

Guy Darby elected Chairman

At the MMTA's 2009 annual general meeting (AGM) held in Istanbul, Turkey, during The International Minor Metals Conference, Guy Darby of Darton Commodities was elected as Chairman of the Association.

Guy replaces Charles Swindon of RJH Trading who was Chairman for the standard term of three years.

The new Chairman's plans for the next three years include a continued emphasis on giving the Association greater global relevance. The complexion of the MMTA has changed dramatically since it was founded in 1973 and today our membership includes representatives of every aspect of the minor metals industry.



"One strategic ambition is to globalize the Association. We are weighted in Europe, have a growing membership in North America and are going to be looking at China and possibly India," Guy said.



It is forecast that North America will be the first market to be developed, building on the strong membership support and existing bi-annual events held in USA and Canada.

During the AGM the MMTA's main committee was also elected: David Craik, AMC plc; Steven Munnoch, Avon Metals; Roy Walton, Darton Commodities Ltd; Michael Ihlenfeld, F.W. Hempel Metallurgical GmbH; David Brown, Lambert Metals International Ltd; Anthony Lipmann, Lipmann Walton & Co., Ltd; Peter Nicholson, London Chemicals & Resources Ltd; Charles Swindon, RJH Trading Ltd; Gladys Smith, Sanab Ltd; and Sarah Frigot, Wogen Resources Ltd.

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North America to have sub-committee representation



Following the rapid growth in North American membership in recent years the MMTA has decided to inaugurate a sub-committee that specifically works within and on behalf of this region of the international minor metals community.

The North American committee will spearhead the Association's efforts to increase membership in the region and will work to develop the Association's relevance to this market even further.

Initially the group will be chaired by Noah Lehrman of [Hudson Metals Corporation](#), facilitated by Wayde Yeoman of [OM Group](#), Gary Boigon of [PM Recovery](#) and the Executive. In starting his new role, Lehrman said he believed the new committee had a good balance between consumers, producers, traders and recyclers.

This committee will meet on 3rd December in New York, before the MMTA's annual New York dinner.

MMTA members who wish to contact this committee are asked to do so through the Executive.



Open day at Hydrometal, Belgium



On June 4th Belgian metal recycler Hydrometal SA hosted a visit from MMTA members who toured their plant in Liege to learn more about the increasingly important world of minor metals recycling.

Hydrometal is an important player in recycling complex industrial materials and visitors witnessed how the company uses hydrometallurgical processes to reclaim zinc, germanium, molybdenum, rhenium, indium, selenium, tellurium, cadmium and tungsten from by-products, residues and wastes.

In 2008 the plant processed 55,000 mt of waste material; an important contribution towards the sustainability of the minor metals industry. Hydrometal also demonstrated its high purity tin circuit that creates Sn of 99.999%.



Jean Goldschmidt International (JGI), a sister company of Hydrometal, is responsible for global sourcing and purchasing all raw materials for Hydrometal, and also for marketing of all products and by-products produced at Hydrometal. For more information on the range of waste materials treated at Hydrometal please contact JGI.

The Committee wishes to thank John Broxham and André de Kandelaer from JGI and their colleagues Philippe Henry and Bernard Michaux at Hydrometal for making this visit possible.

New MMTA Members:

Since the last edition of *The Crucible* the following companies have joined the MMTA community:

Marmara Metal Mamulleri Tic. A.S. is a major Turkish metal trading company supplying a wide range of commodities and raw materials across Turkey, the Middle East and Europe. Marmara specializes in minor metals, ferro-alloys, non-ferrous metals, pig iron, metallurgical coke and other additives. Marmara own chrome, manganese and copper mines in Turkey. Contact Hüseyin Öner or Harika Dağyar Berk on +90 (216) 447 29 55, marmara@marmarametal.com, www.marmarametal.com.

Nordmet AS trades minor metals including Mo, W, Cr, Co, Mg, Re / APR, Bi, Sr, mischmetal and rare earths. Nordmet also trades noble alloys including FeMo, FeW, FeV, and FeNb. It produces aluminium and copper master alloys and alloying tablets (Ti, Cr, Mn, Cu and Fe based) as well as basic and catalyst grades of APR. Nordmet convert Re bearing alloy scrap into APR and Re metal. Contact Denis Treshchalov on +372 6141208, dennis@nordmet.ee, www.nordmet.ee.

PM Recovery Inc. has expertise in handling the reclamation, recycling and final disposition of secondary materials. Principally engaged in the purchase and processing of non-ferrous/specialty metals, it specialises in handling material containing nickel, cobalt, tungsten, molybdenum and their associated alloys. PM Recovery handles solids, turnings, grindings, sludge, and co-mingled materials. Contact Gary Boigon on +1 (914) 835 1900, gary@pmrecovery.com, www.pmrecovery.com.

Ryan's Notes publishes a weekly newsletter covering news and prices of ferroalloys, metallics, lead, zinc, tin and minor metals. Ryan's Notes Online offers daily news alerts, twice-weekly pricing, a price data base starting in 1995, key wording, access to a buy/sell marketplace and a member's directory. Ryan's Notes holds conferences and targeted meetings. For more information contact Alice Agoos on +1 (914) 738-7386, mail@ryansnotes.com, www.ryansnotes.com.

Silmet AS, located in the northeast of Estonia, is one of the largest rare metal and rare earth metal producers in Europe. Silmet is a producer of high purity niobium and tantalum metal. It also refines rare earths to produce materials such as neodymium ferro-boron alloy, neodymium metal and mischmetal. Contact David O'Brock on +372 39 29100, sekretar@silmet.ee, <http://www.silmet.ee>.

Who would you recommend to join the MMTA?

Independent inspections for MMTA-approved warehouses

This Association has seen significant growth in recent years and a major reason for this is the MMTA's worldwide network of approved warehouses, a much valued and respected part of this community.

In line with the continuing development of the MMTA, its directors have decided that approved warehouse locations will be independently inspected from now on. Inspections will start this year and will be repeated every two years.

The independent inspection process will help maintain the integrity of the MMTA approval process and confirm the high standards of storage, handling and forwarding that are required for minor metals. To this end [Cunningham Lindsey Marine](#) (CLM) has been appointed to carry out these inspections.

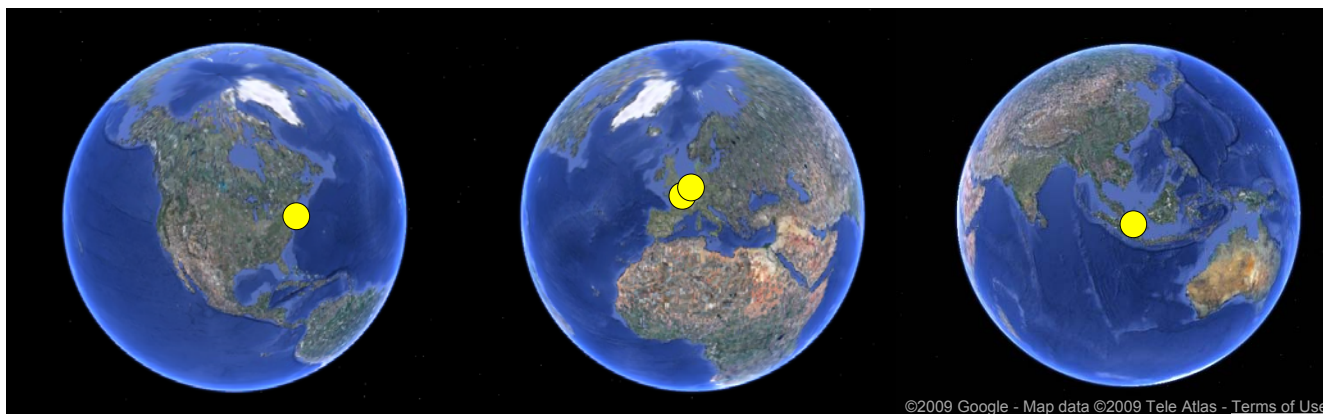
CLM is based in Rotterdam and has offices around the world. Its origin was in surveying and loss adjusting and today they apply that expertise to provide a comprehensive service to the insurance market.

David Brown, Chairman of the MMTA's Warehouse Committee, said that independent inspection will further enhance the strong reputation conferred by approval.

The move has been welcomed by banks, insurance companies and member companies who store minor metals at these locations.

Did you know MMTA-approved warehouses must hold liability insurance of up to US\$1.25 million any one occurrence against an unexplained loss of MMTA members' minor metals stored in their care?

MMTA-approved warehouses are:



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| • C. Steinweg (Baltimore) Inc. | Baltimore, MD, USA |
| • C. Steinweg Handelsveem BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • C. Steinweg NV | Antwerp, Belgium |
| • CWT Commodities (Antwerp) NV | Antwerp, Belgium |
| • CWT Commodities (Metals) Pte Ltd | Singapore, Singapore |
| • CWT Commodities Europe BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • Euro-Rijn International BV | Moerdijk, Netherlands |
| • Hollands Veem BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • J Oosterom & Zoon BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • Metaal Transport BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • Pacorini Vlissingen BV | Vlissingen and Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| • Vollers Belgium NV | Antwerp, Belgium |
| • Vollers Holland BV | Rotterdam, Netherlands |

Only approved warehouses are recommended by MMTA for storing and handling minor metals.

Most approved warehouses can offer a complete service for your minor metals from storage and re-packing to neutralizing and forwarding. Many European warehouses can also provide fiscal representation in respect of VAT records in Europe.

Full contact details of MMTA-approved warehouses are online at: www.mmta.co.uk/warehouses.

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**EU regulation on classification,
labelling and packaging (CLP)**

Members are advised to note and prepare for the EU's "CLP Regulation" that comes into force for substance classification and labelling from December 1st 2010.

This will complement the REACH Regulation on the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals.

CLP will align existing European legislation to the United Nations Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

More details will be made available to members in due course. Full information can be found on European Commission's website.

Dates for your Diary

Women in Mining reception	London, UK	tbc September 2009
36 th Anniversary Dinner	London, UK	13 October 2009
Open day at KGHM Ecoren and KGHM	Wroclaw and Lubin, Poland	tbc November 2009
North American dinner	New York City, USA	3 December 2009
Christmas Lunch	London, UK	10 December 2009
The MMTA's International Minor Metals Conference	Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London, UK	26 - 28 April 2010
Annual General Meeting 2010	London, UK	27 April 2010
North American dinner	Venue tbc, USA	tbc June 2010

MMTA and European Commission meeting report

On June 3rd a liaison group from the MMTA met with representatives from the European Commission, the executive branch of the European Union (EU). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's raw material initiative launched to meet the European Union's raw material requirements in the future.

The following elements were tabled for further discussion: antimony, chromium, cobalt, germanium, gallium, indium, lithium, magnesium, molybdenum, platinum, palladium, rhodium, rare earths, rhenium, titanium and tungsten. This list is not exhaustive and may be expanded to also include manganese, niobium, tantalum, vanadium and others.

The MMTA understands the Commission's initiative to be structured in three "pillars":

- 1) To co-ordinate sourcing of materials from non-EU countries using "raw material diplomacy".
- 2) To encourage exploitation of domestic resources within EU countries.
- 3) To promote recycling of critical metals and materials within EU countries.

A working group within the Commission has been established to develop the initiative. However it should be noted that following the European parliamentary elections in early June 2009 there may be a change in policy. It is expected that this information will be known soon.

It is expected that a member of the Commission will be invited to brief the MMTA in due course. For more information please contact the Executive or contact the Commission via their website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/contact/index_en.htm.



Traditional Ottoman Banquet, Divan Kuruçeşme, Istanbul, Turkey, 28 April 2009

At the 2009 International Minor Metals Conference the gala dinner was generously sponsored by Marmara Metal, the Istanbul-based metal trader and new MMTA member. The evening was a spectacular display of Turkish culture from the age of the Ottoman sultans, including music, dancing and a traditional feast. Here is a selection of photos from the event.



Harika Dağyar Berk and Hüseyin Öner of Marmara Metal with Anthony Lipmann.



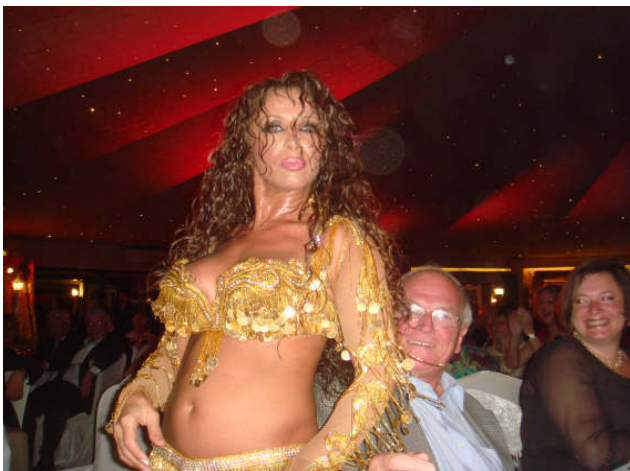
Out-going Chairman Charles Swindon accepts a memento of hafnium from Anthony Lipmann.



The sultan's welcome...



.. and the harem girls' welcome



Traditional dancing #1



Traditional dancing #2



The International Minor Metals Conference: London 2010

Don't forget to book your place at the International Minor Metals Conference 2010 by August 1st 2009 to benefit from the exclusive MMTA-members rate of **£595** (+vat) a saving of over 35% on the full rate!

This conference will bring together key participants from the world's minor metals industries to discuss current and future trends. Reflecting the wide-ranging interests of all of the MMTA's membership, the conference will provide the platform for the global industry to meet.

In addition to the formal program on 27th April 2010 the conference will host the MMTA's annual general meeting (AGM) and gala dinner.

Full details available at www.metalevents.com and www.mmta.co.uk.