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### **Annual WFO Technical Forum**









The WORLD FOUNDRY ORGANIZATION - TECHNICAL FORUM and 59th IFC PORTOROZ 2019



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## Venue – Hotel Slovenia









### **Venue – Portoroz and Piran**





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# Slovenia – Street castings







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# Foundry Industry - Slovenia

- Incorporates Die Castings Factories
- · Approximately 20 Foundries
- · Produces the most castings in the world per capita
- Population of 2 Million
- Official languages Slovenian, Italian and Hungarian



# **Summary – Technical Forum**

- · Location Portoroz, Slovenia Hotel Slovenia
- · Organized by Slovenian Foundrymen Society
- Held in conjunction with their 59th Congress
- 400 delegates from 27 Countries Normally 250 attendees
- Registered Delegates, WFO Executive, Foundry Employees, University representatives and suppliers.
- 3 streams of technical papers of 2 days 50 exhibiters
  All Technical Paper are delivered in English



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### **Sponsors**





### **Technical Forum - Time line of events**

Tuesday - Welcome Party - 6pm

#### Wednesday -

- Foundry Tours All day 2 Groups Die and Sand Cast
- Welcome address Piran 6pm

#### Thursday

- Opening Ceremony and Technical Papers
- Gala dinner Bus to Piran 7.30pm

#### Friday

- · Technical Papers and Closing Ceremony
- AFI States copies 95 papers & WFO report



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### Foundry tour - LTH Castings

#### Capabilities

Aluminium die-cast automotive components In-house manufacturing of tools and devices Development of products, tools and processes Prototyping

One stop shop - from initial development to serial production Key Customers – BMW and AUDI

#### Locations

6 production sites in 3 countries (Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia)

#### Key Figures (2018)

Turnover 315 Mio € - AUD\$510M

No. of employees 3.200

No. of die casting cells > 90 (up to 2.800 t)

No. of machining centres > 170









### WFO - Time line of events

### Thursday

• WFO Executive Meeting



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### Friday

- · WFO Working group
- WFO General Assembly All countries
- WFO Executive Dinner



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# **World Foundry Organization – Key Executives**







Mark Fenyes - President



2020 President Vinod Kapur Indian Foundry Society



### **Streams of papers - Summary**

#### Stream 1 - Cast Iron and Steel

- · Casting defects Steel castings
- · Runners and gating systems for large castings
- · Simulation for large steel castings
- ADI Austempered Ductile Iron applications
- Cooling rate affect Ductile Iron Castings







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### Streams of papers - Summary

Stream 2 - Non ferrous alloys

- · Development of high strength Aluminum for gravity castings
- · Development of heat resistant aluminum alloys
- · Optimization of Boundary Conditions for Solidification Simulations
- Development of an Aluminum tilt casting pour method
- · Optimization of high pressure die castings -
- · Benefits of data analysis for die casting technology



### **Streams of papers - Summary**

Stream 3 – Technologies for the Foundry Industry and Development Trends

- · What the EU wants for the Foundry Industry
- · Development for advance Tool Steels
- · Sustainable Cold-Box Systems
- Digital Transformations in Foundries Challenges and Solutions
- · Non-standard dynamic testing for green sand control



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### WFO - Future events

WFO World Foundry Summit May 2020 - New York

• New concept - Invitation only - First was successful - Rome 2019

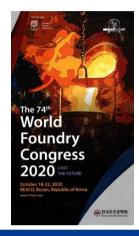






### WFO - Future events

World Foundry Congress - October 2020 - BEXCO, Busan, Republic of Korea







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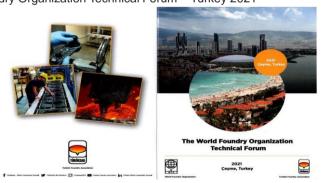
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# WFO - Future events



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World Foundry Organization Technical Forum – Turkey 2021



2022 - Congress - Milan, Italy 2023 - Technical Forum - India



# WFO - Active Working Groups

- · Cast Metal Matrix Composites
- · Die Castings
- Ferrous Metals



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- · Non-Ferrous Materials
- · Training and Professional Development



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# Thank you





