

Unitecr 2013

The Unified International Technical Conference on Refractories

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Victoria, British Columbia, Canada welcomed more than 650 attendees from around the world Sept. 10–13 to Unitecr 2013—the 13th meeting of the Unified International Technical Conference on Refractories. Refractory organizations in the US, Germany, Japan, and South America collaborate on the biennial conference.

About half the technical program related to steelmaking, reflecting the reality that the steel industry consumes more than half of all refractories produced. The event incorporated keynote and plenary speakers, a poster session, exhibit hall, gala banquet, and a packed technical program. See the report, “Top ten takeaways from Unitecr,” on p. 3 of this issue.

The conference took place at the historic Fairmount Empress Hotel in Victoria. It included refractories short courses by FIRE as well as an opening reception at the Royal BC Museum featuring jazz music and a local indigenous three-generation ceremonial dance group. ■



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1 Unitecr president Lou Trostel welcomes everyone to the gala banquet. The hat was a gift from the Unitecr organizing team.

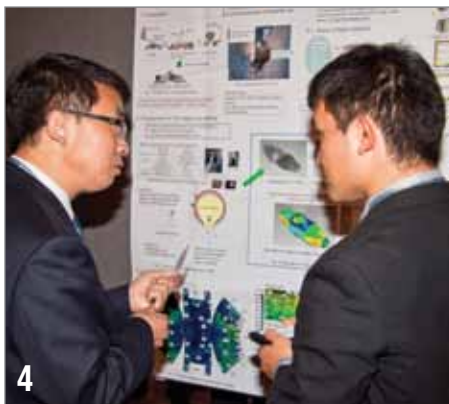
2 Keynote and plenary speakers drew large crowds each morning.

3 Unitecr’s International Executive Board conducted its business before the conference began.

4 The poster session provided another venue for exchanging ideas and business cards.

5 The exhibit hall gave vendors and customers a chance to discuss solutions to technical problems. Here, Washington Mills representative Stig Ofstad works with a customer.

6 A common sight—Unitecr attendees networking.



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