Course Objectives

The blast furnace has been and will remain the "centrepiece" of integrated facilities in the steel industry. Present day Ironmaking technology has evolved over many years through innovations in raw materials preparation, blast furnace design and blast furnace practice. Improvements in blast furnace operation usually have significant impact on the well-being of the company.

The blast furnace and its ancillary facilities are very complex and dynamic systems. This course is designed to present "state-of-the-art" knowledge of the systems to operators, researchers and suppliers of refractories, raw materials and equipment to the industry. The course content is continuously updated by the expert lecturers.

In addition to the lectures, there is a Blast Furnace Game, a Case Study related to Operations and at the end of the Course, an optional Plant Tour. Lecture notes will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify course material or to substitute lecturers without notice.

2016 Lectures

Introduction to Iron Making
Ken Coley
McMaster University

Historical Development and Principles of the Blast Furnace
John Ricketts
U. S. Steel Canada

Blast Furnace Reactions
Bob Nightingale
University of Wollongong/Retired from Bluescope Steel

Environment Issues in Blast Furnace Ironmaking
Frank W. Harrison
U. S. Steel Canada

Fundamental Principles Applied to Blast Furnace Safety
Fred Rorick
Rorick Inc.

Blast Furnace Design I
Dave Berdusco
Paul Wurth Inc.

Blast Furnace Design II
Peter Martin
Primetals Technologies

Ironmaking Refractories
Floris van Laar
Alimed Mineral Technical Services, Inc.

Iron-Bearing Burden Materials
Marcelo Andrade
ArcelorMittal USA

Blast Furnace Control - Measurement Data and Strategy
Bob Nightingale
University of Wollongong/Retired from Bluescope Steel

Maintenance Reliability Strategies in an Ironmaking Facility
Johan van Iekelen
van Iekelen Blast Furnace Consultant

Coke Production for Blast Furnace Ironmaking
Hope Huntington
Clark Laboratories LLC

Day-to-Day Blast Furnace Operation
Art Cheng
Cheng Technical Services LLC

Challenging Blast Furnace Operations
Fred Rorick
Rorick Inc.

Burden Distribution and Aerodynamics
Steve Yancy
U. S. Steel

Ironmaking/Steelmaking Interface
Mike Price
ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Fuel Injection in the Blast Furnace
Donald Zuke
ArcelorMittal Steel USA

The Science & Technology of Blast Furnace Slag
John D’Alessio
U. S. Steel Canada

Introduction to Ironmaking
Optional, Sunday Evening

Optional Lecture

American Iron and Steel Institute

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Course Information:
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On-Site Course Registration
Sunday, May 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the main lobby of Les Prince Hall (Sterling Street access). Monday, May 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at the registration desk, outside lecture room at the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning & Discovery (MDCL) building.

Accommodation
To promote interaction among registrants and lecturers, we strongly recommend accommodation in residence at the rate of $600.00 CDN. Accommodation fee includes 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Extra nights are available at CDN $90.00 + 13% taxes/night. On site accommodation registration will be Sunday May 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the main lobby of Les Prince Hall (Sterling street access), but for early and late arrivals a front desk is open 24/7 in the main lobby of the Commons building. Daily maid service is provided. Please note there is no wake-up service available.

Reception – Sunday, May 8
A Welcome Reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. at The University Club of McMaster. Registrants are invited to meet lecturers, members of the Organizing Committee, and fellow participants.

Banquet – Wednesday, May 11
A banquet is included in the course registration at the Burlington Golf & Country Club. (Business casual attire, no jeans allowed.)

Game
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening in the McMaster University Student Centre (MUSC), CIBC Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with colleagues from all over the world. Delegates found this the highlight of the course, and enthusiastic participation is expected.

Optional Plant Tour – Friday May 13
ArcelorMittal Dofasco Tour
Bus will leave Les Prince Hall at 1:30 to approximately 4:30 p.m. Tour will be limited to 40 registrants on a first come, first served basis at a cost of $40 CDN. Tour of the ArcelorMittal Hamilton Iron Making Facilities. No short sleeves shirts, short pants or open shoes are allowed. Hard hats and safety glasses will be provided.

Cancellation Policy
Cancellation after April 19, 2016 Refund 50%; there will be no refunds after May 1, 2016. Substitutions can be made.

Travel Information:
Location: Hamilton is situated midway between Toronto and Niagara Falls. McMaster University is located in the west end of the city.

Getting Here: The nearest large airport is Pearson International in Toronto. Frequent limousine or bus service is available and it takes about one hour. There are also flights from Buffalo NY which is approximately 120 km from Hamilton.

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