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PREFACE

“Magnesium will lighten the tasks of man in countless ways as yet undreamed of, except in the minds of far-seeing engineers [...] who are already planning the future.”

– 1942 Dow Chemical Advertisement

Due to their extraordinarily low densities, magnesium (“Mg”) and its alloys have continued to be the focus of intensive research and development over the past century though widespread application has been restricted by property, cost, and performance limitations with respect to other metallic materials such as Al-alloys, Ti-alloys, and ferrous alloys. However, in light of Mg’s availability and global efforts to reduce weight in the transportation sector, there has been a tremendous resurgence in research, development, and applications of these remarkable alloys.

Along with this renaissance came renewed interest from government, academia, and industry, and in the year 2000, the first Magnesium Technology Symposium was held at The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS) Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Nashville, Tennessee. A proceedings volume with 56 manuscripts was published in parallel with the new symposium, and the tremendous interest that was generated enabled the symposium to be held annually with the *Magnesium Technology* proceedings becoming the *de facto* publication for the magnesium industry.

In your hands (or perhaps on your screen), you have some of the most influential and impactful papers of the 1024 manuscripts published in the proceedings between 2000 and 2012. This single reference chronicles and condenses the major global advances made over the last decade. To select the best papers, a team of editors was selected based on their extensive experience with various aspects of Mg technology, with all editors having served as organizers and editors on *Magnesium Technology* proceedings published during the selected timeframe (Mathaudhu, ’11–’12; Luo, ’04, ’06, ’07; Neelameggham, ’06–’12; Nyberg, ’08–’10; Sillekens, ’10–’12).

Manuscripts were comprehensively reviewed for prospective inclusion, and the final papers were selected based on the following three criteria:

1. *General Relevance.* Beginning in 2002, the symposium organizers and session chairs began selecting “best paper” awards for one student and one contributed manuscript. These papers, at the time, represented the latest scientific breakthroughs, and thus are included as “essential reading” (see Table 1 on page xv). Also included based on this criteria are a number of “review” type papers that summarize the state-of-the-art in Mg technology, and thus frame the true impact of recent advances.

2. *Scientific Relevance.* In the academic world, the largest indication of impact is based on citations. The *Magnesium Technology* proceedings are indexed by a number of databases, from which citation data were collected and analyzed and papers with a high number of citations were selected for inclusion.
3. *Industrial Relevance.* In 2007, a “best paper” award in application was added to the student and contributed awards. These manuscripts were selected for inclusion due to their representation of leap-forward advances and novel demonstrations of industrial applications.

Introductions to each part further frame the importance and significance of the selected manuscripts. The papers selected for inclusion were divided along nine topical thematic areas, with the papers arranged by subject area rather than chronologically to support the cohesiveness of subtopics within each theme. The nine themes are as follows:

1. Magnesium Technology History and Overview
2. Electrolytic and Thermal Primary Production
3. Melting, Refining, Recycling, and Life-Cycle Analysis
4. Casting and Solidification
5. Alloy and Microstructural Design
6. Wrought Processing
7. Modeling and Simulation
8. Joining
9. Corrosion, Surface Treatment, and Coating

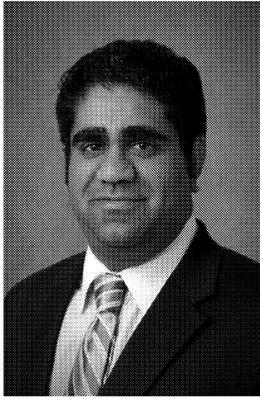
A significant amount of time and resources have gone into this volume, and many thanks are owed to those who have donated their energy to its success. Primary thanks goes to the many authors whose work is presented in this volume, the many symposium organizers and participants who have continually maintained a high level of scholarship and ensured the continual growth of this discipline. The production team at TMS and Wiley, primarily Matt Baker, are acknowledged for their continual support and motivation to see this project to completion. It is our hope that this volume will provide a key resource for those “*far-seeing engineers*” who have, and will, dedicate their livelihoods to the advancement of this amazing metal.

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Table 1: Magnesium Technology Best Paper Award Winners

PART	AWARD	AUTHOR(S)	TITLE	PAGE	
Part 1: Magnesium Technology History and Overview	2013 Best Application Paper	D'Errico F., Screnci A.	High-capacity hydrogen-based green-energy storage solutions for the grid balancing	77	
Part 2: Electrolytic and Thermal Primary Production	2010 Best Student Paper	McLean K., Pettingill J., Davis B.	Cathode wetting studies in magnesium electrolysis	107	
Part 3: Melting, Refining, Recycling, and Life-Cycle Analysis	2003 Best Student Paper	Aarstad K., Syvertsen M., Engh T.A.	Solubility of fluorine in molten magnesium	181	
Part 4: Casting and Solidification	2004 Best Contributed Paper	St.John D.H., Dahle A.K., Abbott T., Nave M.D., Qian M.	Solidification of cast magnesium alloys	193	
	2007 Best Student Paper	Lee S.G., Gokhale A.M.	Phenomena of formation of gas induced shrinkage porosity in pressure die-cast Mg-alloys	211	
	2005 Best Student Paper	Moore A.R., Torbet C.J., Shyam A., Jones J.W., Walukas D.M., Decker R.F.	Fatigue behavior of thixomolded® magnesium AZ91D using ultrasonic techniques	227	
	2010 Best Application Paper	Duygulu O., Ucuncuoglu S., Oktay G., Temur D.S., Yucel O., Kaya A.A.	Development of 1500mm wide wrought magnesium alloys by twin roll casting technique in Turkey	239	
Part 5: Alloy and Microstructural Design	2007 Best Application Paper	Klößch G., McKay B.J., Schumacher P.	Preliminary investigation on the grain refinement behavior of ZrB ₂ particles in Mg-Al alloys	255	
	2006 Best Student Paper	Blake A.H., Cáceres C.H.	Solid solution effects on the tensile behaviour of concentrated Mg-Zn alloys	263	
	2002 Best Contributed Paper	Powell B.R., Rezhets V., Balogh M.P., Waldo R.A.	The relationship between microstructure and creep behavior in AE42 magnesium die casting alloy	275	
	2013 Best Fundamental Paper	Sasaki T.T., Ohkubo T., Hono K.	Age hardening behavior of Mg-1.2Sn-1.7Zn alloy containing Al	269	
	2006 Best Contributed Paper	Suzuki A., Saddock N.D., Jones J.W., Pollock T.M.	Phase transformation and creep of Mg-Al-Ca based die-cast alloys	291	
	2011 Best Student Paper	Lee J.-K., Kim S.K.	Fire-proof evaluation of CaO added Mg-3Al, Mg-6Al, and Mg-9Al Mg cast products	305	
	2010 Best Fundamental Paper	Rosalie J.M., Somekawa H., Singh A., Mukai T.	Directionally controlled precipitation on twin-boundaries in Mg-Zn-Y alloys	319	
Part 6: Wrought Processing	2012 Best Application Paper	Okamoto K., Sasaki M., Takahashi N., Wang Q., Gao Y., Yin D., Chen C.	Applicability of Mg-Zn-(Y,Gd) alloys for engine pistons	325	
	2009 Best Student Paper	Ebeling T., Hartig Ch., Laser T., Nürnberg M.R., Bormann R.	Deformation mechanisms of AZ31 magnesium alloy	333	
	2008 Best Student Paper	Slooff F.A., Zhou J., Duszczyc J., Katgerman L.	Constitutive behavior of wrought magnesium alloy AZ61	339	
	2011 Best Fundamental Paper	Chun Y.B., Davies C.H.J.	The evolution of in-grain misorientation axes (IGMA) during deformation of wrought magnesium alloy AZ31	345	
	2012 Best Student Paper	Stutz L., Bohlen J., Letzig D., Kainer K.U.	Formability of magnesium sheet ZE10 and AZ31 with respect to initial texture	357	
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	2005 Best Contributed Paper	Kurz G.	Heated hydro-mechanical deep drawing of magnesium sheet metal	389	
	2013 Best Student Paper	Sagapuram D., Efe M., Moscoso W., Chandrasekar S., Trumble K.P.	Non-basal textures in magnesium alloy strips produced by extrusion-machining	395	
	Part 7: Modeling and Simulation	2009 Best Fundamental Paper	Janz A., Gröbner J., Schmid-Fetzer R.	The Mg-Al-Zn-Mn-Ca-Sr alloy system: Backbone of understanding phase formation in AXJ alloys and modifications of AZ and AM alloys with Ca or Sr	437
		2008 Best Fundamental Paper	Schmid-Fetzer R., Gröbner J., Mirković D., Janz A., Kozlov, A.	Constitution of magnesium alloys	451
2011 Best Application Paper		Turski M., Grandfield J.F., Wilks T., Davis B., DeLorme R., Cho K.	Computer modeling of DC casting magnesium alloy WE43 rolling slabs	457	
2007 Best Fundamental Paper		Lévesque J., Inal K., Neale K.W., Mishra R.K., Luo A.A.	Numerical modelling of large strain deformation in magnesium	467	
2012 Best Fundamental Paper		Solanki K.N., Moitra A., Bhatia M.	Effect of substituted aluminum in magnesium tension twin	479	
Part 9: Corrosion, Surface Treatment, and Coating	2003 Best Contributed Poster	Tiwari B.L., Bommarito J.J.	A novel technique to evaluate the corrosion behavior of magnesium alloys	573	
	2004 Best Student Paper	Mandagie M., Brandt M., Durandet Y., Jahedi M.	Parametric study of laser cladding of AS 21 magnesium alloy with aluminium silicon/tungsten carbide powder	617	

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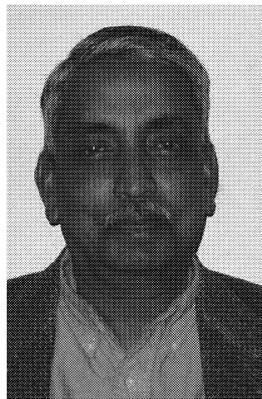
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