

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.



AIST representatives met with leadership from AIM and the Federacciai at Tenaris Dalmine in Dalmine, Italy. Pictured left to right: Flavio Bregant, director general, Federacciai; Stacy Varnecky, member services manager, AIST; Ron Ashburn, executive director, AIST; Joann Cantrell, publications manager/editor, AIST; Vincenzo Crapanzano, CEO of Tenaris Dalmine and AIM president; Caterina Epis, institutional relations manager, Tenaris Dalmine; and Francesco Memoli, vice president, Tenova Core.