
This Is . . . This is a summary of the 97th TAC meeting and related meetings held at the Seelbach Hilton, Louisville, KY, on October 20-22, 2008

Attendance & Participation Here are the attendance and participation statistics for the meeting:

- 85 Total Attendance including Project Team meetings, Project Development Committee meetings, and TAC meeting.
- 40 Member companies represented
- 3 Potential Members
 - **Ceradyne** – Peter Goldstein (Ceradyne Inc.) & Georg Victor (ESK Ceramics/Division of Ceradyne)
 - **Quadrant SYMALIT** – Arek Blazejewski
 - **Titanium Fabrication** – Greg Dunn
- 38 Forum Questions submitted and discussed

Report on SinoTAC Pradip Khaladkar / DuPont reported on SinoTAC which has been renamed AsiaTAC. AsiaTAC was a "complete meeting." It included a training session, panel discussions, TAC forum, and project development.

An FRP Inspector Training class was held in conjunction with the AsiaTAC Meeting. The class was presented in both Chinese and English.

Assessment of Fire, Explosion, and Natural Disaster Damage Dale McIntyre / ConocoPhillips reviewed the updates to the "Guidelines for the Assessment of Fire and Explosion Damage" which now also addresses natural disasters. Following the presentation, there was a lively discussion of the updates. The consensus was that the updates will improve the current manual. The updated manual is expected to be available to MTI members early in 2009. The drafts and the presentation are available now on the MTI members website.

Funding for Three Projects Approved TAC and the BOD approved three projects:

- 2nd Statistical Analysis of NDE Data (\$150k)
- Casting Quality Prediction: Phase 2 of Niyama Project (\$120k)
- Advanced Metal Dusting Resistant Alloy (\$10k)

Six New Project Teams Formed

These six new potential project teams formed during TAC 97:

- Revision of the Nickel Institute Corrosion Model
 - Membership in KIMAB, The Plastic Research Program, of the Swedish Corrosion Institute
 - Atlas of Microstructures on Duplex Stainless Steels
 - Atlas of Microstructures on High Temperature Alloys
 - Electronic Posting of Member Company Surplus
 - Demolition of Obsolete Equipment
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Future Meetings

Here are the MTI meetings scheduled to date:

- TAC 98 February 23-26, 2009, Omni, Jacksonville, FL
 - TAC 99 June 8-11, 2009, Millennium, St. Louis, MO
 - TAC 100 October 19-22, 2009, San Francisco Airport Marriott, Burlingame, CA
 - TAC 101 February 22-25, 2010, Trade Winds, St. Pete Beach, FL
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Project Team Meetings

These 16 project teams met during TAC 97. Project numbers are in parentheses with alphabetic (ab) denoting potential projects and numerical (113-07) denoting funded projects.

- Design for Inspection (175-06)
 - Data Retrieval Service for MTI (189-08)
 - TAC Awareness Bulletins (mg)
 - Thin Film Insulators (178-07)
 - Revision of Cleaning Manual (183-07)
 - Casting Quality Inspection (177-07)
 - Training for Rubber Linings (my)
 - Cost Control in Equipment Design (ng)
 - Pneumatic Leak Testing of Heat Exchanger Tubing (nl)
 - Guide for the Repair & Modification of FRP Equipment (165-05)
 - Guide for the Repair & Modification of Lined Equipment (166-05)
 - Reliability Equipment Manual for Fixed Equipment (190-08)
 - NDE Statistics (nm)
 - Advanced Metal Dusting Resistant Alloy (179-07)
 - Measuring Hydriding in Ti (180-07) & Hydride Formation in Ti (mp)
 - Stainless Steel Seminar (lo)
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Project Development Committee Meetings

Project Development Committees (PDC) match members' needs with new and existing technologies to identify new potential projects. These three PDC's met during TAC 97:

- Integrity & Condition Assessment PDC
 - New Materials—Polymers PDC
 - New Materials—Metals PDC
 - New Materials—Ceramics PDC
 - Knowledge Management PDC
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