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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **INDUSTRY LEADERS CHOSEN FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AIST AND THE GLOBAL IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY**

PITTSBURGH, 3 March 2015 — [The Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\)](#) recognizes, through peer reviews, the active leadership and significant contributions of individuals or companies to AIST and the global iron and steel industry. The Board of Directors Awards and Recognition Program serves to highlight those who have improved and advanced the steelmaking process, as well as challenging their colleagues to continue, and even exceed, the technological and developmental gains spotlighted by these achievements.

The following AIST Board of Directors Awards will be presented at the President's Award Breakfast during [AISTech 2015](#) on 5 May 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA:

Hunt-Kelly Outstanding Paper Award (AIME) — This award recognizes the author(s) of the best published paper of the previous year: US\$5,000 for first place, US\$2,500 for second place and US\$1,000 for third place.

**First Place — Stephen D. Chung, ArcelorMittal Dofasco Inc.; Joydeep Sengupta, ArcelorMittal Dofasco Inc.; Mehrnoosh Afnan-Alaie, ArcelorMittal Dofasco Inc.**

These authors were selected to receive this year's honor for their paper entitled, "Stopper Rod Dithering Trials at ArcelorMittal Dofasco's No. 1 Continuous Caster."

**Second Place — Eugene B. Pretorius, Nucor Steel–Berkeley; Helmut G. Oltmann, Nucor Steel–Berkeley; Brian T. Schart, Nucor Steel–Berkeley**

These authors were selected to receive this award for their paper entitled, "An Overview of Steel Cleanliness From an Industry Perspective."

**Third Place — Hans-Jürgen Odenthal, SMS Siemag AG; Pavlo Grygorov, SMS Siemag AG; Markus Reifferscheid, SMS Siemag AG; Jochen Schlüter, SMS Siemag AG**

These authors were selected for their paper entitled, "Advanced Blowing and Stirring Conditions in the BOF Process."

AIST William T. Hogan, S.J. Lecture Award — Established in 1990, this honorary lecturer is selected in recognition of individual outstanding leadership to the iron and steel industry, with selected lectures covering trade, economics, steel industry operations, developments or forecasts.

**Lourenco Goncalves, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

AIST Tadeusz Sendzimir Memorial Medal — This distinguished award was established in 1990 to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Tadeusz Sendzimir's achievements and engineering contributions in developing process equipment for the steel industry. The award is presented in recognition of an individual who has advanced steelmaking through the invention, development or application of new manufacturing processes or equipment.

**Frank L. Kemeny, president, Nupro Corp., and vice president, Nuflux LLC**

AIST Distinguished Member and Fellow Awards — Established in 1975, the Distinguished Member and Fellow Award is presented to an AIST member who has attained eminent distinction in advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel and/or related activities of the industry and has performed meritorious service to the association.

**Kenneth E. Blazek, principal engineer (staff scientist), ArcelorMittal Global R&D  
Anthony R. Bridge, chief operating officer, Chester Engineers  
Bruno C. DeCooman, professor, Pohang University of Science and Technology  
Andrew S. Harshaw, president and chief executive officer, ArcelorMittal USA**

John F. Elliott Lectureship Award — Established in 1990, this honorary lectureship is designed to acquaint students and engineers with the exciting opportunities in chemical process metallurgy and materials chemistry. This lecturer is selected in recognition of distinguished contributions in chemical process metallurgy and materials chemistry to the iron and steel industry.

**Richard C. Sussman, president and chief executive officer, Enhanced Technology Service LLC**

Howe Memorial Lecture — The Howe Memorial Lecture was established in 1923 to honor Henry Marion Howe, who helped turn steelmaking from an art into a science with his gift of observation and deduction. The lecturer is selected in recognition of outstanding individual contributions to the science and practice of iron and steel metallurgy or metallography.

**Yakov M. Gordon, technical director, ironmaking, Iron and Steel Business Unit, Hatch Ltd.**

Dr. Gordon will present his lecture on Monday, 4 May at AISTech 2015. His lecture is entitled, "The Role of Engineering Consultancy in the Transformation of a Technology Idea to a Working Process Plant."

Benjamin F. Fairless Award (AIME) — This award was established in 1954 in honor of Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board of United States Steel Corporation, for his intense interest in the technology and development of the iron and steel industry. This award recognizes distinguished achievement in iron and steel production and ferrous metallurgy.

**Lawrence J. Heaslip, technical director, Interflow Techserv Inc.**

Outstanding Chapter Growth Award — The AIST Outstanding Chapter Growth Award was established in 1996 as the Past President's Award. Two awards will be presented each year to the AIST Member Chapters. The first award recognizes the chapter with the greatest percentage increase in new membership and the second award recognizes the chapter with the greatest numerical increase in membership.

**Greatest Percentage Increase — Korea Member Chapter — Sun C. Sheen, Donghae Steeltech Corp., Seoul, Korea, will accept the award on behalf of the Korea Member Chapter**

**Greatest Percentage Increase — Northwest Member Chapter — James A. Peterson, Nucor Steel Seattle Inc., Seattle, Wash., USA, will accept the award on behalf of the Northwest Member Chapter**

**Greatest Numerical Increase — Midwest Member Chapter — Paul M. Behnke, U. S. Steel – Gary Works, Gary, Ind., USA, will accept the award on behalf of the Midwest Member Chapter**

**Greatest Numerical Increase — India Member Chapter — S.S. Mohanty, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), New Delhi, DL, India, will accept the award on behalf of the India Member Chapter**

The [President's Award Breakfast](#) is one of the signature events of AISTech 2015, North America's largest gathering of steel industry personnel. AISTech 2015 will be held 4–7 May at the Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, and will offer a program with hundreds of technical presentations, an expansive exposition, plant tours, a unique town hall forum and keynote presentations by today's business leaders.

Media passes for AISTech 2015 are complimentary. To attend the President's Award Breakfast or other events, please complete the [online press registration form](#).

[AIST](#) is an international technical association of more than 17,500 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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