Following the success of the METEC InSteelCon 2007 and 2011, Düsseldorf will again be the location in 2015 of the successor event ESTAD 2015 as accompanying conference of METEC 2015. ESTAD takes place for the second time after Paris 2014.

Düsseldorf, the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia, is also home of the Steel Institute VDEh. Düsseldorf has strong connections to the coke, iron and steel industries thanks to the adjacent Ruhr region, the traditional home to coke, iron and steel making facilities. Taking all of this into account, METEC and ESTAD 2015 is guaranteed to be an impressive gathering of experts.

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**Summarized preliminary timetable**

**June 2015**
- **Monday 15**: Early Congress registration | Get-together
- **Tuesday 16**: Opening/plenary session | Technical sessions
  - Evening event
- **Wednesday 17**: Technical sessions
- **Thursday 18**: Technical sessions | Closing session
- **Friday 19**: Plant visits

**Exhibition**

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The 9th International Metallurgy Trade Fair (METEC) will take place from 15 to 19 June 2015 in Düsseldorf, Germany. The accompanying conference ESTAD will start with a get-together on 15 June 2015 and end with plant visits on 19 June 2015.

With the four trade fairs
• METEC 15. 9th International Metallurgical Technology Trade Fair with Congresses
• GIFA 15. 13th International Foundry Trade Fair with WFO Technical Forum
• THERMPROCESS 15. 11th International Trade Fair and Symposium for Thermo Process Technology
• NEWCAST 15. 4th International Castings Trade Fair with NEWCAST FORUM

Düsseldorf has established itself as the meeting place for metallurgy. Taking place every four years, more than 70,000 visitors from over 80 countries attended this leading fair for steelmaking metallurgy, foundries, casting, and thermal processing technology in 2011.

METEC ESTAD 2015 - Detailed Topics

1. RAW MATERIALS INCLUDING BENEFICIATION
   - Iron ore mining
   - Iron ore beneficiation
   - Iron ore transportation
   - Coal mining
   - Coal beneficiation and washing
   - Coal transportation
   - Steel recycling and scrap management
   - Refractory raw materials
   - Refractories recycling
   - Additives raw materials (limestone, bunt lime, dolomite, bauxite etc.
   - Raw materials quality management

2. COKEMAKING
   - Fundamentals in cokemaking
   - Coal blending practice
   - Latest developments in slot oven plant technology and design
   - Latest developments in heat recovery oven plant technology and design
   - Coke making technologies
   - Coke oven repair techniques and life prolongation
   - Measures for improving coke quality
   - Measurement of wall displacement and pressure of coke oven chamber
   - Coke plant operation, instrumentation and automation
   - Improving productivity and safety
   - Stamp charging technology
   - Coke oven gas cleaning and utilization of by-products
   - Graphite formation at coke ovens
   - Coke quenching technologies
   - Coke oven refractories

3. SINTERING AND PELLETISING
   - Fundamentals in sintering
   - Sinter plant construction and layout
   - Sinter process optimization
   - Sinter plant operation and automation
   - Use of concentrates in sinter mix
   - Sinter quality
   - Sinter cooling
   - Sinter plant waste gas cleaning
   - Energy recovery and use in sinter plants
   - Fundamentals in pelletising
   - Pellet plant construction and layout
   - Pellet plant operation and automation
   - Production of acid and fluxed pellets
   - Use of hematite and/or magnetite pellet feed for pellet production
   - Pellet qualities
   - Reduction of pellets under different conditions

Facts and figures:
METEC visitors are interested in equipment and components for steelworks and mills, iron and non-ferrous metal production, as well as in services, trade and mechanical engineering. 97% of attendees were very positive about their visit to METEC 2011.

Chairman of 2nd ESTAD 2015

Dr.-Ing. Herbert Eichelkraut
Member of the Executive Board, ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe AG, Duisburg, Germany

Scientific Program Committee for 2nd ESTAD 2015

A Scientific Program Committee of international experts in all fields of iron and steelmaking processes, steel materials and steel application will review the proposed papers. The list of the experts is available on the homepage.

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1. Raw materials including beneficiation
2. Cokemaking
3. Sintering and pelletising
4. Blast furnace ironmaking
5. Direct reduction and smelting reduction
6. Oxygen steelmaking
7. Electric steelmaking
8. Continuous casting, near-net shape casting and ingot casting
9. Rolling of long and flat products
10. Forging
11. Surface technologies
12. Environmental and energy aspects in iron and steelmaking
13. Efficiency increase and CO₂ mitigation in iron and steelmaking
14. Steel materials and their application

Please find more details following the navigation number.

4. **BLAST FURNACE IRONMAKING**
- Fundamentals in blast furnace ironmaking
- Blast furnace construction and design
- Blast furnace process optimization and automation
- Modern process control techniques
- Blast furnace relining
- Blast furnace campaign life extension
- Blast furnace refractories and cooling
- Blast furnace charging
- Blast furnace productivity
- Blast furnace hearth management
- Hot metal and slag quality
- Coke quality requirements and reduced coke rates
- Injection of auxiliary reductants (coal, oil, gas, plastics) and oxygen
- Hot blast stoves
- New blast furnaces
- Blast furnace liquid management and casting practice
- Gas cleaning devices
- Top gas expansion and recovery turbines
- Oxygen and top gas recycling blast furnace

5. **DIRECT REDUCTION AND SMELTING REDUCTION**
- Fundamentals in direct reduction and smelting reduction
- Production and use of DRI and HBI
- Gas-based DRI processes and new developments
- Coal-based DRI processes and new developments
- Transport and charge of hot DRI to electric arc furnaces
- Shipment of DRI and HBI
- Current status of Corex and Finex processes
- Status of Hisarna process
- Other smelting reduction processes

6. **OXYGEN STEELMAKING**
- Hot metal pretreatment
- Current status and new developments in converter technology
- Fundamentals of oxygen steelmaking process
- Converter charge materials and their preparation
- Ladle metallurgy
- Converter refractory linings and durability
- Plant operation experiences
- Automation and on-line process analyses
- By products, recycling and environment
- Modelling and simulation

7. **ELECTRIC STEELMAKING**
- Equipment
- Current status and new developments in EAF technology
- Fundamentals in electric steelmaking
- Process control, automation and modelling
- Metallurgy of electric steelmaking
- Ladle metallurgy
- Electrodes
- Injection of coal
- Refractories and durability
- Use of DRI and HBI in electric arc furnaces
- Energy efficiency and energy recovery
- Waste gas treatment

8. **CONTINUOUS CASTING, NEAR-NET SHAPE CASTING AND INGOT CASTING**
- Formation of non-metallic compounds in the solidification process
- Metallurgy and flow control in the tundish
- Refractory materials and tundish lining
- Heats scheduling and management
- Continuous casting technology
- Mold performance and initial solidification
- Mold lubrication
- Flow control in the tundish, mold and strand
- Metallurgy of ingots for forging processes
- Control of solidification structures and management of defects
- Special technologies for high performance steels
- Steel yield and productivity improvements
- Application and control of electromagnetic fields
- Metallurgical and operational results
- Quality control and detection of defects
- Solidification, segregation and high temperature behavior
- Process development and optimization
- Computer simulations and modelling of solidification, ingot castings and CC process

9. **ROLLING OF LONG AND FLAT PRODUCTS**
- Hot sheet rolling
- Cold sheet rolling & annealing
- Plate rolling
- Rod, bar and tube rolling
- New processes
- New products, processing of new steels
- Reheating furnace – Oxidation and descaling
- Thermo mechanical treatment
- Lubrication and roll wear
- Design and management of mill assets
- Roll technology
- Automation, control and measurements
- Modelling and simulation
- Energy efficiency
- Levelling, dividing, slitting and marking

10. **FORGING**
- Latest developments in forging plants
- Optimization of the forging process
- Process simulation
- Technical measurement of forgings
- Measures for ensuring quality
- Descaling
- Furnace technology
- Burner technology
- Heat treatment process
- Energy Management
- Cold rolling, forming

11. SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES
- Quality control and management of defects
- Galvanizing and electro-galvanizing
- Surface post-treatments
- Automated surface inspection
- Defect prevention and detection
- Data mining systems and predictive analytics
- Environmental challenges

12. ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY ASPECTS IN IRON AND STEELMAKING
- Energy savings and energy efficiency optimization
- Alternative fuels and reductants in iron and steelmaking
- Injection of waste plastics into the blast furnace
- Emission avoidance from iron and steelmaking
- Recycling of iron and steelmaking dust and sludge
- By-product management in iron and steel production
- Improvement and treatment of iron and steelmaking slags
- Use of waste gas and waste heat
- Water cascades and recirculation
- Examination and remediation of contaminated sites
- Challenge of renewable gases in iron and steelmaking
- New and alternative technologies
- Alternative fuels in iron- and steelmaking

13. EFFICIENCY INCREASE AND CO₂ MITIGATION IN IRON AND STEELMAKING
- Strategies for efficiency increase
- Lowering fuel costs
- CO₂ capture in steelmaking process
- CO₂ storage and use from iron and steelmaking
- Energy management systems
- Use of CO₂ from process gases for new products

14. STEEL MATERIALS AND THEIR APPLICATION:
- High strength steels for flat products for the automotive industry
- Hot formed steel parts for the automotive industry
- High strength steels for bars and wire rods for automotive and engineering industry
- High temperature steels for energy technology
- High strength fine grain steels for construction applications
- Advanced high strength steels in truck construction
- Advanced high strength steels in mobile crane construction
- Tool steels for forming high strength materials
- Modern joining technologies in multi-material applications
- The use of stainless steel in the food industry
- Light weight construction concepts for agriculture devices

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- 30 November 2014
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