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# 23rd IFHTSE Congress

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## European Conference ON HEAT TREATMENT

11 – 13 May 2016  
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## Second Announcement

### European Conference on Heat Treatment 2016

and  
3rd International Conference on Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering  
in Automotive Applications

11 – 13 May 2016  
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Colleagues,

there is still a possibility of **registration** at the European Conference on Heat Treatment. Please note that the deadline for **Early Bird Registration** is **March 31, 2016**.

To this date there are 105 registered participants. The conference **program** with 64 lectures and 10 posters is published on the **conference website**.

## LOCK DOWN YOUR HOUSING FOR THE IFHTSE CONGRESS

If you haven't secured your hotel room yet, the extended deadline to do so is now **Thursday, March 24**. The official hotel is the Hyatt Regency Savannah.



Book your room now: <http://www.asminternational.org/web/ifhtse/travel>

## New Members of the Executive Committee

We continue the presentation of the new members to our readers, this time with:

### Simon Blantern

In 1976, at the age of sixteen, I started as an apprentice Toolmaker, and after this as an apprentice Metallurgist working in the laboratory at what is now Bodycote Stockport. When I first saw the job advertised I had to look up in a dictionary what a metallurgist was!

From the role of a shift Metallurgist I took the steps of inspector, Chief Inspector and then Quality Manager, responsible for all aspects of the site's quality, including customer audits and implementation of the necessary quality systems.



From 1987 on I was Sales Engineer for the North West of England. To say this part of my career was character building would be an understatement. At the

time, the site had suffered from a lack of sales representation for a number of years and there was a lot of work to be done. For the first nine months I can vividly remember banging on doors and none of them opening. Eventually, the doors did open and profitable new work came flowing into the facility. I believe that everybody managing a heat treatment facility would benefit from a downturn in sales; it opens your horizons to what the customer requires in the way of service, quality, etc, and, from my experience, price is never number one on their agenda - customer service is what counts.

In 1989 I was asked to serve as Production Manager, and after four years I was promoted to Works Manager, achieving record profits, the 'Investors In People' accreditation, and ISO 14001.

I met my future wife, Carol, at a wine bar in Stockport in 1992. I think she now wishes she had never gone there that Friday night, as it's never easy being married to someone in heat treatment and putting up with the long hours, which are the norm.

My role within Bodycote was further expanded in 1999 when I took on the additional operational responsibility for both Bodycote Woodford and Aldridge, and in 2002 I moved into the role of Sales Director for the UK which, at the time, encompassed 14 sites. During this period I was elected to the management committee of CHTA, Britain's Contract Heat Treatment Association, and have just completed a two-year tenure as Chairman.

In January 2009, in one of the worst recessions on record, I became VP Sales Europe for the newly created Aerospace, Defence & Energy division, responsible for sales in France and Belgium – seven sites with a new facility opening in 2016, eight sites in the UK, and a new facility opening in Poland in late 2016.

My life in heat treatment is never dull, and the thing I like most about the business is that every day is different - I think that is why I enjoy this industry so much.

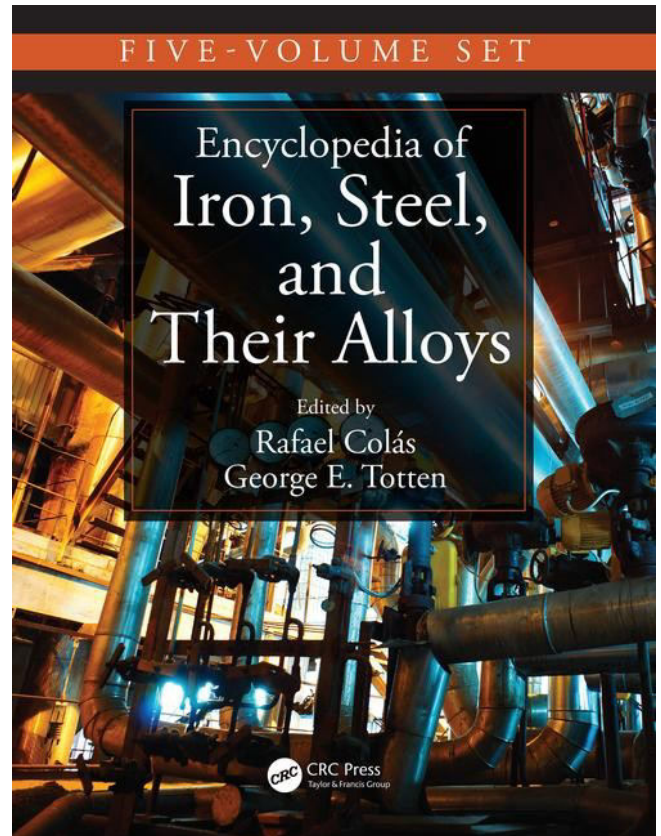
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# Forthcoming Conferences

2016	APR	18-22	<b>23rd IFHTSE Congress</b>	Savannah, GA	<b>USA</b>	<a href="http://www.asminternational.org/web/ifhtse/home">www.asminternational.org/web/ifhtse/home</a>	
2016	MAY	11-13	<b>3rd International Conference on Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering in Automotive Applications /European Conference on Heat Treatment</b>	Prague	<b>Czech Republic</b>	<a href="http://www.htconference-prague2016.cz">www.htconference-prague2016.cz</a>	
2016	MAY	12-14	<b>2nd Heat Treatment &amp; Surface Engineering Conference and Expo 2016</b>	Chennai	<b>India</b>	<a href="http://www.htsechennai.com">www.htsechennai.com</a>	
2016	JUNE	22-24	<b>4th Symposium on Surface Hardening of Corrosion Resistant Materials</b>	La Valletta	<b>Malta</b>		
2016	SEP	13-15	<b>10th International Conference «Innovation Technologies of Heat Treatment»</b>	Moscow	<b>Russia</b>	<a href="http://www.htexporus.com/conference.html">http://www.htexporus.com/conference.html</a>	
2016	SEP	20-23	<b>Heat Treat Mexico</b>	Queretaro	<b>Mexico</b>	<a href="http://www.asminternational.org/web/htmexico">http://www.asminternational.org/web/htmexico</a>	
2016	SEP	26-28	<b>3rd Mediterranean Conference on Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering</b>	Portorož	<b>Slovenia</b>	<a href="mailto:vojteh.leskovsek@imt.si">vojteh.leskovsek@imt.si</a>	
2016	OCT	04-07	<b>International Tooling Conference</b>	Bratislava	<b>Slovakia</b>	<a href="http://www.tool2016.org">www.tool2016.org</a>	
2016	OCT	26-28	<b>HK 2016 [languages: German/English]</b>	Cologne	<b>Germany</b>	<a href="http://www.awt-online.org/haertereikongress.html">http://www.awt-online.org/haertereikongress.html</a>	
2016	Nov	12-14	<b>5th Asian Conference on Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering</b>	Hangzhou	<b>China</b>	<a href="http://www.5achtse.org">http://www.5achtse.org</a>	
2017	JUN	26-29	<b>24th IFHTSE Congress / European Conference on Heat Treatment</b>	Nice	<b>France</b>	<a href="http://www.a3ts.org">www.a3ts.org</a>	
2018	APR	12-13	<b>European Conference on Heat Treatment</b>	Friedrichshafen	<b>Germany</b>		
2018	AUTUMN		<b>International Conference on Quenching and Distortion Engineering</b>		<b>Japan</b>		