

ISSF Profile

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About ISSF

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) is a non-profit research organisation which serves as the world forum on various aspects of the international stainless steel industry. ISSF was founded in 1996.

Who are our members?

ISSF has two categories of membership: company members and affiliated members. Company members are producers of stainless steel (integrated mills and rerollers). Affiliated members are national or regional stainless steel industry associations. ISSF now comprises 71 companies and affiliated members in 26 countries. Jointly they produced 75 to 80% of all stainless steel manufactured in 2008.

Vision

In the beginning of 2009, the ISSF members adopted a Vision for the stainless steel industry:

[Stainless steel provides sustainable solutions for everyday life.](#)

Members throughout the world

The value and output of the International Stainless Steel Forum comes from the contributions made by member company personnel. The 26 countries in which ISSF members are located (as of March 2009) are:

- Australia
- Belgium
- Brazil
- China
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- India
- Italy
- Japan
- South Korea
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Poland
- Russia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Taiwan, China
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States

Antitrust policy

ISSF's antitrust policy states that "no event or activity ISSF undertakes should in any way compromise antitrust laws in any country". Policy guidelines have been put in place and participants are reminded of them at every meeting. In addition, an external legal counsel attends all Board and Executive Committee meetings and Annual General Meetings. He also reviews all committee meeting agendas and minutes.

Benefits of membership

ISSF is a medium- to long-term strategic tool for the stainless steel industry. Members can participate in all ISSF activities (including committees, conferences, projects and seminars) and contribute to decisions made by the Board. Through their participation in ISSF, members support the creation of value-added knowledge for the stainless steel industry. The main deliverables from ISSF are "Global Facts for Local Use". ISSF is legally part of the World Steel Association (worldsteel). ISSF members are invited to apply for membership of worldsteel and to participate in their activities which cover a range of fields relevant to the wider steel industry. Through the worldstainless Extranet, ISSF members have access to a valuable forum for information exchange regarding stainless steel, including statistical data.

Activities of ISSF committees

ISSF has four standing committees. The committees consist of stainless steel experts from around the world. Most committee members are drawn from ISSF's member companies, although external experts are sometimes called in to provide advice. The committee members meet 2 to 3 times a year.

Committee on Market Development

Promotion and market development have been the most important functions of ISSF since it was established in 1996. The cornerstones of ISSF's market-development policy are knowledge and information. ISSF aims to grow the overall market for stainless steel and to promote the use of appropriate

grades for individual applications. This goal is achieved through education (of both stainless specialists and the general public) and by promoting stainless steel and its potential applications to decision makers.

Committee on Health and Environment

Health concerns and environmental protection are some of the most pressing issues facing the world today. ISSF is committed to assess the environmental and health impact of the manufacture and use of stainless steel. This information is passed on to the stainless steel community worldwide so that ISSF members can deliver fact-based, coherent messages to local regulators, customers and project partners.

Climate Change is a very important part of environmental protection. ISSF is very active in this area together with worldsteel and the stainless steel industry's most important raw material supplier organisations. The objective is to reduce emissions by higher process efficiency, more recycling and a growing usage of durable (no corrosion), high strength (low weight) stainless steels.

Committee on Economics and Statistics

ISSF is the voice of the world stainless steel industry, ensuring that its views are presented in a forceful, consistent and coordinated way to policymakers, the business and financial communities and the general public. Accurate and up-to-date information and statistics are essential tools to achieve this aim. Through its Committee on Economics and Statistics, ISSF collects detailed economic and statistical data on the stainless steel sector. The information is disseminated to ISSF members, to the industry, and to the general public via media contacts around the world, the worldstainless.org website, and the worldstainless Extranet.

Committee on Long Products

The Long Products Committee focuses on product-specific issues. This includes market statistics and market development activities for long products. Both of these areas require long product specialists. The Long Products Committee cooperates with other ISSF committees for stainless steel or product-neutral issues (such as health and environment, general statistics and certain market sector analyses).

ISSF communications

ISSF communicates with its members, the general public, the financial community and the media through the following channels:

- The Annual General Meeting of Members and Forward Looking Session are held as part of the annual conference each year. These meetings provide members with a chance to hear about the work of ISSF as well as topical subjects that are affecting the stainless steel industry.
- The Team Stainless newsletter is e-mailed to all members of the Team Stainless Network (for more information see Team Stainless below).
- The ISSF Annual Review summarises the activities of ISSF over the past year. The Annual Review is provided to members, industry analysts, the financial community, and interested members of the general public.

- The stainless steel website is www.worldstainless.org. The website is regularly updated to inform the market about the advantages of using stainless steel.
- The worldstainless Extranet gives ISSF members access to all of the work done by ISSF since 1996. The Extranet also facilitates communication between ISSF members. The Extranet includes the latest industry information (including member-only statistics) and updates on ISSF committee meetings and programmes.

Team Stainless – networking

Team Stainless is an informal network of development associations for stainless steel, chromium, nickel and molybdenum. Team Stainless was formed in 2002. Members include the International Chromium Development Association (ICDA), the Nickel Institute (NI), the International Molybdenum Association (IMOA), the International Nickel Study Group (INSG), Euro Inox and ISSF.

The objective of Team Stainless is to explore collaborative efforts on market development and market defence. ISSF coordinates the Team Stainless website (worldstainless.org/team+stainless) and distributes the Team Stainless newsletter via e-mail.

Training

ISSF has developed a number of training courses for people inside and outside the stainless steel industry. The following courses are available:

ISSF Specialist Training Course

The ISSF Stainless Steel Specialist Course is an advanced and effective tool to improve your knowledge of stainless steel, its properties, performance and uses. The course modules are currently available online as PDF files. Eleven of the 17 modules are now available as e-learning resources on worldstainless.org. Work continues on converting the remaining modules. Assessment is through tests which are also delivered via the Internet. So far, the course is available in English and Korean, more languages are to come.

Stainless SteelCAL

Stainless SteelCAL is a computer-aided learning tool for students of architecture and structural engineering. It can also be used by people in the industry who would like to improve or update their knowledge of stainless steel. Stainless SteelCAL contains interactive multimedia learning activities to teach the principles of stainless steel design and specification. The tool also contains an image library of stainless steel applications and a search engine. SteelCAL is available in English, Portuguese and Spanish. For more information about these training courses, please visit www.worldstainless.org/training.

Stainless Steel Fellows

ISSF's Stainless Steel Fellow programme provides an opportunity for employees of member companies to work for ISSF. Fellows are appointed for a fixed term (normally between six months and two years). The Fellows work on specific projects or in specific positions during their time with ISSF. At the end of the secondment, Fellows return to their home company. The Fellows programme promotes cross-cultural understanding. This is important for both members and regular staff in a global organisation such as ISSF. Recent Fellows include:

- [TAKUJI HARA](#) (*Nisshin Steel*), Technical Manager
- [TOMOHISA WATAYA](#) (*Nippon Metal Ind.*), Health and Environment Manager
- [SHUHEI TSUTSUMI](#) (*Nippon Yakin*), Stainless Steel Fellow, Market Development
- [JOHN WU](#) (*SKS*), Stainless Steel Fellow, Chinese Market Statistics

ISSF Board

The Forum and its work are governed by the ISSF Board, which meets twice a year. Elected by the members, the Board is composed of up to 18 members. The Board elects the Executive Committee (eight members), the ISSF Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, the Treasurer and the Secretary General. The Executive Committee meets one to two times a year.

CHAIRMAN:

Rafael Naranjo Olmedo,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Acerinox Group

VICE CHAIRMEN:

Jean-Yves Gilet,
*Executive Vice President ArcelorMittal,
CEO ArcelorMittal Stainless*

Hideo Suzuki,
President & CEO, Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd.

TREASURER:

Jürgen Fechter,
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Secretary General, International Stainless Steel Forum

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POSCO*

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General Manager, Taiyuan Iron & Steel (Group) Co. Ltd.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:

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CEO, Schmolz+Bickenbach

Jeffrey Hsu,
Vice President, Yieh United Steel Corp.

ISSF staff

The staff of ISSF includes both permanent employees and Stainless Steel Fellows. As at the end of March 2009, the staff of ISSF included:

- Pascal Payet-Gaspard, *ISSF Secretary General*
- Jo Claes, *Administration and Communications Manager*
- Takuji Hara, *Technical Manager*
- Bernard Héritier, *Market Development Manager, Long Products*
- Sabine Kariger, *Assistant, ISSF*
- Peter Kaumanns, *Director of Economics and Statistics
and Long Products*
- Shuhei Tsutsumi, *Stainless Steel Fellow, Market Development*
- Tomohisa Wataya, *Health and Environment Manager*
- John Wu, *Stainless Steel Fellow, Chinese Market Statistics*

The World Steel Association

The World Steel Association provides administrative support to ISSF. worldsteel acts as the focal point for the steel industry, providing global leadership on all major strategic issues affecting the industry, particularly focusing on economic, environmental and social sustainability. Based in Brussels, Belgium, worldsteel has grown to become one of the largest industry associations, with over 180 members in more than 50 countries. The Chairman of ISSF is a member of the worldsteel Board. For more information about worldsteel please consult their website, worldsteel.org.

Annual conference

The annual conference of ISSF is held each year, normally in May. The conference brings together the heads of the world's major stainless steel enterprises and national and regional associations. Approximately 90 chairmen, chief executive officers and other senior managers of ISSF member companies attend. The next annual conference, ISSF-14, will be held in Rio de Janeiro in May 2010. Previous ISSF conferences have been held in:

ISSF-13 *Hong Kong 2009*

ISSF-12 *Paris, France 2008*

ISSF-11 *Kyoto, Japan 2007*

ISSF-10 *Louisville, USA 2006*

ISSF-9 *Helsinki, Finland 2005*

ISSF-8 *Seoul, Korea 2004*

ISSF-7 *Berlin, Germany 2003*

ISSF-6 *Sun City, South Africa 2002*

ISSF-5 *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2001*

ISSF-4 *Yokohama, Japan 2000*

ISSF-3 *Pittsburgh, USA 1999*

ISSF-2 *Madrid, Spain 1998*

ISSF-1 *Seoul, Korea 1997*

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WEBSITE

More information about the work of ISSF can be found at worldstainless.org.

EXTRANET

Members can access the worldstainless Extranet at:

<https://extranet.worldstainless.org>

Please note: You must have a user ID and password to access this site. For more information about the worldstainless Extranet, please contact Jo Claes (claes@issf.org).

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