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2008 TITANIUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Dr. Vladislav V. Tetyukhin Recognized for Outstanding Career Achievements

The International Titanium Association (ITA) has selected Dr. Vladislav V. Tetyukhin as the 2008 Titanium Achievement Award Winner. The Award will be presented on September 23, 2008 at the annual TITANIUM 2008 Conference. Dr. Tetyukhin will receive the award for his outstanding career achievements.

After graduating from the Institute of steel and alloys (1956) Dr. Tetyukhin came to the Urals, at Verkhnyaya Salda Metal Working Plant. He was one of the key players in the development of the titanium industry in Russia, involved with development of melting technology. In his 50 year career span of working with titanium, Dr. Tetyukhin has lead an exciting career beginning as a casting shop foreman to the Deputy of the company Chief Metallurgist. In 1957 the first titanium ingot was melted with his direct assistance.

In 1976 he was elected a manager of the Scientific and Technical Inspection laboratory of the Scientific and Production Association VIAM, Moscow, in 1980 - a manager of the Scientific and Research Department. When working at VIAM he showed himself as a highly competent specialist in the field of titanium and titanium alloys.

In 1992 he returned to VSMPO and took them from a low capacity facility supporting the Russian titanium industry to one of the primary suppliers for the aerospace industry worldwide, a key supplier for both Boeing and Airbus. Under his direction the plant has updated their melting furnaces to become the largest titanium supplier in the world. He has also instituted skull and hearth melting technology in that facility, as well as bringing in new ancillary equipment to make it a state of the art facility.

After coming to VSMPO, scientific activities of Dr. Tetyukhin were directed only at introduction of Russian titanium into the world market, extension of its application scope. In 1998 production corporation VSMPO-AVISMA (Berezniki Titanium and Magnesium Works, titanium sponge manufacturer) was founded. In 1999 he was elected the Director General of JSC AVISMA. Starting September 1, 2008 Dr. Tetyukhin will serve as President of VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation.

Dr. Tetyukhin has received several awards including 1960 - the Lenin Award; 1962 - the medal For honorable labor; 1970 - the Order of the Red Banner of Labor; 1982 - the USSR Council of Ministers Award; 2000 - the Order of Honor for achievements in favor of the state (the Russian Order); 2001- Honorable badge 300-th Anniversary of the Ural Metallurgy; 2002 - Diploma of the RF Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology; 2002 - the medal named after A.N.Tupolev for the prominent achievements in development of the aviation equipment.

Dr. Tetyukhin made an important contribution in studying and developing the process of vacuum arc remelting with the consumable electrode in the inert gas medium. His scientific activities include authoring over 100 inventions, 10 of which are patented abroad and currently holding over 100 patents.

Founded in 1984 the International Titanium Association is a nonprofit networking trade association for the titanium industry. The primary focus of the Association is to promote the continued growth of the industry as well as educate the public on benefits and implementation of using titanium. Current membership includes 195 organizations. Jennifer Simpson is the executive director of the ITA. Contact the organization at (303) 404-2221 for details or visit www.titanium.org

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