One Night In Bangkok

Two nights, actually: IPMI hosted its first seminar in Asia from February 19-20. Co-sponsored by Mastermelt, Umicore and Pandora, more than 50 delegates from around the world met in Thailand’s capital city to discuss best practices in the jewelry industry. Topics ranged from historical backgrounds as well as regulatory and marketing aspects to technologies, recycling and analysis.

Papers included “A brief history of the Jewelry Industry” by Bodo Albrecht; “Conflict free Gold” by Dr. Rene Wiskemann (Umicore); “The Jewelry ROI: the biggest opportunities for platinum and how consumer marketing returns sustainable ounce demand” by Tim Schlick (Platinum Guild International); “Understanding the Fundamentals” by Jonathan Butler (Mitsubishi); “Manufacturing of Jewelry Alloys” by Dr. Rene Wiskemann (Umicore); “Risk Management” by Ankur Kacker (Marsh); “Insights into the refining of precious metals jewelry” by Dr. Jamie Conway-Baker and Gary Williams (Mastermelt); “Managing precious metal price risks” by Jonathan Butler (Mitsubishi); and “Iridium, Ruthenium and Osmium distribution in Gold” by Pankaj Deshmukh (MMTC-PAMP).

As is the nature of first meetings, few participants had met before. This lead to lively conversations during the breaks, and our evening events.

Backdrop was the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, a Bangkok landmark that lived up to its reputation throughout the event by providing a beautiful venue, excellent food and outstanding service. The seminar area is located on the opposite side of the river, offering a spectacular view of Bangkok’s city skyline on top. A hotel operated ferry shuttled participants to their destinations.

In several ways, IPMI entered new territory with this event and we are grateful to our co-sponsors for their support and enthusiasm. Organizers and participants left with a consensus that the seminar should take place again next year, either in Bangkok or in Singapore, and perhaps as the starting point of an Asian Chapter of the IPMI.
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Sue Strachan and Josh Husvar inviting attendees to their sponsored coffee break

Chris Bone welcoming delegates to the Axium Sponsored Dinner

Algis Naujokas and Brad Cook at the SAC Meeting
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Precious Metals and Mobility:
A Symposium on the Future Role of Platinum Group Metals in the Automotive Industry

When: 16-18 April, 2018
Where: The Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
The Heldrich Hotel is within short distance from Newark Liberty International Airport by train or car.

PROGRAM

Monday, April 16
06:00p – 08:00p  Meet & Greet / Welcome Reception

Tuesday, April 17
07:30a – 08:30a  Continental Breakfast
Segment 1: Technologies and Development
09:00a – 09:15a  Bodo Albrecht / IPMI Chairman – Welcome and Introduction
09:15a – 10:15a  Keynote: Bruce Belzowski – Managing Director of Automotive Futures
10:30a – 10:45a  Coffee Break
10:45a – 11:15a  Mr. Fred Li – Vice President and General Manager of BYD Latin America (retired)
   Status and Trends of Electrification in China
11:15a – 11:45a  Jeffrey Christian, CPM Group
   Hydrogen – Only a Rocket Fuel?
11:45a – 12:15a  Podium Discussion
12:45p – 01:30p  Lunch
Segment 2: Precious Metals and Mobility – Industry Overview
01:30p – 02:00p  BASF – Joe Lynch / Director of Strategy – Battery Materials
02:00p – 02:30p  Umicore – Mark Caffrey / NA Supply Manager, Recyclables
02:30p – 03:00p  Johnson Matthey – speaker to be announced
03:30p – 03:45p  Coffee Break
Segment 3: Energy and Infrastructure
03:45p – 04:15p  Ari Kahn – ConEdison
   Challenges in Energy Distribution
04:15p – 04:45p  Shell (Speaker to be confirmed)
   The Transformation of the Gasoline Industry
04:45p – 05:15p  (Speaker to be confirmed)
   The Role of Hydrogen in an “Electrified” World
06:00p – 07:00p  Cocktails

Wednesday, April 18
08:00a – 08:30a  Michael Thwaite, President of Plug In America and the New Jersey Electric Vehicle Association will tell the story of electric vehicles through the pioneering stage, the controversy between battery and fuel-cell electric, and the daily reality of driving an electric vehicle.
09:15a – 09:45a  Jonathan Butler – Precious Metals Strategist, Mitsubishi Corp.
   Outlook on the Impact of Electrification on Precious Metal Prices
09:45a – 10:15a  Rohit Savant – Precious Metals Analyst, CPM Group
   Potential Effects of Automotive Propulsion Technology Changes on PGM Markets
10:30a – 10:45a  Coffee Break
10:45a – 11:15a  Jeffrey Christian – President, CPM Group
   The Role and Impact of Fuel Cell / Hydrogen Technology
11:15a – 11:45a  Mike McGlone – Senior Commodity Strategist, Bloomberg
   PGM Outlook
11:45a – 12:30p  Panel discussion and adjournment
12:45p – 01:45p  Lunch
42nd Annual Conference Schedule of Events
June 9 - 12, 2018 • JW Marriott Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, Texas

Preliminary Program

Saturday June 9
Registration 9 am-4 pm
AML Short Course 1 pm-4 pm
Student Meet and Greet 5 pm-6 pm
Welcome Reception Sponsored by Tanaka Kikinzoku Kogyo and Metalor Technologies 6 pm-9 pm

Sunday June 10
Registration 9 am-2 pm
Speakers Breakfast 8 am-4 pm
Members/Board Meeting 8:30 am-10:30 am (Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Hensel Recycling will be in the Members Meeting)
Plenary Session 10:45 am-12:45 pm
Speaker: Marc Chandler, Brown Brothers Harriman (Mid Session Coffee Break Sponsored by Dillon Gage)
Delegate Luncheon 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Session A 2:30-4:30 pm
Jeff Christian Seminar 3:00pm-5:00 pm
Johnson Matthey Reception 6 pm-8 pm

Monday June 11
Registration 8 am-1 pm
Exhibit Hall 8 am-4 pm
Early Morning Coffee Sponsored by BRM 8 am-8:30 am
Speakers Breakfast 8 am-9 am
Session B 9:30 am-11 am
Coffee break Sponsored by BRM 10:30 am-11 am
Session C 11 am-12:30 pm
Session D 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
Gannon and Scott Party 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Tuesday June 12
Registration 8 am-12 pm
Speakers Breakfast 8 am-8:45 am
Exhibit Hall 8 am-12 pm
Early Morning Coffee 8 am-8:30 am
Session E 9 am-10:30 am
Coffee Break 10:30 am-11 am
Session F 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Student Lunch 12:30 pm-2 pm
Chairman Reception 6 pm-7 pm
Awards Banquet 7 pm-9 pm
Closing Reception 9 pm-10 pm

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Miguel Perez-Santalla has been involved with metals for over 30 years. He started in the early 1980s on ‘Wall Street then moved on to Piano Remittance Corp. where he was the Chief Dealer for Precious Metals and Foreign Exchange for 12 years. He later was a Senior Vice President of Foreign Exchange and Precious Metals at Tradition North America and Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. in New York.

In 1998, he started his own business working with precious metals and commodity futures as Trinity International LLC and Trinity Futures. He joined Heraeus Precious Metals in February 2005, and was with them until 2012. He left Heraeus for a short foray into the retail sector of the precious metals industry with APMEX and BullionVault.

During his interval he frequently appeared on Bloomberg TV, CNBC, Wall Street Journal TV and print, and USA today. He is the incoming president of the IPMI Metro New York Chapter and rejoined Heraeus Metals New York in June of 2013, as the sales and marketing manager for the Americas. He has presented at the IPMI Annual Conference, US Geological Survey, The Association of Individual Investors Conference, and at other prestigious venues.

Cost to Members/Sponsors are $50.00 each and Non-Members/Guests are $60.00 each to attend this event. Reservations must be received by Monday, March 12th. Mail reservations to:

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Seminar Scheduled for Next Conference

Jeff Christian of CPM Group will be giving a Seminar, “Precious Metals: An Open Discussion with Jeff Christian” at the 42nd Annual Conference in June. Slated for Sunday June 10, 3-5 pm, Jeff has invited attendees to email to info@cpmgroup.com what topics, aspects and hot button issues they would want to hear.

Where Are They Now?

Bezhad Vazir Hassas reports that he has left the University of Utah with a MSc and will be finishing his project that was patented by Newmont Mining Ltd. USA. Newmont Mining is going to use the results in their new design of process. He moved to Pennsylvania to continue his PhD at Penn State University and is working at Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering as a graduate assistant. He is working on “Rare Earth Elements bio-processing and leaching” project for his PhD.

Ooops!

In the Symposium article Mark Caffarey was misidentified as Michael Caffarey. We regret the error. Sorry Mark!
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SECAM (Security Council Anti Money Laundering Committee) - Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort - March 5-7, 2018

New England Chapter Dinner Meeting - Wannamoisett C. C. in Rumford, RI - Mar 15, 2018
Speaker Miguel Perez-Santalla (Heraeus Metals New York)

Precious Metals Mobility Seminar - Heldrich Hotel, New Brunswick, New Jersey - April 16-18, 2018

Contact IPMI if you are interested in attending any of these meetings.

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