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## **FeMET CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AWARDED**

PITTSBURGH, PA – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and the Association for Iron & Steel Technology Foundation’s “Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today,” or FeMET Initiative, which is aimed at attracting top scholastic talent to the North American steel industry, has awarded its curriculum development grants for the 2007–2008 school year. Seven university professors have been awarded US \$5,000 each to fund proposals designed to enhance or update industry curriculum in ferrous metallurgy programs. Since 2005, the program has awarded in excess of \$80,000 in curriculum development grants.

The program objective is to assist students in the editing and updating of textbooks and/or other course materials for use in ferrous metallurgy education with an underlying objective to increase industry awareness within the academic community. The proposals indicated how the professor would approach the task, including budget and schedule requirements.

The winning proposals for 2007-2008 were submitted by:

- **Dr. Siva Guruswamy**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- **Dr. Thomas E. Graedel and Dr. Robert B. Gordon**, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The renewed proposals for 2007-2008 were submitted by:

- **Dr. Thomas J. Balk**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
- **Dr. Harvey Abramowitz**, from Purdue University Calumet, West Lafayette, Ind.
- **Dr. Kip O. Findley**, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.
- **Dr. John G. Speer**, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.
- **Dr. Robert H. Wagoner**, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

According to Ron Ashburn, AIST Executive Director, “Through the FeMET curriculum development grants, each of these universities has generated a greater awareness of ferrous metallurgy within their respective student bodies, which has fulfilled our initial objective. Now we have to find innovative ways to expand the program’s reach to include many more schools.

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"The early success of FeMET can be measured by the thirty-plus student scholarships awarded to date. Expanding the Curriculum Development Grant program will directly lead to more scholarship applicants," said Andrew G. Sharkey III, president and CEO of AISI.

The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) is an international technical association with more than 13,000 members representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel through a variety of educational and networking programs. The AIST Foundation seeks to attract young, technology-oriented professionals to the industry by promoting the high-tech, diverse and well-paying natures of careers in modern steelmaking. For more information about AIST, visit [www.aist.org](http://www.aist.org).

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 32 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 125 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 75 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at [www.steel.org](http://www.steel.org).

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