

PMA to Host Global Metalforming Event of the Year

Register now to attend the International Council of Sheet Metal Presswork Associations (ICOSPA) 16th International Congress, hosted by PMA on September 14-17, 2008, in Grand Rapids, MI. The ICOSPA 2008 Congress is the world's foremost gathering of international metalforming manufacturers.

ICOSPA comprises metalforming trade associations from the United States, Germany, France, England, Japan and the Netherlands. It holds its International Congress every three years, hosted and organized on a rotating basis by one of its six member organizations. The theme of the 2008 Congress, being held in the United States for the first time since 1993, is "Shaping the world of metalforming—connecting ideas, best practices and people."

The Congress will convene over 400 metalforming executives from more than 10 countries to discuss key business issues, review new technologies and share industry-specific management practices. It will incorporate interactive sessions with well-known keynote speakers, opportunities to showcase the facilities of local metalforming companies through plant tours, and a number of social and networking events.

Speaker highlights include:

- **John Snow**, chairman/CEO of Cerberus Capital Management and former U.S. Treasury Secretary
- **Jack Perkowski**, chairman/CEO of ASIMCO, author of *Managing the Dragon: How I'm Building a Billion-Dollar Business in China* (and featured in *The World is Flat*)
- **Brian Krinock**, vice president, production



engineering of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. (TEMA)

- **Fred Keller**, chairman/CEO of Cascade Engineering
- **James Hackett**, chairman/CEO of Steelcase, Inc.
- **John Kennedy**, chairman/CEO of Autocam Corp.

The following Michigan metalforming companies have graciously opened their doors for organized attendee tours during the 2008 Congress: Trans-Matic Mfg. Co., Haworth Inc., Grand Haven Stamped Products, Shape Corp., GR Spring and Stamping, Irwin Seating Co., Pridgeon and Clay, and Steelcase Inc. The primary products of these companies vary from automotive brakes and audience seating/bleachers to furniture components, so attendees should expect to see a wide assortment of manufacturing practices.

In addition, PMA Next Generation Division members will be able to connect

with other up-and-coming leaders from around the world during the Congress. The conference will feature a special networking reception and roundtable session for rising leaders from each participating country. See page 2 for the full schedule of events.

The generous support of several world-class companies has helped make the 2008 ICOSPA Congress possible. The title sponsors are National City Bank and Nucor, and day sponsors are Plexus Systems, Seyi Presses, Komatsu America Industries, Mill Steel and AIDA America. Sponsorships are still available, and are described in detail at the Congress website.

Those wishing to register or learn more about this unparalleled opportunity to network and learn from international metalforming manufacturers should visit www.icospa.com/2008 or contact Deanna Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or dcunningham@pma.org.

ICOSPA 2008 Congress Schedule

Shaping the World of Metalforming—Connecting Ideas, Best Practices and People

Sunday, September 14

18:00 to 21:00 Welcome Reception Gala

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Monday, September 15

Day Theme: World Economics—The Impact on our Metalforming Industry, our Companies and Ourselves

06:45 to 07:45 Continental Breakfast; Tour Congress Products and Services Exhibition

08:00 to 11:30 Assembly Session

International Business Creates Opportunities and Challenges for Manufacturing Industries

John Snow, Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Chairman, Cerberus Capital Management, L.P.

ICOSPA Association Report—France

ICOSPA Association Report—The Netherlands

Doing Business in China

Jack Perkowski, Chairman & CEO, ASIMCO, China's leading auto parts manufacturer

11:45 to 17:00 Plant Tours of Metalforming Companies (lunch included)

Group A: Trans-Matic Mfg. Co. and Haworth, Inc.

Group B: Shape Corp. and Grand Haven Stamped Products

18:00 to 21:00 American-Themed Carnival & Dinner

Tuesday, September 16

Day Theme: A World Market of Metalforming—Products, Devices and Beyond

06:45 to 07:45 Continental Breakfast; Tour Congress Products and Services Exhibition

08:00 to 11:30 Assembly Session

Global Supply Strategies for Metal Stampings & Assemblies

Brian Krinock, Vice President, Production Engineering, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. (TEMA)

ICOSPA Association Report—Germany

ICOSPA Association Report—United Kingdom

Sustainability: Driving Growth for Plastics AND Steel

Fred Keller, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cascade Engineering



11:45 to 18:00 Plant Tours of Metalforming Companies (lunch included)

Group C: Irwin Seating Co. and GR Spring & Stamping, Inc.

Group D: Pridgeon & Clay, Inc. and Steelcase, Inc.

18:00 Special Networking Event for Next Generation Leaders

Wednesday, September 17

Day Theme: Innovation in Metalforming—A look at those leading the way

06:45 to 07:45 Continental Breakfast; Tour Congress Products and Services Exhibition

08:00 to 11:30 Assembly Session

Unlocking the Potential of People at Work

Jim Hackett, President & CEO, Steelcase, Inc.

ICOSPA Association Report—Japan

ICOSPA Association Report—United States

Innovation—Driven by Customer Service and Lean Manufacturing

John Kennedy, CEO, Autocam Corp.

14:00 to 16:00 Next Generation Roundtable

18:00 to 22:00 Gala Farewell Banquet

In addition, spouse/guest events are planned for each day of the Congress. Visit www.icospa.com/2008 for complete details on all of the events associated with the ICOSPA 2008 Congress.