

St. Louis Section/RCD 56th Annual Symposium: March 25-26 2020

The St. Louis Section and the Refractory Ceramics Division of The American Ceramic Society will sponsor the 56th Annual Symposium on Refractories on the theme “**Properties and Performance of Refractory Ceramics – A Tribute to Richard C. Bradt**” on March 25-26, 2020 and a kickoff event (TBD) will held the evening of March 24, 2020. The meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel. Co-program chairs are Kelley Wilkerson and Jeff Smith of Missouri University of Science and Technology.

The **Tabletop Expo** format is the same as previous years, with each vendor having a 6-foot table to display products and literature. The charge is \$300, which will be used to cover the cost of the Expo Hall and provide an open two hour bar during the “Meet and Greet” for the attendees prior to the dinner buffet on Wednesday evening. If you are interested in participating in the Tabletop Expo, contact Patty Smith at (573) 341-6265 or psmith@mst.edu.

Please note that a meeting of the **ASTM International C-8 Committee on Refractories** will be held on March 24th, before this joint St. Louis Section/RCD conference. Contact Melissa Marcinowski at mmarcinowski@astm.org for more information on this meeting.

The pre-registration fee of \$225.00 or on-site registration fee of \$275.00 (\$125.00 for Emeritus/Seniors and \$50.00 for students) includes the cost of your bound copy of the Symposium Technical Papers, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Coffee Breaks.

A block of rooms has been set aside for the evenings of March 23-27, 2020 at the Hilton (314) 426-5500. The rate is \$115 a single or double. To receive the \$115 rate mention the Group Name: St. Louis Section of The American Ceramic Society or Group Code: SAC when making your reservation. The web address to make online reservations is: :
https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=STLHIHF&spec_plan=SAC&arrival=20200323&departure=20200327&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

All hotel reservations must be received on or before **February 22, 2020**.

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