On my own behalf

Salute from the new Secretary General

Dear members and friends of our association,

With the beginning of this year, I have the honour and pleasure to run the daily work of IFHTSE. My predecessor Robert Wood’s service, exceptionally long and exceptionally successful, is surely a hard act to follow. But with the support of the other office holders and the professional community, that is: all of you, I am sure we can carry on in good continuity.

What I allow myself to ask from you is not only a little patience with any inconveniences which might be caused by my lack of some specific experience, but your feedback in case of any flaws you notice and in regard of any and all requests you have to IFHTSE. Do not hesitate to contact me, at best in person at our forthcoming great event, the 22nd Congress of IFHTSE in beautiful Venice. This organisation is there for you, and you are the ones who know best how it can be of use for you. Which is just what we want to be.

Looking forward to working with and for you – and to see you in Venice,

Stefan Hock
IFHTSE’s top event in 2015:

The IFHTSE Congress is organised this year by AIM, the Italian Association for Metallurgy. The International Steering and Scientific & Programme Committees are composed of experts from 11 and 10 countries, respectively. Details on programme, registration and organisation are to be found under http://www.aimnet.it/ht2015.htm

Close to one hundred oral presentations in two parallel sessions and some seventy posters will present the newest in research, technology and application in Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering.

IFHTSE will honour new fellows, the best paper from an author under 35 years of age will be acknowledged with the Tom Bell Young Author Award, and the best poster will receive the IFHTSE Poster Award.
The sessions to be held in these three days are:

**Massive heat treatments: microstructural properties and transformations**
**Massive heat treatments: relationship between process and final properties**
**Nitriding and Nitrocarburizing – Application and Combined Processes**
**Tool Steels**
**Quenching and heat transfer**
**Quenching media and process**
**Massive heat treatments of special components**
**Quality and accreditation**

**Stainless steels**
**Carburizing processes and properties**
**Industrial Heat Treatment Equipment and process innovation**
**Applications**
**Non-ferrous processes and properties**
**Coatings processes and applications**
**Coatings properties and characterization**
**Industrial Heat Treatment process and simulation**

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**New IFHTSE contact data**

Along with the change in staff, also the contact data of IFHTSE have changed. The new postal address is

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Meeting of the IFHTSE Executive Committee

and

44th Assembly of IFHTSE’s Governing Council

In conjunction with the 22nd Congress

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Executive Committee: 13:00 / 1 p.m., Room A (SALA A), ground floor

Governing Council: 16:00 / 4 p.m., Room E+F (SALA E+F), 1st floor

NH Venezia Congress Centre – Laguna Palace
Viale Ancona 2, Venezia Mestre, Venice – Italy

IFHTSE Bulletin

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- Around 500 individuals (official representatives of member bodies, people active in various IFHTSE projects, authors of papers in the official Journal *International Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering*, linked publications, etc.)
- Our networking publications (*The Monty, Industrial Heating*)
- People who have asked to be on the circulation list
- It is also passed on to memberships of several bodies in a number of countries

A complete archive of back issues is on the website www.ifhtse.org

Members are always welcome to provide material for publication.
Diary

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All members are kindly invited to provide information on further events to be added, covering IFHTSE (and its members’) plans, national events in the field, and main events in interfacing fields.