

MMMM 2008

MMMM2008 coincided with the National Metallurgists Day (NMD) celebrations, which are undertaken by Indian Institute of Metals on 14 November of every year. These celebrations are held in honor of the birthday of Late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.

Celebrations of NMD were preceded by an International Conference on important aspects of the metallurgical field. Annual Technical Meeting of IIM followed NMD Celebrations, wherein research works undertaken in the field of metallurgy and related technologies are presented and deliberated upon for two days.

During 2008, all these activities were undertaken during 13 - 16 November 2008.

The event comprising NMD-ATM and International Conference had been named as 'METALS ASIA' and the theme of international conference was "**Towards Global Leadership in Minerals & Metals**".

NMD was celebrated on 14 November 2008. Shri S K Roongta, Chairman, SAIL and Shri P K Rastogi, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India delivered addresses as guests of honour preceded by an address by Shri L. Pugazhenthay, President, IIM. Prof. S. Ranganathan, Past President, IIM addressed the gathering on 'National Metallurgists Day'. Mr. L. Pugazhenthay, President, IIM presented IIM awards; NMD awards were presented by Mr. Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Steel, Chemical & Fertilizers.

The NMD celebrations also had a Bharata Natyam performance entitled "Materials & Culture".

The International Conference opened with a welcome address by Shri L. Pugazhenthay, President IIM. There were three sessions wherein invited lectures on different aspects of metallurgy were delivered by eminent personalities

1. Prof. Somnath Misra delivered Prof. N P Gandhi Memorial Lecture
2. Prof. G S Upadhyay delivered Prof. Daya Swaroop Memorial Lecture
3. Prof. I. Manna delivered G D Birla Gold Medal Lecture

In the evening, a special function was held in which 'IIM-JRD Tata Award for Excellence in Corporate Leadership in Metallurgical Industry' was presented to Mr. Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd.

The ATM had contributions from fifteen different fields from researchers, known personalities from industry and established technical experts from Research & Development Institutions. There were 35 mini-symposia in this ATM and each of these mini-symposia opened with a lead paper and was chaired by a known expert in that area.

Response to ATM was very good. Some 400 abstracts had been received and were segregated into oral/poster sessions.

The presentations of the oral papers were carried out in five parallel sessions. The delegates were very appreciative of the academic excellence exhibited while designing the sub-sessions and relative placement of the oral papers.

A jury comprising Mr. S. C. Suri, Prof. I. Manna, Mr. B. D. Jethra and Mr. U. C. Sharma was assigned the task of evaluating these papers (both oral as well as poster) for 1st and 2nd prizes in Ferrous, Non-Ferrous, Metal Sciences Groups and for Metallographs.

In the case of oral papers the jury taking into account the feedback received from the Chairman of every sub-session did the selection for various awards.

Oral and Poster presentations were selected for First and Second prizes in category of Ferrous, Non-Ferrous and Metal Sciences group. Awards were also given in SEM and TEM metallography contest.

There was a special session for student presentations chaired by Mr. L. Pugazhenthly, President, IIM and best papers were given awards in this category.

During the entire event of NMD/International Conference/ATM, 7th International Trade Fair and Conference on **Minerals, Metals, Metallurgy & Materials** was organized concurrently, to apprise the delegates with the latest technologies/equipment available in metallurgical industries.