The blast furnace has been and will remain the “centrepiece” of integrated facilities in the steel industry. Present day Ironmaking technology has evolved over many years through innovations in raw materials preparation, blast furnace design and blast furnace practice. Improvements in blast furnace operation usually have significant impact on the well-being of the company.

The blast furnace and its ancillary facilities are very complex and dynamic systems. This course is designed to present “state-of-the-art” knowledge of the systems to operators, researchers and suppliers of refractories, raw materials and equipment to the industry. The course content is continuously updated by the expert lecturers.

In addition to the lectures, there is a Blast Furnace Game, a Case Study related to Operations and at the end of the Course, an optional Plant Tour. Lecture notes will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify course material or to substitute lecturers without notice.

### 2018 Lectures

**Principles, Design and Raw Materials**

- **Historical Development and Principles of the Iron Blast Furnace**
  - John Ricketts
  - ArcelorMittal USA

- **Blast Furnace Reactions**
  - Bob Nightingale
  - University of Wolongong/Retired from Bluescope Steel

- **Blast Furnace Design I**
  - Dave Berdusco
  - Paul Wurth Inc.

- **Blast Furnace Design II**
  - Peter Martin
  - Primetals Technologies

- **Blast Furnace Design III**
  - Salvatiano Pinto
  - ArcelorMittal

- **Blending**
  - Salustiano Pinto
  - ArcelorMittal

- **Ironmaking Re refractories**
  - Floris van Laar
  - Allied Mineral Technical Services, Inc.

- **Iron-Bearing Burden Materials**
  - Marcelo Andrade
  - ArcelorMittal USA

- **Blast Furnace Control - Measurement Data and Strategy**
  - Bob Nightingale
  - University of Wolongong/Retired from Bluescope Steel

- **Maintenance Reliability Strategies in an Ironmaking Facility**
  - Johan van IJklen
  - ArcelorMittal

- **Future Trends in Ironmaking**
  - Joe Poveromo
  - Raw Materials & Ironmaking

- **Blast Furnace Modelling and Visualization**
  - Chenn Zhou
  - Purdue University Calumet

**Operations**

- **Coke Production for Blast Furnace Ironmaking**
  - Louis Giroux
  - Carment-Energy

- **Day-to-Day Blast Furnace Operations**
  - Art Cheng
  - Cheng Technical Services LLC

- **Challenging Blast Furnace Operations**
  - John Ricketts
  - ArcelorMittal

- **Burden Distribution and Aerodynamics**
  - Steve Yaniga
  - U. S. Steel

- **Ironmaking/Steelmaking Interface**
  - Mike Price
  - ArcelorMittal Dofasco

- **Fuel Injection in the Blast Furnace**
  - Donald Zuke
  - ArcelorMittal Steel USA

- **Casthouse Practice and Blast Furnace Casthouse Rebuild**
  - Barry Hyde
  - Hatch

- **Ironmaking in Western Europe**
  - TBD

- **Chinese Blast Furnace Practice**
  - Dennis Lu
  - ArcelorMittal USA

- **Japanese Blast Furnace Practice**
  - Dr. Koji Saito
  - Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation

- **Future Trends in Ironmaking**
  - Joe Poveromo
  - Raw Materials & Ironmaking

- **Global Consulting**
  - John Ricketts
  - ArcelorMittal

- **Blast Furnace Modelling and Visualization**
  - Chenn Zhou
  - Purdue University Calumet
Course Information:
There is an enrollment limit of 110 registrants. The course fee is $1,999.00 up to April 15 or $2,150.00 after April 15. The course fee includes USB with lecture notes, Welcome Reception, a shirt, lunches and coffee breaks. You can register online at eng.mcmaster.ca/training-courses. Receipt of payment is the only guarantee of registration.

Course Registration
Sunday, May 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the main lobby of Les Prince Hall (Sterling Street access). Monday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at the registration desk, outside lecture room at the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning & Discovery (MDCL) building.

Accommodation Registration
To promote interaction among registrants and lecturers, we strongly recommend accommodation in residence at the rate of $650.00 CDN. Accommodation fee includes five nights in McMaster University residence, five breakfasts and two dinners. Extra nights are available at CDN $100.00 + 13% taxes/night.

On site accommodation registration will be Sunday May 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the main lobby of Les Prince Hall (Sterling street access), but for early and late arrivals a front desk is open 24/7 in the main lobby of the Commons building. Daily maid service is provided. Please note there is no wake-up service available.

Computer Game
This is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with colleagues from all over the world.

On the first day the class will be divided into teams. Each team objective is to be the lowest cost hot metal producer.

Case Study
Team work activity on a real-world case to analyze operating and process data to determine the root cause(s) of a blast furnace upset, identify corrective actions and reflect on lessons learned.

Course Books
Cost: $75.00
Printed version of lecture notes.

Reception – Sunday, May 13
A Welcome Reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the The University Club of McMaster. Registrants are invited to meet lecturers, members of the Organizing Committee, and fellow participants.

Banquet – Wednesday, May 16
Cost: $75.00
Enjoy the food and the spectacular view of the ArcelorMittal and Stelco plants from the other side of Lake Ontario at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. (Business casual attire, no jeans allowed)

Optional Plant Tours – Friday May 18
Cost: $50.00
Each tour will be limited to 40 registrants on a first come, first served basis.

No short sleeves shirts, short pants or open shoes are allowed. Hard hats and safety glasses will be provided.

Driving tour of the Primary division and walking tour of Blast Furnace 3.
Bus will leave at 1:30 to approximately 4:30 p.m.
Visit Stelco Lake Erie Blast Furnace 1
Bus will leave at 1:30 to approximately 5:30 p.m.

Cancellation Policy
After April 19, 2018 refund 50%. There will be no refunds after May 1, 2018. Registration is not official until the registration fee has been paid. Substitutions can be made.

Travel Information:
Location: Hamilton is situated midway between Toronto and Niagara Falls. McMaster University is located in the west end of the city.

Getting Here: The nearest large airport is Pearson International in Toronto. Frequent limousine or bus service is available and it takes about one hour.

There are also flights from Buffalo NY which is approximately 120 km from Hamilton.

Parking Fees: Residents and non-resident attendees will be charged $72.00 if purchased at course registration or the course registration desk. McMaster University Parking fee: $20.00/per day.