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## **MESSINA APPOINTED AIST PRESIDENT FOR 2007–2008**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 14, 2007 – **Charles J. Messina**, vice president, Praxair Metals Technologies, Indianapolis, Ind., has been appointed president of the Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) for 2007–2008. He replaces outgoing president **Richard P. Teets Jr.**, executive vice president, Steel Dynamics Inc., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

AIST announced its new executive officers and board of directors during the organization's annual conference and exposition, AISTech 2007, which was held May 7–10 in Indianapolis.

Also appointed as officers were:

**First Vice President** — Andrew S. Harshaw, vice president — manufacturing, Dofasco Inc., Hamilton, Ont., Canada

**Second Vice President** — John J. Ferriola, executive vice president, Nucor Corp., Charlotte, N.C.

**Past President** — Richard P. Teets Jr., executive vice president, Steel Dynamics Inc., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**Officer-at-Large** — Anthony R. Bridge, vice president — engineering and technology, United States Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Officer-at-Large** — William P. Breedlove, business director, eastern region, MultiServ North America, Cranberry Twp., Pa.

**Officer-at-Large** — Kent D. Peaslee, professor, University of Missouri Rolla, Rolla, Mo.

**Treasurer** — Theodore F. Lyon, managing director, Hatch Associates Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Secretary** — Ronald E. Ashburn, executive director, AIST, Warrendale, Pa.

AIST board members include **Greg W. Bott**, Gerdau Ameristeel Beaumont, Vidor, Texas; **Richard A. Browning**, Praxair Inc., Burr Ridge, Ill.; **Rian J. Dippenaar**, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW, Australia; **Michael S. Dudzic**, Dofasco Inc., Hamilton, Ont., Canada; **Daniel W. Elwood**, Mittal Steel USA – Burns Harbor, Burns Harbor, Ind.; **Mary L. Frankovich**, Mittal Steel USA – Burns Harbor, Burns Harbor, Ind.; **Anthony F. Gamboni**, Nucor Steel–Hertford County, Cofield, N.C.; **Ty Hall**, CMC Steel Texas, Seguin, Texas; **Dale E. Heinz**, Mittal Steel USA – Burns Harbor, Burns Harbor, Ind.;

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*AISTech 2007* was one of the largest gatherings of industry personnel in the world this year. The four-day conference program encompassed more than 350 technical presentations, and exhibits by almost 400 domestic and international companies. More than 5,500 people attended.

The organization will hold AISTech 2008 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition on May 5–8, 2008, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

For more information about AIST, call (724) 776-6040, ext. 1 or visit [www.aist.org](http://www.aist.org).

AIST is an international professional and technical association of more than 13,300 professional and student 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.

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