

FOREWORD

Bigger, Stronger, Better... that was the goal four years ago when AIST set out to build steel's premier technology conference and exposition. Through the planning and leadership of my predecessor Conference Planning Committee chairs and their teams, AISTech has indeed become the world's showcase for steel-related manufacturing technologies, with the event having grown in magnitude and attendance each year since inception in 2004.

AISTech now represents the most comprehensive annual technology conference and exposition for the steel industry in the world. At AISTech 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind., May 7-10, we will continue to improve upon that legacy.

The Conference Planning Committee has worked diligently to ensure every aspect of the technical program is tailored to enhance your educational and networking opportunities. AISTech is a three-day technology conference with 375 technical presentations, which is 25 percent larger than last year's version in Cleveland. Regardless of your technical interest, the Operating Committees are hosting technical sessions that will provide unique and interesting programs covering all aspects of iron and steel technology.

Working in tandem with the Conference Planning Committee is the Exhibitor Committee, under the direction of Catherine Davidson of Herr-Voss Stamco and Louis Valentas of Berry Metal Co. This committee has worked to bring the latest iron and steel technologies together under one roof. The exposition includes more than 400 companies, representing 20 percent growth year-on-year. The exhibit floor provides every attendee with ample opportunity to learn about new technologies that can help them do their job better.

On behalf of the Conference Planning and Exhibitor committees, thank you for joining us at AISTech 2007, a world-class conference and exposition.

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