



**IMnI 30th Annual Conference 2004
Hotel Okura, Tokyo, Japan
June 1 – June 3**

PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 1

Meetings: Matsukaze Room, Main Building 2F

- 9:00 – 11:00 OHES Committee Breakfast Meeting
- 11:10 – 12:10 EPD Committee Meeting
- 14:00 – 17:00 Board Meeting
- 17:00 – 18:30 Statistics Committee Meeting

19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Cocktail
(Kensington Terrace, South Wing 12F)

General Assembly & Conference Program

Wednesday, June 2: Maple Room, South Wing 2F

Day 1 Theme: "New Uses for Manganese"

9:00 – 10:15	IMnI General Assembly
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 10:40	Opening remarks by IMnI Chairman Vincent Trelut
10:40 – 10:50	Welcome speech by JFA Chairman Keigo Takahashi
10:50 – 11:30	"Japan: A Political and Economic Overview", Haruhiko Kuroda, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister's Cabinet and former Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs.
11:30 – 12:00	"The World Steel Industry: What to Expect by 2010", Yasuo Watanabe, General Manager, Market Research Department, Japan Technical Information Service.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch (Orchard Room, South Wing 2F)
13:00 – 14:00	"New & Future Steel Technologies Using Mn", Kaoru Ichikawa, General Manager, Steelmaking Technical Dept. of Nippon Steel Corp.
14:00 – 15:00	"Potential for Mn in New Automotive Steels", Michel Babbit, Director of R&D Laboratory, Arcelor.
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 15:45	"Stainless Steel 200 Series: An Opportunity for Mn", Yasuhiro Habara, General Manager Technical Development Dept., Nippon Metal Industry Co.
15:45 – 16:05	"China: An Industry Overview, Spotlighting Domestic Demand for Ore & Alloys", by XIE Xinmin (Chairman of CFAIA & President of Emei Chuantou Ferroalloys Group Co., Ltd.).
16:05 – 16:35	"EMD-EMM: Supply & Demand Overview", Masatoshi Yoshida (Tosoh) and Keith Saffy (MMC) Recall of situation in June 2003. What has happened over the past year. Future outlook.
16:35 – 17:05	"Mn Ore & Alloys: Developments over the Past Year", Peter Toth (BHP Billiton) and Ricardo Antunes (CVRD).
17:05 – 17:15	Wrap up by IMnI Chairman Vincent Trelut

Thursday, June 3: Maple Room, South Wing 2F

Day 2 Theme: "Occupational Health, Safety & Environmental Issues"

- 8:30 – 9:00 "The importance of Health, Safety and Environmental Issues to the Mn Industry," Catherine Tissot-Colle (Chairman of the IMnI OHES Committee, Eramet).
- 9:00 – 9:30 "A Report on Mn Exposure Litigation in the US: Welding Fume and Beyond", Charles Read, Attorney-Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- 9:30 – 10:00 "Scientific Criteria Document: Conclusions and Way Forward", Leonard S. Levy, Head of Toxicology & Risk Assessment, Institute for Environment and Health.
- 10:00 – 10:30 "IMnI Lobbying Initiative in the US: Results & Mn Health Research Program (MHRP)", Christian Plazanet (Eramet)
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 "A Life Cycle Assessment Program: What It Is & How It Works", Jannie Cronje (Samancor).
- 11:15 – 11:45 "Ethyl's Environmental Research Program for MMT," Jerry Roper (Ethyl Corp.)
- 11:45 – 12:15 "How to Produce Ferro-Alloys Cleanly", Takayuki Nishi, (Tokushima Plant, Nippon Denko).
- 12:15 – 12:30 Wrap up by IMnI Chairman John Raubenheimer
- 12:30 – 13:15 Press Conference: Executive Committee & Host Country Representatives
(Suzuran Room, South Wing, 2F)
- 12:30 – 13:45 Lunch (Akebono Room, South Wing B2F)
- 13:50 – 18:00 Group outing: Harbor tour & Japanese Garden
(Departure: South Wing Lobby)
- 19:00 – 22:30 Official Banquet Dinner
(Orchard Room, South Wing 2F)

Friday, June 4

- 8:30 – 15:00 Technical Tour to NSC Kimitsu Works
(Departure: Hotel Okura South Wing Lobby)