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## General Information

Steel is the basic material for almost every sector such as construction, machinery, transportation, energy, utensil, etc. From ancient time to now, steel has been playing a very important role in the civilization of human beings. There is no doubt that steel will still be the dominant material in the foreseeable future. Steel is really a type of new material that changes day by day. This change is mainly due to the contribution of physical and chemical metallurgy, steel processing and facilities, market requirements, etc. The new constraints of environment protection and resource saving should be borne in mind in the development of steels in the future. It is noticeable that the requirements for steel products to be of high performance, low cost, easy fabrication, low tolerance, and environmentally benign have become stronger and stronger since the turn of the new century.

Now people involved in steel research, steel processing and steel applications are concerned more and more about the development of steel science and technology than ever before, and have made great contributions by themselves. Thus, we have decided to organize a conference series named as International Conference on Advanced Steels in 2010 to encourage people exchanging their past work, what they are thinking, and what they want to do, in order to promote the development of advanced steels in the future.

The International Conference on Advanced Steels (ICAS) is also the merging of two international series conferences: "International Symposium on Ultrafine Grained Structures (ISUGS)" and "International Conference on Advanced Structural Steels (ICASS)". This ICAS 2010 will cover almost every aspect of steels, physical metallurgy, steel grades, processing and fabrication, simulation, properties and applications, etc.

The First International Conference on Advanced Steels (ICAS 2010) will be hosted by the Chinese Society for Metals (CSM), the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan (ISIJ), the Korean Institute of Metals and Materials (KIMM) and the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM); and will be organized by Central Iron and Steel Research Institute (CISRI) and National Engineering Research Center of Advanced Steel Technology (NERCAST) in the ecological city of Guilin, China in November 9-11, 2010.

We sincerely welcome you to contribute and participate in this exclusive event, both in an academic and ecological sense.

ICAS 2010 November 9-11, 2010 Guilin City, Guangxi, China



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