

Prestigious Award Goes to Siemens VAI Employee

Each year the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3) awards numerous medals and prizes to those in the profession for their achievement and published work. Among the winners this year is Jim Hogg, Technical Manager, Long Products for Siemens VAI, who is being honored with the Dowding Medal. First awarded in 1980, the Dowding Medal recognizes a major contribution to the invention, development or design of a metallurgical plant, particularly rolling and finishing, leading to improved economy, yield or quality in metal production.

Jim was named as this year's recipient for his work in rolling-mill designs and project engineering, mainly related to long products. "This is a great accolade for Jim and thoroughly deserved," says Jon Stewart, Director of the Siemens VAI Sheffield site where Jim works. "He personifies professionalism in the rolling-mill engineering field and in a career of nearly forty years he has demonstrated an exemplary blend of creativity and practicality in both design and project execution."

Jim started his career in 1970 at British Steel after graduating with honors in Mechanical Engineering

from the University of Leeds. It was during a graduate apprenticeship there that he was first exposed to rolling-mill engineering. He went on to gather further experience with different employers in mill-equipment design, development and commissioning, working on projects in his native UK as well as in Australia, France and Korea, among others.

In 1995, Jim led a project to build a rod mill at Tokyo Steel, which at the time was the fastest hot mill in the world. He then went on to lead the design and supply of Europe's first endless mill at Fundia Dalsbruk, Finland. In the late 1990s, focus shifted to China, where Jim supervised the supply of five high-speed rod mills to the Xingtai company.

In the last five years, Jim has been working on a number of projects in the UK for Corus, a Siemens VAI customer. His first and one of his more challenging projects was the primary mill conversion for Corus Engineering Steels at Aldwarke. The Medium Section Mill conversion to roll rail for Corus C+I at Scunthorpe is the most recent and notable engineering success.

Colleagues and customers alike hold Jim's dedication and professionalism in the highest regard. ■

Jim Hogg, Technical Manager for Long Products at Siemens VAI, is this year's winner of the IOM3 Dowding Medal and Prize.



More information

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Events: Upcoming Conferences and Fairs

- JUN/JUL 30 – 02** ALUMINIUM CHINA 2009, Shanghai, China
- JUN/JUL 30 – 03** 7th IFAC International Symposium on Fault Detection, Supervision and Safety of Technical Processes, Barcelona, Spain
- JUL 06** 15th IFAC Symposium on System Identification, SYSID 2009, Saint-Malo, France
- JUL 13 – 17** 64th ABM Congress, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Expominas; www.abmbrasil.com.br/seminarios
- JUL 16 – 19** 7th MachinExpo Bangladesh 2009 International Expo, Dhaka, Bangladesh
www.machinexpoonline.org
- JUL 22 – 24** ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY: MATERIALS & RESOURCES, Lausanne, Switzerland; www.spe.org/events/aime
- AUG 13 – 15** 6th China (Beijing) International Metallurgy Expo 2009 (CIME2009), Beijing, China
www.bcime.com/en
- AUG/SEP 31 – 02** 8th INTERNATIONAL STAINLESS & SPECIAL STEEL SUMMIT, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.metalbulletin.com/events
- SEP 01 – 03** The 6th Int'l Stainless Steel Expo (STEXPO), Shanghai, China
- SEP 06 – 08** INT. SYMPOSIUM ON AUTOMOBILE STYLE (ISAS'09), Dalian, China; <http://hy.csm.org.cn/isas09/en>
- SEP 08 – 10** 3rd STEELSIM: Int. Conference Simulation & Modelling of Metallurgical Processing in Steel-making, Leoben, Austria
- SEP 08 – 11** METALLURGY UKRAINE 2009, Donetsk, Ukraine
www.metallurgy-ukraine.com
- SEP 13 – 16** HOT FORMING OF STEELS, Grado, Italy
www.aimnet.it/hfs2009.htm
- SEP 14 – 18** 29th PERUMIN MINING CONVENTION (incl. EXTEMIN), Peru, Arequipa
www.convencionminera.com/eng/per_int.html
- SEP 15 – 17** ISIJ MEETING, Tokyo, Japan
www.isij.or.jp/Event/kokusai.htm
- SEP 16 – 18** MINING WORLD CENTRAL ASIA, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Atakent Exhibition Centre
www.miningworld-events.com
- SEP 17 – 18** 24 Aachener Stahlkolloquium "Metallurgie," Aachen, Germany; www.eurogress-aachen.de
- SEP 17 – 19** ISCS'08 – INT. SYMPOSIUM ON CLEAN STEEL, Anshan, China; www.csm.org.cn/iscs08/en
- SEP 17 – 19** 3rd INT. SPECIALIZED EXHIBITION "HEAT TREATMENT – 2009," Moscow, Russia, Expocentre Fairground, Pav. 6YZYZYZY
- SEP/OCT 28 – 02** IAS2008 – 1st INT. CONF. ON INTERSTITIALLY ALLOYED STEEL, Pohang, Korea
www.ias2008.Org
- SEP/OCT 30 – 02** ENVIROMINE 2009, Santiago de Chile, Chile
- OCT 04 – 10** CONAC 2009, Monterrey, Mexico, Convex Center
www.aistmexico.org.mx
- OCT 05 – 10** EMO MILANO 2009, Milano, Italy
www.emo-milan.com/eng/home.cfm
- OCT 07 – 10** INSTITUTE OF ROLL DESIGN CONFERENCE, Cleveland, USA; www.ird.net
- OCT 12 – 14** NORTH AMERICAN STEEL CONFERENCE, Chicago, USA, The Fairmon Hotel; www.cruevents.com
- OCT 13 – 15** CONTINUOUS CASTING – A PRACTICAL TRAINING SEMINAR, Charleston, USA; www.aist.org
- OCT 14 – 16** IFAC Workshop on Automation in Mining, Mineral and Metal Industry – IFACMMM2009, Viña del Mar, Chile, Sheraton Miramar Hotel
www.ifacmmm2009.com/evento_2009
- OCT 14 – 17** MINING INDONESIA 2009, Jakarta, Indonesia
- OCT 19 – 22** SMRP 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, St. Louis, USA
www.smrp.org
- OCT 19 – 23** The 5th International Congress on the Science and Technology of Ironmaking (ICSTI'09), Shanghai, China; www.csm.org.cn/icsti09/en
- OCT 20 – 22** STAINLESS STEELMAKING & CASTING SPECIALTY TRAINING CONFERENCE, Pittsburgh, USA
www.aist.org
- OCT 20 – 22** CHINA MINING Congress and Expo: Global Mining Gathering to Discuss the Big Concerns, Tianjin, China; www.china-mining.com
- OCT 21 – 23** 2009 INT. SYMPOSIUM ON LIQUID METAL PROCESSING & CASTING, Santa Fe, USA
www.tms.org/meetings/meetings.asp
- OCT 25 – 27** ILAFA 50, Quito, Ecuador, Swissotel; www.ilafa.org
- OCT 26 – 29** AIST'S STEEL PROPERTIES & APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE + MS&T'09 – The Materials Science & Technology Conference & Exhibition, Pittsburgh, USA, David L. Lawrence Convention Centre
www.aist.org
- OCT 27 – 30** 46th ABM ROLLING AND PROCESSING SEMINAR, Santos, SP, Brazil, Mendes Convention Center
www.abmbrasil.com.br/seminarios
- OCT 07 – 09** 13th ABM AUTOMATION SEMINAR, Minas Gerais, Brazil; www.abmbrasil.com.br/seminarios
- NOV 03 – 06** China Coal & Mining Expo 2009, Beijing, China
www.chinaminexpo.com
- NOV 09 – 12** FLOTATION 2009, Cape Town, South Africa
- NOV 09 – 12** 17th IAS STEELMAKING CONFERENCE & 7th IAS IRONMAKING CONFERENCE, Rosario, Argentina
www.siderurgia.org.ar
- NOV 10 – 12** STAINLESS STEEL WORLD CONFERENCE, Maastricht, Netherlands; www.stainless-steel-world.net
- NOV 10 – 13** 15th INT. INDUSTRIAL METAL-EXPO 2009, Moscow, Russia, Crocus Expo Int. Exhibition Center