

TECHNICAL SEMINAR IN CHICAGO

The 2018 IWCC Technical Seminar held in Chicago received 25 papers from across the industry on this year's topic of 'Hot and Cold Deformation'. 80 delegates from 16 different countries attended the event to discuss papers highlighting the latest breakthroughs and applied innovation from top academics, copper fabricator companies and leading equipment manufacturers. The Seminar provided attendees with opportunities to network with colleagues and make new connections at the same time as enjoying the sights of the 'Windy City'.

Following two days of presentations and discussion, delegates left Chicago for the plant tours. The event visited Mueller Brass in Port Huron, Michigan, and Olin Brass in East Alton, Illinois (see picture below).



Drawing the Seminar to a close the IWCC Technical Committee's Chairman, Michael Hoppe, who was chairing the Seminar for the first time, announced that plans were being made to hold next year's Seminar in Vietnam which would focus on 'downstream activities'.

Delegates to this year's Seminar can download copies of the presentations given on our website at www.coppercouncil.org. If you were unable to attend but would like access please send an email to: iwcc@coppercouncil.org.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING SURVEY

At the start of this year, IWCC members took part in the Joint IWCC/ICA Responsible Sourcing survey of copper fabricators.

Responsible Sourcing is an increasingly important issue across the copper industry and beyond. By taking part in this survey IWCC members are contributing to the discussions on proposals to introduce a new responsible sourcing initiative for the sector. The IWCC, with the support of and in consultation with members, will continue to provide input into discussions to ensure that the views of copper fabricators are reflected in this important work.

2018 JOINT MEETING IN SEVILLE

The 74th IWCC Joint Meeting between copper fabricators and producers is taking place from 6 – 10th May in the Spanish city of Seville.

This year there will be papers presented on a wide range of topics and trends affecting the copper industry. These will include an exchanges panel, with contributions from CME, LME & SHFE, a responsible sourcing discussion, trends in the wire & cable industry, infra-structure investment for electric vehicles (e-mobility) and 3-D printing. There will also be a paper addressing the impact to the copper industry on changes to scrap trade in China, and a keynote paper on challenges and opportunities presented by the structural changes in the global fabricating industry. In addition, there will be plant visits, events and networking opportunities around the meeting. This year's visits are to La Farga's wire rod plant and to Atlantic Copper's smelter and refinery plant, as well as a day excursion to the historic cities of Jerez and Cadiz.



Registration is now open for the Joint Meeting and further information is available via the IWCC website or by emailing the IWCC team at iwcc@coppercouncil.org.

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