

# Conference for metal-makers

**During the crisis period most metallurgical enterprises strive to increase their competitiveness thanks to implementation of various programs aimed at increasing production efficiency. Especially it is subject to measures of energy cost reduction and other production cost saving.**

Taking into account this tendency, the specialists of Metals Technologies division of Industry Solutions department held the conference “**Innovation and energy saving solutions for EAF and secondary metallurgy**”. The conference took place in Donetsk on November, 25.



**The main purpose of the conference** was to acquaint technical specialists of metallurgical enterprises of Ukraine with the Siemens VAI innovative products and solutions that secure high-level automation of production processes, product quality improvement and energy cost reduction.

Technical specialists of nine biggest metallurgical plants of Ukraine were invited to participate in the conference. Siemens VAI equipment is being operated at some of them; the others plan to install analogue equipment in the nearest future.

**The conference aroused great interest among the specialists.** More than 60 participants gathered in the conference-hall of the Atlas Hotel in Donetsk to hear the contributors, including automatic process control system managers, chief steel smelters (heads of electric-furnace melting shops and converter plants), heads of electric and mechanical equipment maintenance services, specialists of the plant perspective development service.



The Head of the Metals Services department at Siemens Ukraina Gustavo Jaramillo, as well as Siemens VAI representatives specially invited to participate in the conference from Germany and Austria – Thomas Reh, Arno Doebbeler, and Brigitte Laimer – also presented their reports. Of particular interest were presentations devoted to refining combined burners SIMETAL CIS RCB, electrode control system SIMETALCIS SIMELT, and completely integrated solutions for steel mill power quality SIMETALCIS PQ.

**Such conference was held in Ukraine for the first time. But taking into account the interest, which it aroused among the specialists, Metals Technologies plans to hold the analogue events regularly.** The themes for the future conferences will be determined according the results of participants' enquiry. Siemens for its part can offer variety of directions that are of potential interest for metallurgical plants of Ukraine: technologies for sinter plants, blast-furnace and oxygen converter production and different kinds of rolling.

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