers presented during the Technology Conference are subsequently considered for publication in the AIST monthly technical journal, *Iron & Steel Technology*. Selection of papers for publication is based on the following factors: recommendations from sponsoring Technology Committee members; technical content, quality and current interest; quality of figures (should not require extensive reworking); and peer review evaluations. Accepted papers will be published in the AISTech 2012 Conference Proceedings and are eligible for AIST Awards and Recognition, including the Hunt-Kelly Outstanding Paper Award, which features a \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 prize for the three highest rated papers.

Option 2: Extended Abstract

In lieu of a comprehensive paper, an extended abstract may also be submitted for AISTech 2012. The extended abstract will be made available online, as submitted, to the conference attendees for 30 days following AISTech 2012. The submission must be two pages or less and include an introduction, proposal of project or technology, confirmed results and a conclusion.

PLEASE NOTE: Extended abstracts will not be published in the AISTech 2012 Conference Proceedings, will not be eligible for publication in the Iron & Steel Technology monthly journal, and will not be eligible for any AIST Awards or Recognition.

Option 3: Presentation Only Submission

Abstracts for Presentation Only are also being accepted for consideration for AISTech 2012.

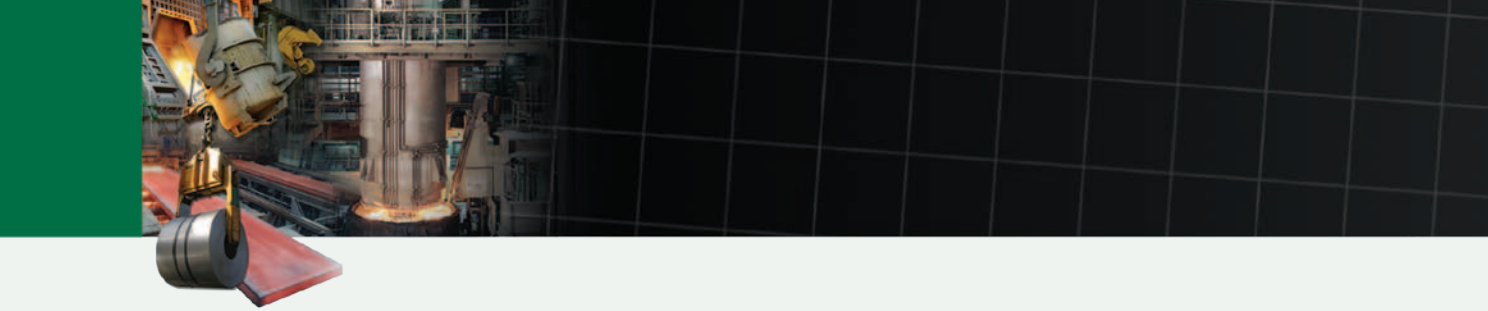
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Student Presentations

Graduate and undergraduate students may present findings on completed research, research in progress, summer internship experience, university projects or co-op experiences on any of the topics included in this brochure. In addition, undergraduates can participate in a Student Project Presentation Contest. Advance registration is required and is limited to eight participants. Graduate students can participate in the Graduate Student Poster Contest. For additional information visit the "Students" section under the "Events at a Glance" tab at AISTech.org.



Program Development and Topics

AIST Conference programs are developed by Technology Committee members representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. Committees focus on ironmaking, steelmaking, finishing processes, and various engineering and equipment technologies. Sessions currently being developed focus on the following topics:

SAFETY AND HEALTH

Contractor safety management, railroad safety, electrical safety (including NFPA 70E), project safety management (including construction), lockout/energy isolation, fall protection, confined spaces, management systems, industrial hygiene (employee exposure monitoring, qualitative exposure assessments, biological monitoring, etc.), hazard communication (including GHS), local exhaust ventilation, technology (use of technology for safety improvements and/or new safety issues due to technology/automation), assessment of safety systems (audits, indicators, etc.) and success stories and/or lessons learned. The Safety and Health Technology Committee will volunteer to join other AIST Technology Committees in developing AISTech safety sessions that specialize in their particular process.

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Relevant topics include but are not limited to the following: AIR QUALITY including greenhouse gas rules, Particulate Matter 2.5, mercury, gaseous emissions, Title V updates, Maximum Available Control Technology standards. WATER QUALITY including total maximum daily loading, effluent limit guidelines, water treatment and reuse, storm water pollution prevention. SOLID WASTE including Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, life cycle assessment, waste minimization and recycling.

COKEMAKING

Byproduct efficiency improvements; coal supply sourcing and blending; process improvements; energy optimization; coke quality enhancements; operating cost reductions; new coke production facilities and the refurbishments of existing facilities; refractory materials and installation advancements; repair/maintenance techniques and technology for extending the life of coke oven batteries and ensuring their manufacturing reliability; environmental process improvements; new sulfur removal facilities or reliability improvement projects; wastewater treatment projects; and emissions reduction projects.

IRONMAKING

Blast furnace operations; campaign extension; environmental programs in ironmaking; maintenance programs for ensuring reliability; hearth and taphole design, monitoring and maintenance; blast furnace stoves, stove refractory and safe stove operation; ironmaking raw materials; waste oxides recycling; alternate and new ironmaking processes; blast furnace refractory and cooling system; ironmaking equipment design and improvement; ironmaking control and modeling.

ELECTRIC STEELMAKING

Implementation of innovative safety programs and procedures; advances in energy efficiency, materials recovery and heat recovery and their associated impact on greenhouse gas generation; advancements in workplace environmental factors, including gas cleaning and mitigation of greenhouse gas generation; process analysis and optimization including new EAF technologies and advances in auxiliary systems such as arc regulation, oxygen and solids injection and water-cooled components; EAF revamping projects and start-up experience with new equipment; raw materials including scrap

optimization, selection of alternative iron feed materials and yield maximization; associate development and training; EAF mechanical, hydraulic and electrical maintenance including primary, secondary and tertiary electrical components.

OXYGEN STEELMAKING

BOF environmental controls, vessel slopping, secondary emissions, tapping practices and yield improvement, endpoint predictions, charge management, blast furnace/BOF strategies and coordination, plant culture, maintenance practices, and planning and energy conservation.

SPECIALTY ALLOY AND FOUNDRY

Alloy and superalloy grade production; stainless steel; remelt process and innovations; refining; casting processes; scrap segregation and residual controls; raw materials; refractories; foundry operations; safety improvements; environmental regulations; energy efficiency.

LADLE AND SECONDARY REFINING

The processes of heating/cooling, chemistry control, slag treatment, desulfurization/decarburization, degassing, stirring, shape control and inclusion modification; utilizing the support systems of ladles; refractories and refractory repair; ladle transport; flow control; stirring systems; utilities; fume control; additions.

CONTINUOUS CASTING

Thin and thick slab, bloom, beam blank, billet and near-net-shape casting machines; caster modeling; new and emerging innovations and technology in continuous casting; improvements and/or renovations in machine design to optimize operations relating to: safety, quality, productivity, reliability, energy, maintenance and the environment.

HOT SHEET ROLLING

Hot Sheet rollingmills and facilities: new, revamps or modernizations, including: ferrous-based (carbon, silicon, titanium or stainless steel) flat rolling and/or processing with new or revised technologies in width, thickness, shape, flatness, surface, temperature, productivity, yield and quality control. Other topics of interest include (but are not limited to): equipment design improvements; roll coolant and roll bite lubrication (both hot and cold); processing new steel chemistries (TRIP, TWIP and dual-phase steels); steering and camber control; slab sizing and width control; descaling and surface improvement systems; edge drop control; productivity improvement and start-up learning curve programs; sensors and gauge systems specifically relating to rolling and processing; furnace issues relating to the rolling process, design for safety and environment.

COLD SHEET ROLLING

Sheet and tin cold rolling, temper/skinpass rolling, pickling, cleaning and annealing facilities: new, revamps or modernizations. Process modeling and equipment reliability studies. New or revised technologies for enhancing safety, energy efficiencies, cost, quality, productivity and yield of ferrous-based materials. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to): width, thickness, shape, flatness, edge drop, surface, temperatures, properties, steering and processing of new and/or special steel chemistries.

GALVANIZING

Hot-dip galvanize, galvaneal, aluminized, new zinc alloy coating, and dual metallic/organic processes (new facilities and modernizations, productivity improvements, new equipment technologies), plus coated product substrate quality, defect prevention and detection, and new surface post-treatments.

TINPLATE AND ELECTROGALVANIZING

Advancements applicable to tin mill and electrogalvanizing processes. Topics of particular interest include but are not exclusive to: process improvements, process control, new or emerging technologies, procedures/practices, process reliability, quality control, water treatment, energy conservation, recycling and other environmental opportunities.

PLATE ROLLING

New plate rolling and finishing installations; discrete and Steckel processing; mill modernization, new equipment and technologies; automation upgrades; model developments in rolling and finishing; thickness, width and crown control; flatness control, measurement and correction; surface quality and inspection; scale removal; heat treat developments; operational practices of reheat furnaces; and thermal mechanical rolling developments, including accelerated cooling.

ROD AND BAR ROLLING

Safety innovations with rolling mill operations. New equipment and technologies; new installations and revamp of existing facilities; process and auxiliary equipment including gauging systems; shearing and handling equipment, guide systems and control systems; process and product development; defect inspection and product quality.

PIPE AND TUBE

Safety advancements in the pipe and tubular products arena; industry requirement modifications affecting the pipe and tube manufacturing process; pipe and tube alloys and their applications; pipe and tube connection technologies; pipe and tube inspection advancements; pipe mill preventive maintenance; construction innovations; pipe and tube product quality and traceability; energy conservation and environmental challenges.

ROLLS

Innovative roll manufacturing and roll testing; roll maintenance and inspection practices; roll use in the ferrous and nonferrous industries including pinch rolls; roll performance improvements; the relationship between rolls and product attributes (profile, flatness, surface, etc.); roll surface defects and their effect on sheet quality; and opportunities to reduce your environmental footprint.

METALLURGY – STEELMAKING AND CASTING

Abstracts are invited on the following topics related to all aspects of inclusions in steel: new technologies in steel cleanliness assessment; inclusions and steel properties; downstream product defects related to inclusions; steel deoxidation, reoxidation and inclusions; nozzle clogging and related production problems; fundamentals of inclusion nucleation and growth from nano-size to milli-size; use of inclusions to improve properties; modification of inclusion shape and composition; control of inclusions during steel refining and casting (foundry casting, ingot casting and continuous casting); modeling of inclusions in molten steel (including nucleation, growth, fluid-flow transport and removal); engineering of inclusions and precipitates, including oxide metallurgy, for grain refinement and steel property improvement.

METALLURGY – PROCESSING, PRODUCTS AND APPLICATIONS

The interrelation of production processes and product properties (dimensional and metallurgical) including liquid and solid steel processing, and products ranging from sheet and plate to tubular and long products, as well as finished components. Papers are also being sought for process metallurgy and product application of low-strength steels (LSS), high-strength steels (HSS) and advanced high-strength steels (AHSS) with focus on the fundamental aspects from microstructure to mechanical properties. In addition, development of new process technologies and products is encouraged. Papers on process/product quality problems and control are also welcome.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

New developments and applications that promote increased productivity, energy efficiency in the generation, distribution or use of purchased fuels and combustion; byproduct gases; steam; industrial gases, compressed air, hydrogen, oxygen, etc.; electricity; lighting; heat recovery systems; boilers/furnaces; power plants; and water systems.

ELECTRICAL APPLICATIONS

Design, application and/or engineering of power quality and distribution; AC/DC motor/drive technology; HMI systems; open architectural systems and other networks; electrical maintenance and electrical safety applications; and electrical upgrades/retrofits. Application of sensors for process control; efficiency and cost-effective solutions; on-line and off-line shape and flatness measurement; mechanical properties testing; automated surface inspection; oil thickness measurement; surface cleanliness; soft sensors (i.e., modeling of a variable that cannot be measured directly); and other unique sensors that provide new and innovative uses to the primary and finishing sides of the steelmaking process.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

New and existing uses of computers to control, monitor and interface steelmaking processes; impact of human factors and safety in process control (such as users, engineers and support personnel); manufacturing execution systems; network/wireless communications; the application of advanced process modeling and control; emerging trends in hardware and software related to process control, as well as business systems, including operating systems, software products, novel application of vision systems, and security; automation planning and software development methodologies; database, data warehousing and data mining systems; remediation of legacy automation systems.

PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Capital effectiveness; project safety performance; project planning and implementation approaches for new installations, retrofits and maintenance projects; project team alignment/team building; new technologies to aid the project team; risk assessment, commissioning and project closeout.

MAINTENANCE AND RELIABILITY

Reliability, planning and scheduling with maintenance activities, leadership and cultural change, human resource development and training, contractual support, maintenance outsourcing, maintenance improvement initiatives, CMMS, predictive and preventive maintenance technologies, condition monitoring and new technologies for reliability.



LUBRICATION AND HYDRAULICS

Bearing technology; lubrication systems; lubricant technology (greases, oils, solid lubricants); hydraulic fluids and systems; fluid filtration and filter media; oil reclamation and refining; condition monitoring; plant lubrication programs; lubricant life and testing methods; sealing technology; gearing technology; electric motors lubrication; coupling lubrication and auto lube technology.

REFRACTORY SYSTEMS

Laboratory developments and evaluations of new refractory products and systems; field trials of new refractory products and systems in all areas of cokemaking, ironmaking, steelmaking, continuous casting and finishing; effects of operational conditions or variables on the performance of refractory systems; recycling of used refractories into new refractory products.

MATERIAL HANDLING

Safety policies, procedures and prevention with material handling; product tracking and identification; fleet management strategies; new material handling equipment; equipment/vehicle maintenance strategies; scrap handling; government regulations impacting material handling; communication technologies; infrastructure maintenance of roads, tracks, bridges, etc.; or outsourcing of services.

CRANES

Case studies detailing specific experiences with reducing maintenance, operating and energy costs; new technology, installations and product applications resulting in improved safety and productivity gains; better lubrication systems; latest global overhead traveling crane projects; machinery replacements, modifications or improvements that extend crane operating life.

PACKAGING, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION METHODS

Safety procedures and innovations in packaging, shipping and transportation methods in all modes of transportation, including but not limited to infrastructure, ASTM standards, motor carriers, waterways, loading and packaging, open top loading rules, transloading and governmental regulations.

Submission Timeline and Details:

Abstract Submittal Deadline to AIST 15 August 2011

Whether you are writing a technical paper, an extended abstract or a presentation, the first step is to submit an abstract for the Technology Committees to review. The subject matter should be of current interest to those in the iron and steel industry and should present new developments, methods or applications. Please limit your abstract to 100 words or less and include the following: paper title, author and co-author(s) contact information. The preferred method for submitting an abstract is online at AISTech.org.

Letter of Invitation From AIST to Selected Authors 2 December 2011

The Technology Committees select abstracts of interest and organize them into sessions. If your abstract is selected, AIST will send you a formal letter of invitation. If your abstract is not initially selected, we will retain the abstract in case of cancellations in the program.

Final Author Acceptance Response Due to AIST 4 January 2012

When you submit an abstract, it is assumed that you plan on registering and attending AISTech 2012. To verify that, we require a response to our letter of invitation.

Technical Papers Due to AIST 15 February 2012

Technical papers must be submitted to AIST by 15 February to be considered for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings, which is given to all Technology Conference attendees via CD-ROM. The "Author Guide," which provides guidelines for preparing a technical paper for AISTech, can be found under the "Conference" tab at AISTech.org.

Author Registration Deadline 1 March 2012

ALL authors are required to register for the Technology Conference in order to present and to have their technical papers published in the Conference Proceedings.

Presentation Draft Due to AIST 15 March 2012

The presentation must be technical in nature; commercial presentations are not permitted. The "Author Presentation Template" can be found under the "Technical Program" tab at AISTech.org.

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A total of 30 minutes is allotted for each presentation. It is suggested that the formal presentation be approximately 20 minutes long, allowing 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Abstract Submission Options:



**ONLINE
(PREFERRED)**
AISTech.org



VIA E-MAIL
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A Message From the AISTech 2012 Conference Planning Committee Chair

AISTech 2011 lands in Indianapolis, Ind., USA, with varying viewpoints on the health and future of the iron and steel industry. A record number of technical presentations are scheduled for AISTech 2011. The Exposition is filled, even after expanding the original floor plan. However, outside of the conference, there is still concern about inconsistent demand and reduced production. AISTech 2011 will provide further insight into the industry's direction through the Town Hall Forum, technology discussions, presentations and supplier exhibits.

Technological improvements and Best Practice implementation are the keys to the sustainability of our industry. AIST's 29 Technology Committees have again generated an impressive number of high-quality papers. These papers have helped to sustain AISTech's reputation as an invaluable educational and business resource.

AISTech 2012 will be held 7–10 May in Atlanta, Ga., USA, for the first time. Through the efforts of the AIST Technology Committees, membership and staff, AISTech 2012 will once again provide cutting-edge technologies, best practices, and insights into the future of the steel industry. With your help, we can eclipse 2011's new record of technical papers submitted.

On behalf of everyone involved, I would like to invite the iron and steel industry suppliers, producers, professionals, students and members from the education community to AISTech 2012 in Atlanta. Take advantage of the opportunity to expand your network and broaden your technical horizons at steel's premier technology event in 2012.

William Schlichting
U. S. Steel – Gary Works
AISTech 2012 Conference Planning Committee Chair

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