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THE FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON PROCESS METALLURGY OF ALUMINIUM

Trondheim, Norway, May 29-June 2, 1995

The Fourteenth International Course on Process Metallurgy of Aluminium is scheduled for May 29–June 2, 1995. The lecturers will be: Werner Fischer from R & D Carbon, Switzerland, Warren E. Haupin from Alcoa, USA, Reidar Huglen and Halvor Kvande from Hydro Aluminium, Norway, Erik Keul from ABB Miljø, Norsk Viftefabrikk, Norway, Michel Reverdy from Pechiney, France, Nolan Richards and Alton Tabereaux from Reynolds Metals, USA, Morten Sørlie from Elkem, Norway and Jomar Thonstad, Terje Østvold and Harald A. Øye, from The Norwegian Institute of Technology.

The international courses on process metallurgy of aluminium are held every spring in Trondheim, Norway at the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Norwegian Institute of Technology. Since 1981 a total of 997 persons from 147 companies and institutions have attended, representing 41 countries. The participants come mainly from the aluminium industry, but also from related industries and research institutions.

All important operational topics relevant for aluminium smelters are covered, from a basic as well as a practical point of view. Work groups will also be established. Examples of topics are: Bath properties; cell voltage; electrode reactions; electrical resistance; start-up and early operation of cells; cell operation; operational strategy and why; current efficiency, energy balance; alumina; cathodes — construction, chemical and physical properties, failure scenarios, new developments; anodes — formulation, baking and testing, mechanisms of consumption, common failures and diagnostics; pitch; retrofit; improved Søderberg technology; emission control.

The organization committee has the following members:

Harald A. Øye (director), Dagfinn Bratland (secretary), Terje Østvold, and Kai Grjotheim.

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