14. Indelil Energy and Electrochemicals is planning a high-carbon silicomanganese and ferromanganese and medium-carbon ferromanganese production project and a coal-based captive power plant (CPP) in District Durg, Chattisgarh. Land has been acquired and the company is awaiting environmental clearance.

15. Jagadamba Fiscal Services is planning a 1.1 MTPA integrated steel plant and CPP at District Burdwan, West Bengal. Land is being acquired.

16. Khajuraho Minerals is planning a 1 MTPA steel production facility at Dhadari in District Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh. Equipment suppliers have yet to be finalized.

17. Radha Casting and Metaliks is planning a 300 TPD sponge iron plant and 12 MW CPP plant at Pike, Ramgarh, Jharkhand.

18. KKN Group, having a turnover of Rs. 500 Crores, headed by the young and dynamic entrepreneur Mr. Kaushik Kumar Nath, Kolkata, has acquired an ingot-making plant at Dankuni, West Bengal. The facility will be modernized and expanded using the latest technology.

Editor’s Note: The photo of Mr. T S Kumar (right), deputy general manager of Graphite India Ltd., was inadvertently omitted from the November 2010 issue. Iron & Steel Technology apologizes for this omission.

Italy Member Chapter (Formation Update)

The development of an AIST chapter in Italy continues to evolve based on the outcome of several planning meetings with AIST members living in both Italy and the United States. Over the past year, the planning committee participated in several meetings, including a brainstorming session in Italy to provide strategic advice. The main topics of discussion included chapter functionality, training and education needs, steel producer engagement and university interaction.

The following three topics were deemed to be the most important:

- Provide fundamental steel technology training for new employees
- Collaborate with AIM (Associazione Italiana di Metallurgia) and Federacciai (Federation of the Italian Steel Companies) for mutual education
- Recruit core company executives to champion the chapter activities

An Italy Member Chapter event outline has been created whereby a fundamental training course (MSTS 101) is run in parallel with a technical session of AISTech highlight presentations. The event is designed to generate interest from both young people and experienced professionals to provide an ideal networking opportunity for producers, suppliers and academia in the region.

Based on feedback from the committee, the need to work in parallel with AIM and Federacciai is an important factor in developing a lasting presence in Italy. In October 2010, AIST staff met with the leadership of AIM and the Federacciai to compare respective missions of service and to foster discussion on a collaborative effort for our program. Mr. Crapanzano, CEO of Tenaris Dalmine and AIM president, welcomed AIST’s approach and agreed to provide an overview to the AIM board of directors in early November 2010. With AIM’s approval of the proposal, AIST plans to move forward with the Italian Member Chapter event organization in 2011.

Northern Member Chapter

The Northern Member Chapter hosted a dinner meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at the Atrium Conference Centre in Burlington, Ont., Canada. There were 55 attendees at the event, which featured a keynote presentation by Murray Smith, business manager — strategic industrial sales, Union Gas. The keynote topic was “Marcellus Shale Gas Exploration and Impact on the Energy Market.”

Northwest Member Chapter

The Northwest Member Chapter extended a special invitation for their members to participate in the AIST Environmental Technology Committee (ETC) meeting in Seattle, Wash., on Oct. 18–19, 2010. Attendees enjoyed technical presentations by ETC members, including several from Nucor Steel Seattle Inc. For more information about AIST’s 29 Technology Committees, visit AIST.org.

San Francisco Member Chapter

The San Francisco Member Chapter hosted its annual fall golf tournament on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at the Brentwood Golf Club in Brentwood, Calif. There were 92 golfers at the tournament and 20 supporting vendor companies.

St. Louis Member Chapter

Members of the St. Louis Member Chapter participated in a tour of the Gateway Energy and Coke Co. facility in Granite City, Ill., on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. The tour also included a buffet dinner and presentation by Dwayne Johnson, general manager, Gateway Energy and Coke Co. Twenty-nine people participated in the tour.

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