



FeMET INITIATIVE'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

PITTSBURGH, PA – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and the Association for Iron & Steel Technology Foundation's "Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today," or FeMET Initiative, which is aimed at attracting top scholastic talent to the North American steel industry, has awarded its curriculum development grants for the 2006–2007 school year. Five university professors have been awarded US \$5,000 each to fund proposals designed to enhance or update industry curriculum in ferrous metallurgy programs.

The program objective is to assist students in the editing and updating of textbooks and/or other course materials for use in ferrous metallurgy education with an underlying objective to increase industry awareness within the academic community. The proposals indicated how the professor would approach the task, including budget and schedule requirements.

The winning proposal for 2006–2007 was submitted by:

- **Dr. Thomas J. Balk**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

The four proposals from 2005–2006 that were renewed for 2006–2007 were submitted by:

- **Dr. Harvey Abramowitz**, from Purdue University Calumet, West Lafayette, Ind.
- **Dr. Kip O. Findley**, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.
- **Dr. John G. Speer**, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.
- **Dr. Robert H. Wagoner**, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

According to Ron Ashburn, AIST Executive Director, "To create a truly sustainable industry, we must develop renewable supplies for our critical resources. The continuation of this program is one small step towards educating the next generation of steel industry technologists, our most important resource of all."

"In order to consider careers in steel, students must first understand the value of our material, the strength of our companies and the industry's commitment, as a sector, to our environment. The Curriculum Development Grants help to accomplish all three goals by working to provide students with the most up-to-date curriculum," said Andrew G. Sharkey III, president and CEO of AISI.

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The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) was formed on Jan. 1, 2004, by the merger of the Iron & Steel Society and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. AIST is an international technical association with more than 14,000 members representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel. The AIST Foundation seeks to attract young, technology-oriented professionals to the industry by promoting the high-tech, diverse and well-paying natures of careers in modern steelmaking. For more information about AIST, visit www.aist.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 32 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 125 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 75 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at www.steel.org.

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