
This Is . . . This is a summary of the 98th AmeriTAC meeting and related meetings held at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel, Jacksonville, FL on February 25, 2009.

Attendance & Participation Here are the attendance and participation statistics for the meeting:

- 67 Total Attendance including Project Team meetings, Project Development Committee meetings, and AmeriTAC meeting.
- 35 Member Companies represented
- 4 New Members
 - **Becht Engineering** – Eileen Chant (DR & TAC)
 - **Mitsui Chemicals** – Matsuda Hiroyasu (DR & TAC)
 - **Tantaline** – Evan Hinshaw (DR & TAC)
 - **Titanium Fabrication Corporation** – Greg Dunn (DR) & Rocky Kuykendall (TAC)
- 2 Potential Members
 - **ERCO Worldwide** – Lester Dobosz
 - **MERL** – Roderick Martin
- 5 Guests
- 58 Forum Questions submitted and discussed

Remote Participation in Meetings All meetings allowed remote participation using **GoToMeeting** and **GoToWebinar** services. There were some technical glitches that are being addressed for AmeriTAC 99.

Stainless Steel Training Four member company technical experts presented the MTI-developed one-day training program "Stainless Steel Train the Trainer Seminar." 36 people attended in person and an additional 21 attended remotely via GoToWebinar.

Corrosion Engineering at U. of Akron Aziz Asphahani discussed the developing Corrosion Engineering Program at the University of Akron.

MTI's New Online Publications Search Patrick Coulter/Granta Design demonstrated MTI's New Online Publications Search capability. Granta is the MTI contractor for this project. 21 MTI books are in the searchable data base which is accessible through the MTI Website.

Two Projects Approved AmeriTAC and the BOD approved and funded two projects:

- High Temperature Alloy Microstructures Atlas (\$78k)
- Joint MTI-Stainless Steel World Conference on Optimizing Cost of Chemical Process Equipment (\$15k)

Two New Project Teams Formed

These two new potential project teams formed during AmeriTAC 98 Jacksonville:

- NDE HD Alumina Bricks
 - O-Ring Identification
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Future Meetings

Here are the MTI meetings scheduled to date:

- EuroTAC 2009, April 21-23, Best Western Premier Hotel Parc, Köln.
 - AmeriTAC 99 June 8-11, 2009, Millennium, St. Louis, MO.
 - AsiaTAC 2009, September 23-24, Renaissance Puxi, Shanghai.
 - AmeriTAC 100 October 19-22, 2009, San Francisco Airport Marriott, Burlingame, CA.
 - AmeriTAC 101 February 22-25, 2010, Trade Winds, St. Pete Beach, FL.
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Project Team Meetings

These 19 project teams met during TAC 98. Project numbers are in parentheses with alphabetic (ab) denoting potential projects and numerical (123-08) denoting funded projects.

- Terahertz Imaging (186-08)
 - Data Retrieval Service for MTI (189-08)
 - Ceramic Fiber Insulation Properties (182-07)
 - Demolition of Obsolete Equipment (ny)
 - High Temperature Alloy Microstructures (nw)
 - Casting Quality Inspection (177-07)
 - Electronic Posting of Member Company Surplus Equipment (nx)
 - Cost Control in Equipment Design (ng)
 - Pneumatic Leak Testing of Heat Exchanger Tubing (nl)
 - Guide for the Repair & Modification of FRP (165-05) & Lined (166-05) Equipment
 - 2nd Statistical Analysis of NDE Data (191-08)
 - Reliability Equipment Manual for Fixed Equipment (190-08)
 - Advanced Metal Dusting Projects (156-03, 179-07, 188-08)
 - Measuring Hydriding in Ti (180-07) & Hydride Formation in Ti (mp)
 - Stainless Steel Seminar (lo)
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Project Development Committee Meetings

Project Development Committees (PDC) match members' needs with new and existing technologies to identify new potential projects. These five PDC's met during AmeriTAC 98:

- Integrity & Condition Assessment PDC
 - New Materials—Polymers PDC
 - New Materials—Metals PDC
 - New Materials—Ceramics PDC
 - Knowledge Management PDC
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