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2013–2014 FeMET CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SELECTS GRANT RECIPIENTS

Pittsburgh, PA — The [Association for Iron & Steel Technology Foundation's](#) Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today (FeMET) Initiative's goal is to increase the number of students studying metallurgy and materials science in North America and to increase the number of such students electing to pursue careers in the iron and steel industry upon graduation.

The FeMET Curriculum Development Program is one component of this initiative whereby professors of ferrous metallurgy or materials science programs at North American universities are challenged to submit proposals to update and enhance industry-related curriculum. Each grant recipient receives up to US\$25,000 over a five-year period.

"Each year, the FeMET Curriculum Development Program reaches new universities, enabling more students to learn about recent technological advances in steel manufacturing," said Ron Ashburn, executive director of the AIST Foundation. "These grants are a key ingredient for attracting young engineers to our industry."

The following professors have been awarded a FeMET Curriculum Development Grant for 2013–2014:

- **Randy J. Bowers**, Ph.D., University of Windsor, Windsor, Ont., Canada
- **Joseph P. Domblesky**, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., USA
- **Alan P. Druschitz**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Va., USA
- **Kyle G. Gipson**, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., USA (sponsored by Steel Dynamics Inc. – Roanoke Bar Division)
- **S. Komar Kawatra**, Ph.D., Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich., USA
- **Marian Kennedy**, Ph.D., Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., USA
- **John A. Nychka**, Ph.D., University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta., Canada
- **Robert B. Tuttle**, Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, Mich., USA

Since its inception in 2005, the FeMET Initiative has awarded approximately US\$2 million. New proposals for the FeMET Curriculum Development Program's 2014–2015 academic year will be accepted until 30 June 2014.

The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes. The Foundation seeks to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in modern steelmaking. The Foundation works closely with the Association for Iron & Steel Technology, an international technical association of more than 16,000 professional and student members from more than 70 countries. For more information about the AIST Foundation, visit AISTFoundation.org.

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