



ADVANCING THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND APPLICATION OF IRON AND STEEL

AIST Fall Meeting Notice / Agenda Digitalization Applications Technology Committee

Date: 12 October 2026

**Location: Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA USA**

Room: Pointview Room

Arrangements

**Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA USA**

Co-located with the Digital Transformation Forum for the Steel Industry

AIST technology committee members are asked to print out the latest revised meeting agenda from our website one week prior to this meeting.

1. *Chair's opening remarks – David Kober* <1:00 p.m.>
2. *Appoint minute-taker*
3. *Antitrust guidelines*
4. *Membership and attendance*
5. *Review minutes of previous meeting – AISTech 2026*
6. *AIST Staff Announcements*
7. *Steel Industry Fatalities*
8. *Main agenda items*
 - *AISTech session development - Chalapathy Devarakonda, BRS*
 - *Selection of Abstracts (Due by 16 Sept) – (Handle via conference call if necessary)*
 - *Determine session structure (Due by 28 Oct) including session titles & session chairs*
 - *Review Papers Chair and Session Chair instructions*
 - *Solicit Session Chair Volunteers for AISTech 2027*
Up to 3 session chairs per session
 - *Finalize AISTech call for papers for next year*

◆ COMPUTER APPLICATIONS /DIGITALIZATION APPLICATIONS

Relevant topics include digitalization technologies in addition to traditional computer applications. Digitalization technologies include applications of artificial intelligence, machine learning and advanced analytics, the use of digital twins, big data, cloud computing, augmented or virtual reality, the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), and other applications of digitalization technologies that advance or transform iron and steel processes. Traditional computer applications include existing, new, and emerging uses of computers to control, monitor and interface steel manufacturing and processing; evolution of industrial control systems —

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hierarchies and mobile interfaces; modern control system technologies driving a safer workplace; the application of advanced process modeling and control; the impact of human factors and safety in process control (such as users, engineers and support personnel); manufacturing execution systems and business systems; network/wireless communications; automation planning and software development methodologies; database, data warehousing, data mining systems and predictive analytics; remediation of legacy automation systems; and cybersecurity for industrial control systems.

- **Technology committee award planning – DATC Best Papers Award**
 - **Technology Training conference**
 - Digital Transformation Forum for the Steel Industry
13–14 October 2026 • Sheraton Station Square • Pittsburgh, PA
USA
 - Industrial Automation & Control System Fundamentals, March 2027
 - Webinars on Cybersecurity and AI in steel: from data to decision
- Webinars: <https://www.aist.org/Conferences-Expositions/Webinars>

9. Discussion items

- a. Safety Share
- b. DATC Spring Meeting Tour and Location
Recruitment and Spring 2027 promotion at the Forum
Discussion on potential Spring 2027 tour locations. Suggestions included:
 1. *Nvidia-related activities via Edgardo's contact in TX (Edgardo to follow up with his contact).*
 2. *Google AI (via Karen's neighbor)*
 3. *ABB Oracle innovation centers (Gianluca Maccani)*
 4. *Georgia Pacific tech hub (Nick's contact)*
 5. *Georgia Tech's innovation hub (Patrick)*
 6. *Purdue Northwest (Chenn Zhou)*
An Amazon option was explored but did not materialize.
- c. Industrial Automation & Control System Fundamentals, David Kober
- d. Update on the 101 Digitalization Applications Learning Module.
- e. AI Subcommittee Update
- f. Young Professionals and membership growth, Sam Jacobson

2. Next meeting

3. Chair conclusion – David Kober

4. Adjourn

Registration open 4–6 p.m.

<4:00 p.m.>



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