



## The International Committee for Study of Bauxite, Alumina & Aluminium

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### Press Release - The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition of ICSOBA

The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition of ICSOBA entitled „New Challenges of Bauxite Alumina & Aluminium Industry and Focus on China” was held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Zhengzhou Research Institute of CHALCO, in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China. The successful event was organized in co-operation with the host sponsor CHINALCO.

The number of participants was 275 including 142 foreigners and 133 delegates of Chinese companies. Out of 110 companies that were represented at the conference, 63 were foreign companies and 47 represented Chinese firms or universities.

The Conference consisted of two days of lectures following a Workshop on the aluminium electrolysis. On the opening day there were seven **plenary lectures** on various focal points of the Chinese aluminium industry and other selected subjects, such as technological developments in Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA), in Votorantim Metais and RUSAL Aughinish Refinery.

The **Bauxite and Bauxite Residue** session consisted of 12 presentations, the majority on various aspects of bauxite residue. 19 lectures were presented in the **Alumina Technology** session. The **Aluminium Production and Carbon Materials** session covered 20 presentations. A **Joint Technical Session** was also held covering among others improvement of the operational performance and the building application potential of fly ash. The conference proceedings (Travaux) were made available on pendives and certain number of hard copies was produced as well.

**Field trips** were organized to visit the Zhongzhou Alumina Refinery of Chalco and the Jiaozou Wanfang Aluminium Smelter on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Invitations were presented to the next ICSOBA Conference to be held from 29 November to 1 December 2015 in Dubai and to the Bauxite Residue Valorisation and Best Practices Conference, 5-7 October 2015 in Leuven, Belgium. In the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> October, a high level cultural programme, which included musicians, magicians and other artists was provided by the host sponsor.

The list of the 2014 conference Sponsors, which also includes Exhibitors is as follows:

**The Host Sponsor:** CHINALCO and ZRI (Zhengzhou Research Institute) of CHALCO. **The Gold Sponsors:** Shandong Jingjin Environmental Protection Equipment Co, NorthEastern University Institute, Hatch (Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Management), Outotec and Nalco – an Ecolab Company. **The Silver Sponsors** were Cytec Industries Inc., GEHO WeirMinerals Netherlands, Feluwa Pumpen GmbH, Hangzhou Newtime Valve Co. Ltd., Bruker AXS, ECL Services for Aluminium Smelters (RTA Subsidiary), Sunresin New Material, Co. Ltd. and Henan Quanshun Flow Control Science and Technology Co. Ltd. The P&E Software was a **Special Sponsor**. R&D Carbon, UC RUSAL, RioTintoAlcan (RTA) and Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) were the conference **supporters**.

The annual meeting of members, as well as the council meeting were held. Dr Jeannette See and Ms Marja Brouwer resigned from their posts of Directors of ICSOBA. Dr Frank Feret stepped down from the role of President of ICSOBA, though he remains on the Board. In order to increase visibility of ICSOBA a post of Honorary President was created. Dr Ali Al Zarouni of EGA, the host of the next conference in Dubai, became the Honorary President for 2015.

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After the 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference the **Board of Directors** of ICSOBA is as follows:

Dr Ali Al Zarouni – Honorary President in 2015

Dr Frank Feret – CEO, Vice President

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**Roleof den Hond, former President receives Gold medal from Frank Feret, President of ICSOBA**



**Magician at the Conference Dinner**



**Discussion at the lobby**

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