

IWCC TECHNICAL SEMINARS

IWCC Technical Seminars are unique in the copper industry calendar: they focus on the semis manufacturing process. The programme allows fabricators to interact with equipment suppliers, academics and other experts with the aim of improving manufacturing efficiency and product quality.

2017 TECHNICAL SEMINAR

The 2017 Technical Seminar on 'Melting, Refining and Casting' had a record attendance of 87 delegates representing more than 50 companies from 19 countries.

Over two days, 26 papers were presented divided between five sessions: Introduction and Overview; Scrap for the Circular Economy; Melting; Casting; and Consumables.



Above: Gert Mueller, Chairman of the IWCC Technical Seminar, opening the conference

There was a two-day plant visit programme to Diehl Metal Stiftung & Co. KG; Leoni Draht GmbH; Linde AG; and Wieland-Werke AG.

A number of networking opportunities were scheduled into the programme. These were: a city tour of Munich and a Welcome Reception, both on Sunday 5 March; a dinner hosted by the copper industry of Germany on 6 March; the closing dinner on 7 March.

2018 TECHNICAL SEMINAR

The 2018 Seminar on 'Hot & Cold Deformation' will be held in the USA from 4 to 8 March 2018 and will follow the

established format. Plant visits will be made to Mueller Industries in Port Huron (brass rod) and Olin Brass in East Alton (strip).

Further details will be made available later in 2017.

2017 SEES A CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE & SEMINAR

In 2017 Gert Mueller (Wieland) stepped down as Chairman and was succeeded by Michael Hoppe (Aurubis).

Gert Mueller said: "It was an honour for me to chair the 2017 Munich Seminar in my home country and to be able to showcase Wieland's plant in Vöhringen to the world-wide copper industry. The two days of the Seminar itself were intensive with 26 papers, but these two days were well worthwhile. Even those who have a lot of experience in the copper industry learned something new. The less experienced delegates certainly benefitted a lot from this Seminar."

Dr. Mueller added: "The subject matter of the Seminar dealt with the very first stages of the fabricating process. Speaking as an engineer focussed on the casting process, I know only too well that it's essential to get this stage of the manufacturing process perfect."

Mark Loveitt, President of the IWCC, said: "The Committee has been chaired by Gert Mueller since September 2000. Under the leadership of Gert Mueller, and with the support of the Technical Committee, the annual Technical Seminar had grown in importance and is now an essential fixture in the IWCC calendar. I, and all of the Technical Committee, wish him well in his retirement."

Michael Hoppe said: "I am looking forward to chairing the Technical Committee and Seminar. It will be a tough act to follow on from Gert, he has provided excellent leadership and guidance throughout his time as Chairman."

FURTHER INFORMATION

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