The AIST Road Show crew was fired up to visit two Alabama facilities: Outokumpu Stainless USA and AM/NS Calvert LLC. The team from AIST was able to meet with members of operations, technology and management at Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC on 19 April 2017 and then again at AM/NS Calvert the next day.

These facilities have a dynamic, shared history. ThyssenKrupp (TK) chose Calvert, Ala., USA, to be the location of its new facility in 2007. The mill was originally set up to support 4.1 million metric tons of carbon products, with slabs coming from TK’s mill in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as well as support 1 million metric tons from a stainless meltshop in Alabama. The plant was eventually broken up. Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC acquired the stainless meltshop and cold rolling facilities in 2012. A joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corp. acquired the remaining assets in the latter half of 2013, including the hot rolling, pickling, annealing, cold rolling and galvanizing lines.

More than 300 Outokumpu employees stopped by the Road Show for breakfast and lunch to learn about the value of AIST membership and how AIST’s training programs and networking opportunities will benefit their careers in the steel industry.

Sponsors at the Road Show visit to Outokumpu showcased their companies’ products and talked with Outokumpu employees. The five sponsors were Danieli, The Gund Co., Spraying Systems Co., The Systems Group and Yates Industries.
“The AIST Road Show allows us to get up close and in front of everyone at the plant: the millwrights, leaders and decision makers.”
— Mark Cook, vice president, Yates Industries

On the second day of the Road Show, more than 430 AM/NS Calvert LLC employees greeted the AIST team and learned about AIST’s ability to help them with their professional development through operational-based technical training, in addition to innovative product and technology conferences.

The sponsors at AM/NS Calvert LLC included Danieli, The Gund Co., Hyson, MBI Rolls, Spraying Systems Co. and Yates Industries. They were able to interact with folks across all areas of the mill and discuss their latest technologies to increase efficiencies in this facility.

AIST staff members provided information on networking opportunities through our 22 local Member Chapters and 30 Technology Committees, as well as how to improve their specific skill sets through AIST’s numerous technology training programs.

The AIST Road Show enables AIST to accomplish its mission of advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel by visiting facilities and interacting with and providing support to the people who make up the industry and our association.

If your company is interested in hosting the AIST Road Show, or would like to become a sponsor at an upcoming event, please visit AIST.org/RoadShow. We hope to see you soon!

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