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50 years of the Steelmaking History and Heritage Committee of SITPH

This 7 May saw the historical building opened in 1930 for the Syndicate of Polish Steelworks on 14, Lompy holding a How to Save from Oblivion the Metallurgy Heritage Conference. The conference was organized by the Steelmaking History and Heritage Committee of the Polish Steelmaking Engineers SITPH in cooperation with Polish Steel Association HIPH to commemorate 50 years of the Committee's activity. The meeting provided an opportunity to summarise the achievements as well as to identify further objectives. The Committee is making efforts towards the creation of the Museum of Metallurgy in Poland which would be a great place to show achievements of the Polish steel industry to the generations of Poles. A nice touch of this anniversary meeting was given by the presentation of awards and honours to people who contributed to the commemoration of the steel industry, its achievements and sites of interest. At the end of the conference, the President of the Board of the Polish Steel Association delivered a speech on The Situation of Polish Steel Industry in the Era of Globalisation with a reflection upon the period of socio-economic transformations.

HIPH Council

This 19 May saw the HIPH Council convened at Ropczyce.

The Council Members were updated on the steel, coke and refractory materials market developments in 2014 and the status after 4 months of 2015. The Council summarised the status of work of the Coalition formed by HIPH and law firms to: introduce renewable energy reliefs to the RES system for the most energy-intensive industries and to improve the competitiveness of the steel industry in

Poland. Relevant resolutions were adopted ahead of the General Members Assembly.

European Steel Day at EUROFER

28.05.2015 at EUROFER in Brussels, the 5th European Steel Day was organised. This initiative is an expression of concern about the future of the steel industry in the EU in the face of existing threats resulting from extant overcapacities in the world and missing level-playing field stemming from discriminating competition and climate policies.

HIPH was represented there by President of Council of Polish Steel Association.

The organisers appealed to the societies of Europe, to the European Parliament, EU Member State Governments and Commissioners to balance the European policy for the growth of industrialisation while discerning the role of the steel industry in the EU and, above all, that steel is still the material of the future.

The General Assembly of HIPH Members

This 10 June 2015 held a General Assembly of HIPH Members. The Assembly was of the reporting nature. The Assembly cleared the Management Board and the Council of the Association. One of the agenda points of the General Assembly was the election of a Member of the Council. The GA adopted the funding principles in 2015 and approved the framework plan of work for the coming years. Minor changes to the Statutes of the Polish Steel Association were made, too.

The Meeting of the ESTA Committee of Directors

On 11 and 12 June in Prague, the General Meeting of Shareholders and the Meeting of the Committee of Directors of the European Steel Tube Association (ESTA CDD) was held. During the deliberations the activities report was presented with a draft budget for 2015. An update was also presented about the state of economies in individual member countries of ESTA. The situation was described as stable with a chance of a slight improvement in the near future. The tubular output in the EU in 2014 amounted to 12.5 million tonnes, up 3.7% as compared to 2013, of which 4.3 million tonnes were seamless tubes (up 2.3%), 1.2 million tonnes were welded pipes above 406.4

mm (down 13.7%) and 7 million were welded pipes below the 406.4 mm diameter (up 8.2%).

The information was shared on current and intended in the near future trade protection instruments for pipe imports from third countries (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy, review proceedings). Concerns were raised relating to the granting of market economy status to China.

Letter of the Coalition of Energy-Intensive Industry in Poland to PM Kopacz

On 16 June, 2015 the Coalition of Energy-Intensive Industry sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Poland, Ewa Kopacz, urging her Government to urgently conclude the works on the Governmental Plan for Silesia to secure the development opportunities for the Polish economy

The letter stressed how important the introduction in Poland of the excise tax exemption for electricity consumed by energy-intensive industry (EII) and the indirect cost compensation scheme for costs incurred in the operation of the GHG allowances trading scheme was to improve the competitiveness of the domestic EIIs. The Coalition was hopeful that the Government actions under the Plan for Silesia would effectively lead to sustainably protect the production base and reduce cost pressures for the extraction of coal as fuel of key importance to the Polish economy, and to reduce very high, for EU conditions, tax and para-fiscal burdens imposed in Poland on electricity used by energy-intensive industry.

Trade Directors Forum

On 15-16 June 2015 at Ustro the consecutive Trade Directors Forum was held. On the first day of the Forum the representative of the Export Credit Insurance Corporation KUKE talked about the "Safe Receivables in the International and Domestic Trades". On the second day the discussions centred on topics concerning: steel, coke and refractories markets, EU steel trades with third countries, TTIP, upgrading defence instruments modernisation and the current AD and AS proceedings in international trades in steel products and raw materials for the steel industry.

Steel Safety Forums

On 18 June, 2015 the premises of Celsa Huta Ostrowiec at Ostrowiec wi tokrzyski held the second Steel Safety Forum. The meeting was attended by the persons responsible for the health and safety of largest steel companies in Poland, academic institutions and the District Labour Inspectorate at Kielce. Josep Vilaseca, Managing Director of Celsa Huta Ostrowiec, talked about the journey to create a co-dependent safety culture among all employees and, consequently, to reduce the number of accidents to zero. Representatives of ArcelorMittal Poland, ArcelorMittal Warszawa, CMC Poland and Celsa Huta Ostrowiec followed suit with their presentations on schemes designed to improve cooperation with subcontractors. All unanimously found that the key to success in this area was in the integration of subcontractor employees and their own staff as well as the implementation of joint preventive and corrective actions for both employee groups. The participants of the Second Steel Safety Forum made a commitment to cooperation and exchange of experiences aimed at achieving a fully safe working environment, despite the fact that they remain at all times

competitors at the commercial level.

The Letter to the EP

On this 24 June, on behalf of the 60 CEOs of the European steel industry, the HIPH Board sent a letter to the European Parliament on the effective operation of the EU ETS Emissions Trading Scheme so that both a reduction in CO₂ emissions and fostering the competitiveness of the steel industry are ensured.

The Letter to the Minister of Economy

On 15.7.2015 the Management Board of the Polish Steel Association sent a letter to Janusz Piechocinski, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, on detailed method for calculating the electricity consumption intensity by industrial consumer for relief purposes.

The Letter to the Government of Poland

On 24.07.2015 the Ministers of Economy, Environment and Foreign Affairs were approached on the effective functioning of the EU ETS Emissions Trading Scheme so that both a reduction in CO₂ emissions and the competitiveness of the steel industry are ensured. A declaration was filed for a close cooperation in this regard and the challenges associated with this topic were supported by the letter of 60 CEOs of the European steel industry.

Our voice in the media

- There Is Still A Place In The Economy For Metallurgy And Coke Industry, WNP (05.05.2015),
- Should The Polish Steel Industry Suddenly Disappear, Nobody In The World Would Ever Notice, Puls Biznesu (8-10.05.2015)
- Construction Sector Has Problems With Steel - WNP (22.05.2015)
- The Scarcity of Steel. Construction Companies Have To Wait For Deliveries Increasingly Longer. Consumption Grows, But Prices Don't, Puls Biznesu (22-24.05.2015)
- Steel Is Everywhere, Trybuna Górnicza (26.05.2015)
- Steel Is European - Magazyn Hutniczy (16.06.2015)
- Steelworkers To Get The Excise Tax Relief For Energy - Puls Biznesu (1.07.2015)
- Metallurgy Waiting For The Plan For Silesia - WNP (6.07.2015)
- Steel Offensive by R. Akhmatov - Puls Biznesu (7.07.2015)
- Safety Is Our Main Goal And Our Joint Concern - Magazyn Hutniczy (14.07.2015)
- Metallurgical In The Plan For Silesia And Western Malopolska - Magazyn Hutniczy (14.07.2015)
- Imports From Outside The EU Dangerous For Domestic Producers - WNP (31.07.2015)

Events attended:

- Steelmakers Day, at Re Alloys (05.05.2015), at AGH Krakow (08.05.2015), Celsa Huta Ostrowiec (15.05.2015), CMC Poland Sp. z o.o (16.05.2015), AMP SA (13.06.2015)
- IMO Conference (Wisła, 20.05.2015)
- Climate Policy An Evaluation Attempt. What's Next? Conference organised by Solidarno TU (Katowice, 29.05.2015),
- Conference by the Marshal Office of Silesia (Katowice, 01.06.2015)
- Meeting at NCBiR National Research and Development Centre on the assessment of the INNOSTAL Steel Sectoral Program Feasibility Study (19.06.2015)
- Silesia 2.0 Industry Support Conference for Silesia and Western Malopolska, Krakow (13.07.2015)
- Numerous teleconferences and meetings with EY under the Steering Committee and Coalitions made on the competitiveness of the Polish iron and steel industry.)