

Perkowski, Snow to Speak at 2008 ICOSPA Congress

PMA has secured two keynote speakers for the International Council of Sheet Metal Presswork Associations (ICOSPA) Congress, September 14-17, 2008, in Grand Rapids, MI. Jack Perkowski and John Snow will speak on Monday, September 15. The theme for this day will be *World Economics—The Impact on our Metalforming Industry, our Companies and Ourselves*.

Jack Perkowski is the chairman and CEO of ASIMCO Technologies, one of the most important players in China's automotive components industry. It is a foreign-invested company, headquartered in Beijing, established specifically to serve the China market. In 2005, ASIMCO was named one of the "Ten Best Employers in China." Perkowski was featured in the chapter dealing with China in Thomas L. Friedman's best-selling book, *The World Is Flat:*

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John Snow was chairman and CEO of CSX Corporation, where he successfully guided the multi-modal global transportation company through a period of tremendous change. He later became the 73rd Secretary of the Treasury in 2003, where he worked closely with President Bush on economic policy issues. He is currently chairman of Cerberus Capital Management, L.P.

ICOSPA is a grouping of international metalforming trade associations. The largest event conducted by ICOSPA is the

International Congress, held every three years and hosted on a rotating basis by one of the member associations. The primary purpose of the ICOSPA International Congress is concentrated and organized networking and information sharing. Typical attendance ranges from 300 to 500 delegates and spouses from more than 10 countries.

To find out more about the 2008 ICOSPA Congress and the sponsorship opportunities that are available, contact Jessica Davidson at 216/901-8800 or jdavidson@pma.org, or visit www.icospa.com.