

INTERNATIONAL ROLLING TECHNOLOGY COURSE - IRTC 21 IRELAND

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1	Mr	Laurent	Vermot-des-Roches	Arcelor Packaging International	Canada	Today, I'm in charge of the process improvement in API Basse-Indre plant in France, Nantes (tin-plate, from pickling to tinning lines). I began, 15 years ago, in the Steel Industry at IRSID in cold rolling modelling and five years later I was in charge of production on the pickling line, tandem cold mill, temper mill and rolls shop. What I'm looking for with IRTC is to know the state of the art in cold rolling modelling and automation specially in order to make the next years the right investments on our TCM (shape, flatness, chatter/vibration, thickness). My personal interests are table tennis, tennis, car races and rallies, reading and of course my family (my wife and our four boys).
2	Mrs	Hannele	Aikio	AvestaPolarit Stainless Oy	Finland	I am section Manager, Process Development in hot rolling mill in Tornio in Finland and I have worked here 2 years now. I am married and I like to play badminton, aerobics and walking in my spare time.
3	Mr	Marko	Leiviska	AvestaPolarit Stainless Oy	Finland	I joined AvestaPolarit Stainless one year ago, just after I graduated from Oulu University in Finland. My current position is Project Engineer and I'm working in Process Automation (Level 2) tasks in Project Steckel. In this project we are changing our existing Hot Rolling Mill into being more efficient by adding new roll stands and changing new electrification, Level 1 and Level 2. I am 27 years old, married and enjoy all sports, specially playing golf.
4	Mr	Rowan	Huxtable	BHP Steel	Australia	I work at the CPCM at BHP Steel Port Kembla Plant. My job is to identify and prioritise opportunities (big and small) for process improvement, and then implement the improvements. I work with production people, finance people and technical people. I love it. Its great to turn people's ideas into \$ benefits for the business. My wife is Irish and I have 2 teenage boys. I enjoy squash, tennis, cycling and hiking.
5	Mr	Johan	van der Bijl	Columbus Stainless	South Africa	I obtained my BS degree in Mechanical Engineering about two and a half years ago. I have since completed a two year engineer-in-training program at Columbus Stainless in the plant maintenance field. After completion of the training program I was appointed as a Process Control and Development Engineer in the Coldmill section of Columbus, where I am responsible for the development and maintenance of rolling models. I am currently busy with a MS in Mechanical Engineering in the fields of Vibration, Control Systems and Mathematical Optimization. I am married and have a 3 week old baby daughter. I am a keen mountain biker and enjoy the outdoors.
6	Mr	Bernard	Botha	Columbus Stainless	South Africa	Currently employed at Columbus Stainless, South Africa as Process Metallurgist in the Hot Mill. I have been in this position for the last 3 years. Job is primarily product focussed, but with a strong hot rolling 'flavour'. Past experience (limited) includes Melting, Refining and Annealing and Pickling of ferritic and autenitic Stainless Steel. I'm a keen mountain biker, but also like kayaking, rock climbing and off-roading (4x4). Also play drums to extend my 'musical' side.
7	Mr	Tim	Wolverson	Corus	UK	Currently a Quality Technologist on the Llanwern continuous cold rolling mill. Past working experience, R&D; process enhancement; shift management pickle lines and cold rolling; section manager cold rolling; process coordinator cold mill. Married with two children. Enjoy football and support Rotherham United (up the Millers!). Hobbies include photography and music.

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8	Mr	Spencer	Lemon	Corus Packaging Plus	UK	I have worked at CPP for 13yrs, in various technical and operational positions, including Coating Department shift manager and later, led a joint task team between CPP and NSC. Currently Technical Specialist on cold mill for 1 year, prior to this I held the Quality Co-ordinator position for the plant, during which time setting up a through process plant quality system. This included the installation and commissioning of 2 seperate ASIS units. Hobbies include racket sports such as squash, also cycling, reading and films. I am 30 years old and divorced, with a young daughter of 8 years of age.
9	Mr	Gareth	Phillips	Corus Packaging Plus	UK	I have worked in Trostre Tinplate Plant for the past 20 years, starting as Day Maintenance Electrician, Shift Electrician and then on to present post as a Technical Maintenance Engineer. I am married with 2 children and enjoy Rugby, swimming and cycling.
10	Mr	Michel	Julien	Corus S.E.C.	Canada	B.A. in 1994 in metallurgical engineering from Laval University (Quebec city). 1994-1998: Concentrator metallurgist at Niobec Mine (columbium mine) in Chicoutimi (North of Quebec) 1998-2003: Technical Services Metallurgist at Corus S.E.C. in Cap-de-la-Madeleine plant. I have 3 daughters from 6 to 8 years old. During summer, I love fishing, cycling and camping. During winter, I love skating.
11	Mrs	Irene	Dekker	Corus Staal VC	The Netherlands	Since December 2002 I am in charge of Quality Control, Technology and Development at the Direct Sheet Plant of Corus IJmuiden. The Direct Sheet Plant is the latest addition on the IJmuiden site, combining a thin slab caster and a seven stand rolling mill. I joined Corus in 2000, after having worked for 10 years in the field of cement and concrete technology. I am 36 years old, and I am married. My hobbies include reading, walking, playing the piano, and dining out.
12	Mr	Leonidas	Pantazopoulos	Corus Staal VC	The Netherlands	I am from Greece, I have two years working experience in the Aluminium industry in Greece as a Shift Manager in Cold Rolling Mill, another two years as a Process Control Engineer in Ireland, so I'm fairly familiar with the surroundings there - working in sequence/process control (PLC) for WWT, pharmaceutical & food plants, and currently I am employed as Control Engineer in the RD&T department in Corus Netherlands in the Rolling Metal Strip Dept - Group "System Control & Dynamics". I like music, reading and travelling and I am regular in my local gym in Amsterdam. I have a twin brother working in Crown Cork & Seal as a research engineer in Oxford UK, and a mother that lives in Atehns Greece. I am looking forward to the course and to meet the rest of the participants.
13	Mr	Kerry	White	Corus Strip Products	UK	I joined Corus (then British Steel) in 1992 as a Mechanical Engineering graduate as part of the R&D function at Welsh Technology Centre, Port Talbot (South Wales). Since 1995 I've been a Process Development Engineer at Hot Rolled Products, Port Talbot Works. During this time I've been involved in a wide range of process improvement projects on the hot strip mill principally. I am 33 yrs of age, with a wife and 3 yr old son. Most of my spare time is spent renovating our home but I have an interest in rugby union (now restricted to spectating).
14	Mr	Coenraad	Louw	Duferco Steel Processing	South Africa	Electrical Engineer

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15	Dr	Ioannis	Contopoulos	ELVAL S.A.	Greece	BA in Electrical Engineering. MA + PhD in Astrophysics, Cornell USA. 5 years academic experience with NASA, the University of Chicago, and the University of Crete. 4 years industrial experience with ELVAL (the Hellenic Aluminium Industry) in the areas of finishing (cutting, levelling), foil, production scheduling, process development (troubleshooting, new products) and quality assurance. 36 years old and enjoy classical piano. I am married with 5 kids (expecting 6th in May).
16	Mr	Dimitris	Kortselis	ELVAL S.A.	Greece	I studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Thessaloniki, Greece. I have worked in the rolling industry (ELVAL SA) for the last 2.5 years. My current position is production engineer at the hot rolling department. I am the second son of a four member family. I am 29 years old and live in Athens. My sporting interests include basketball and rafting. My hobbies are music, excursions, hiking and camping. I am not married.
17	Dr	George	Lampeas	ELVAL S.A.	Greece	I have studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Patras, Greece and continued with PhD studies at the same University in the area of the numerical structural analysis of metallic and composite materials. I have worked in the rolling industry (Elval SA) for the last 2 years. My previous experience is maintenance of mechanical systems of buildings. My sporting interests include sailing and skiing. I am not married.
18	Dr	Raimund	Sicking	Hydro Aluminium	Germany	I joined Hydro Aluminium (formerly VAW) in 2000. My current position is programme manager at R&D, being responsible for projects related to rolled products for aluminium heat exchangers. Previous experience was 3 years as research assistant and 2 years as head of the brazing group at the Materials Science Institute, RWTH Aachen. I'm 34 years old, married and have 1 son. Hobbies include tennis, skiing and jazz music.
19	Mr	Deon	Stevens	ISCOR Saldanha Steel	South Africa	I worked as Production Superintendent, at the Hot Strip Mill, for 3 years before accepting a position as a Specialist on the Production side at the HSM. My primary job is to ensure that our target, regarding the production of thin gauge material, is made. Over the last 2 years I concentrated mostly on the Operations and Personnel side, neglecting the technical side somewhat. I'm married, bit more than five years now, with a 2 month old son.
20	Mr	Braam	van Heerden	ISCOR Saldanha Steel	South Africa	Systems Analyst hot strip mill, Saldanha Steel South Africa. Previously involved with the development of level 1 control systems, currently share responsibility for the development on and maintenance of the Saldanha HSM L2 control software
21	Mr	Richard	Vance	JW Aluminum Co	USA	I have 20 years experience in Maintenance and Engineering with JW Aluminum. I have a wife and two daughters. Both daughters are college graduate, one graduated with a MS in Health Sciences and the other with a BS in Elementary Education. My hobbies include playing golf, making and repairing golf clubs and gardening.
22	Mrs	Olga	Chekasina	Mikhalum JSC	Russia	I studied at the Urals Polytechnical College in the Metallurgical Faculty. In 1984 I began working for Mikhalum JSC, firstly as R&D Lab Engineer, then Lab Manager followed by a position as Senior Technologist of Foil Rolling Production. My current position is Deputy Chief Technologist, involved with the rolling of aluminum and aluminum alloys. I am married to the Mikhalum Production Dept Manager and we have two student children. My hobbies include reading books, amateur ski sports in winter and garden in summer when I grow many flowers and exotic plants.

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23	Mr	Vladislav	Pimenov	Mikhalum JSC	Russia	I studied at the Urals Polytechnical College until military service, after which I worked as Supervisor at a Pipe Factory in Sverdlovsk Region. In 1982 I began working for Mikhalum JSC as Mechanical Engineer and then Chief Mechanical Engineer in the Plant Area. My current position is Deputy Superintendent of Rolling Shop No.5. I am married with two adult sons and my hobbies include amateur sports, house building techniques and design of cottage houses.
24	Mr	Saeed	Al-Bokhitan	Saudi Iron & Steel (HADEED)	Saudi Arabia	BS in Computer Science Since end of 1996. Received Training on Steel Making Technology and L2 By VAI, SMS and TECHINT between 1997-1998 on Flat Rolling Facility. Participate on Plant Commissioning of the Flat Rolling Facility. Mostly maintaining HSM L2 systems for the last 3 years. Planning to get MS degree in CS starting from next semester. Special interest in the area of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning. Developed several Small Business Solutions. Married with two sons.
25	Mr	Jay	Jensen	USS-POSCO Industries	USA	Started work at UPI in January 1999. Graduated from University of Idaho in December 1998 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. My work experience at UPI is mainly revamping parts of our Annealing Lines. This last year I am working in the Cold Rolling Dept on changing the control scheme of our Tension Reels and replacing an elderly SATTCON PLC.
26	Mr	Kurt	Schauer	Voest Alpine Industries (VAI)	Austria	I am a graduate technical engineer. In 1998 I started working at Voest-Alpine in Linz, Austria. I am working in the mechanical engineering department for flat cold rolled products. My tasks are mainly to prepare technical specifications and negotiate it with our customers. I am also involved, as mechanical engineer, in the project execution. My special interest is in skin pass rolling of cold rolled product. My hobbies are cycling, reading books and, in winter, I especially enjoy curling.