

IWCC/SHFE CHINA SEMINAR

The IWCC/SHFE China Seminar was held in Shanghai in December as the last event in this year's Asia Copper Week. The Seminar was very well attended with more than one hundred participants gathering to hear and discuss key insights into developments in China. The Seminar featured presentations on the outlook for electric vehicles in China, the impact of environmental changes on the copper industry in China as well as the implications for scrap following the introduction of import restrictions. All presentations are available to download, and all but one are dual language (English and Mandarin-Chinese). For access details please email: iwcc@coppercouncil.org

It is expected that a further update on the China copper scrap issue will be given at the IWCC Joint Meeting to be held in Seville from 6-9 May. Details of the 2018 Joint Meeting will be circulated in January.

IWCC AND ICA CO-OPERATION

The special relationship between the IWCC and ICA continues to develop and strengthen. In early 2018 the IWCC Advisory Committee will be providing high level input into the ICA's decision making process with new areas of cooperation agreed in two significant initiatives.

Responsible Sourcing is becoming ever more prominent on the agenda for the copper industry. The ICA has founded a Responsible Sourcing Task Force with the IWCC as one of the founding members of this group. The IWCC will be providing additional fabricator input into the Task Force to ensure that the needs of the fabricating industry are taken into account as the ICA develops its own policy in this increasingly important area. The Task Force is expected to make its final recommendations to ICA in April 2018.

The ICA has also commissioned a global survey on scrap contamination and has requested the support of IWCC for this major study. The study will commence in early Q2-18 and in the interim the IWCC will be assisting ICA in preparing the survey.

DISCUSSIONS WITH LME

Quality issues relating to Grade A cathode are currently being discussed within the LME, and in particular in the LME Copper Committee. Preliminary talks with representatives of the LME suggest that quality issues do occur from time-to-time and the LME is working with the IWCC to try to get a more accurate picture of the situation.

IWCC UPDATES

As previously advised, in December 2017, Mike Smith joined the IWCC as its Vice-President. Mike is very much looking



forward to meeting members and other key players in the copper industry in early 2018 before attending his first IWCC meeting which will be the annual Technical Seminar in

Chicago in the first week of March 2018.

Registration is now open for the 2018 Technical Seminar – on Hot & Cold Deformation – which promises to be a most informative – and intense – few days, as can be seen from the [papers to be presented](#).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Finally, from all of us in the IWCC Secretariat thank you for your support in the last 12 months. We look forward to working with you in 2018 and beyond.

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