Welcome all,

To all with an interest in Materials I am delighted to announce the upcoming Stainless Steel World 2007 Conference to be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, November 2007.

I am very keen that this conference will be seen as open to everyone, from students to the seasoned professional who all may have something to contribute and learn from this event. We aim to ensure participation goes beyond the Materials Community, not only as we are relatively few in number but also to recognize the extensive use of stainless steel. I would like everyone with an interest in application or performance of stainless steels (in fact, a wide range of metals) to take part in the event to improve the knowledge we all have.

This conference offers an excellent opportunity to meet with suppliers from all stages of production and users from a whole range of industries. Diversity of exhibitors, presenters and the subject matter creates many opportunities to expand our understanding of application and performance of these materials.

The steering committee will work hard to ensure there is a blend of academic, technical and practical presentations. This will be mirrored by the attendees to create a rare opportunity to network with a group of like-minded people of differing backgrounds. I have always enjoyed my work in Materials Engineering because of the people I meet. This conference is a great opportunity to meet new people, in a well-organised but highly social and informal atmosphere. Technical and social exchange, what more could we want?

Neil Henry
ABB Engineering Services
Chairman, Stainless Steel World 2007 Conference

Stainless Steel World needs you

Only with input from experts in the field will the Stainless Steel World Conference again be a success. The Stainless Steel World team will pull out all the stops to provide the stainless steel industry with a top-rate event. However, without high-quality papers on current market issues like trends in production, distribution and application of corrosion resistant alloys, application and fabrication techniques, repair and lifetime extension and the availability of grades and product forms, there will not be a conference. So, the Steering Committee would like to encourage you to start sending in paper proposals right away. Read some of the helpful hints on page 2 and reasons why you should present a paper on page 3. It will be an interesting and rewarding experience. Send your abstract to Mrs Keyp Vlam who will be pleased to further assist you. Email: ssww2007.conf@kci-world.com or call +31 575 585 270

The leading educational and networking event for corrosion and materials professionals

Excellent networking opportunities

The Stainless Steel World event offer plenty of opportunities to meet and greet fellow materials specialists from across the globe at the Conference, the Exhibition and of course the Conference Dinner.

All conference delegates will have free access to the Stainless Steel World 2007 Exhibition, which runs in parallel with the conference. The technical and commercial staff of over 120 specialised companies from all over the world will be pleased to give you an update on the availability of their products. All conference breaks will be in the Exhibition hall, enabling conference delegates to visit the Exhibition during their breaks.

If you would like more information about the Exhibition, please contact Mr. Robert a Campo, Tel.: +31 575 585 275, E-mail: r.a.campo@kci-world.com.
conference Topics

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- Nickel base and Cu/Ni alloys
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- chemical and petrochemical
- power generation
- seawater applications
- high-temperature applications
- fabrication and welding
- trends in the stainless steel production, distribution and applications
- trends in the marketplace, volumes, growth, pricing
- availability of raw materials in the future

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The five selection criteria will apply:
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Stainless Steel World would like to thank the members of the Steering Committee who will select the paper presentations and compile the conference programme for this year’s Stainless Steel World Conference. This committee will meet several times and thanks to their commitment to the advancement of materials technology in particular, the Stainless Steel World Conference will offer a wide variety of interesting and topical paper presentations. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of professionals. In the front sitting Chairman Neil Henry (ABB Engineering Services), standing from left to right, Hubertus Schlerkmann (GfKORR), Guido Stump (Antonius Vesselheads), Sjef Roymans and John Butterfield (both Stainless Steel World), Guido Stump (Antonius Vesselheads), Paolo Cavasti (ENI), Leif Karlsson (Exab), Bård Espelid (DNV), Elisabet Alfonsson (Outokumpu), Raymond Cordewener (Consultancy), Jacques Charles (Arcelor), Arild Lundberg (Statoil), Iris Rommerskirchen (Butting), John Houben (ExxonMobil), Othmar Hornaes (OMV).

A good presentation really pays off Lionel Laroche

The vast majority of people are afraid to speak in public. People are more likely to answer “speaking in public” than “dying” when they are asked “what are you most afraid of?” In most cases, their main concern is making a fool of themselves in public.

While making a public presentation takes some effort, making a good presentation in a public venue like the Stainless Steel World Conference can make a major, positive difference to you and to your career:

• First and foremost, a good presentation gives a tremendous boost to your career. Senior managers are far more likely to notice a good presentation than a good publication. Most senior managers do not have the time to read complete publications; they attend conferences to find out what’s new in a particular area, spot who are the rising stars in that area and determine which papers they might need to read. Having senior managers notice your presentation is the best employment insurance you can get in today’s unpredictable economy - if you ever need to look for another job, having been noticed will give your job search a great head start.

• A good public presentation generates interest in your work. People will give you comments and suggestions, make recommendations on things you might want to try next or look into, and make connections you may not have made. Discussing someone else’s presentation does not provide nearly as much valuable information about your work than discussing your own presentation.

• A good public presentation is one of the best sales platforms. If you want to sell your ideas (particularly to external customers), there is no better way to show them how good your technology, product or service is than to showcase it via a conference presentation.

When you present, the goal is that people remember your presentation when they leave the conference. An upcoming article on the Stainless Steel World website will describe how you can prepare your presentation so that people remember it. With some systematic preparation and practice, making good presentations is a goal that most people can achieve.

NEW - Learning Zones

Following on from the successfull masterclasses at the previous conferences, Stainless Steel World Conference will offer participants so-called Learning Zones where both users and manufacturers can update their knowledge on materials technology and corrosion. The purpose of these learning zones is to offer elementary knowledge of stainless steels and to develop the analytical skills of the participants by exposing their current way of working to the critical views of moderators and peers. Apart from a course on the basics of stainless steels and a seminar for people with a non-metallurgical or even non-technical background, there will also be learning zones discussing failure cases.

The Student Forum - unique opportunity for young researchers

Following on to the successful launch of the Student Forum at the 2005 conference, the organisers have decided that the next conference should also be a place where the latest results of academic and basic research and development can be presented. The format of the Student Forum will again be a roundtable discussion and a poster session organised and moderated by Thomas Ladwein, Professor at Aalen University in Germany. In particular, it should provide a forum where young student researchers can present their work, including work in progress, and where they can make contact with representatives from the various industries interested in stainless steels, who might be potential employers. The organisers would therefore like to grant students who will be selected for an oral and/or poster presentation free access to the entire conference. In addition Stainless Steel World will partly financially sponsor accommodation and travel cost. So, we alert students and young engineers and scientists to this unique opportunity and encourage them to present their work at this conference. Any topic dealing with stainless steels is welcome, whether it be on metallurgy, corrosion, fabrication or practical uses and applications. This invitation applies to all undergraduate and graduate (PhD) students from academic or research institutes. Please send your proposal and abstract to Thomas Ladwein by email to: thomas.ladwein@bwe-aalen.de or phone for further information + 49-7561-576-2164.

Send your abstract to: ssw2007.conf@kci-world.com

MISSION STATEMENT

Stainless Steel World 2007 offers an international platform for materials and corrosion professionals from a variety of industries with the clear goal to optimise the application of corrosion resistant alloys (CRA’s) in terms of safety, performance, reliability and cost, and to increase awareness and appropriate use and selection of CRA’s and related equipment around the world.

What sets Stainless Steel World apart from all other events?

• Independent steering committee guaranteeing a high quality programme
• Strong end user input: mainly end users in the committee
• Active participation by means of workshops
• Learning Zones
• Student forum involving young talent from the research community
• Participation of working groups such as welding committees
• Seminars on market statistics and product-market developments
• Multi-lingual promotion in English, German, French, Italian, Russian, Chinese
• An integrated Exhibition, coffee and lunch breaks in the Expo
• Comprehensive social programme, including conference dinner, cocktails
• Technical plant tour
• Worldwide support from leading associations

Tom holds a diploma in inorganic chemistry and Ph.D. in sciences degree from Shaefer University, Germany. He worked for more than 10 years in various positions in the BWE and Technical Marketing department with a major European Stainless Steel Producer. Since 2001 he is a full time professor for electrochemistry, corrosion and tribology at Aalen University of Applied Sciences, Germany. He is active in various working parties and committees for corrosion and stainless steel with various national and international associations and has been an active member of the Stainless Steel World Steering Committee since the first conference in 1997.
Share your experiences in dedicated workshops

Besides paper presentations a workshop programme will be part of the conference programme. Practice has shown that the workshop format offers an excellent opportunity for conference delegates to share their own experiences with industry experts and discuss their day-to-day problems in a more informal atmosphere. Most of the workshops will be organised and run by members from either the Steering Committee or experts in the field. Although the workshop programme is not yet final the following topical themes have been proposed:

- Using barges for laying pipelines/materials selection for pipe laying
- Use of stainless steel to replace titanium
- Wastewater and desalination, treatment/bacterial treatment, bioreactors
- Overlay techniques (cladding pipelines and welding of clads), e.g. through plasma powder, explosion and spraying.
- Inspection and fabrication control techniques for stainless steel equipment and wells, specifically of welded duplex materials
- Field experiences in duplex and martensitics, also including possible hydrogen-induced stress cracking - challenges and lessons learned, in particular Hydrogen induced cracking - failure analyses - what can be learned from past experience
- Stainless steel surface quality and technology especially for applications in the food, beverage, and tanker industry. Classifying the stainless steel surface quality.
- Use of ferritics in the process industry - taking into account recent developments. Is there a place for them?
- Non-risk management in chemical plants and refineries
- Multiplicity of grades: More is less and less is more - do we need all the grades which are currently developed, particularly since their use varies greatly around the world, i.e. the problems of material selection. Is there a possibility for more standardisation?
- Field experiences of (super) duplex and supermartensitic in oil and gas

All will be led by experts in the field and each promises to lead to a very lively exchange of information and viewpoints.

Stainless Steel World Service and Information Sheet

If you are interested in more information about presenting a paper or about Stainless Steel World Services, please fill in this form and either fax it to: +31 575 511099, or scan it to: ssw2007.conf@kci-world.com

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