



INDUSTRIAL HEATING EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

IHEA to share its programs and projects



IHEA committees and divisions meet several times a year.

The Industrial Heating Equipment Association (IHEA) recently welcomed Thermal Processing magazine as a new member. We'll be reporting on a variety of programs and projects for the thermprocess industry in each issue of Thermal Processing and would like to take the opportunity to introduce IHEA to Thermal Processing's readership.

WHAT IS IHEA?

Founded 89 years ago, IHEA was started by a small group of industrial furnace manufacturers. Over the years, IHEA has grown to include the Induction Division and the Infrared Equipment Division along with the original Combustion Division.

WHAT IS IHEA'S MISSION?

IHEA drives member success by providing the knowledge base and authoritative voice for industrial process heating worldwide. With our vast amount of expertise in all things related to process heat-

ing, IHEA members keep the industry informed and advancing. We believe by bringing key executives together who share our sense of responsibility, we improve our industry, and we enjoy being the catalyst for that improvement.

WHY ARE ASSOCIATIONS IMPORTANT?

Associations foster a positive environment by which we educate and train those in our industry, continuously helping members and the industry improve their manufacturing operations related to thermal processing. Involvement in your industry association gives members a network for idea exchange, a voice in the development of industry standards both in the U.S. and globally, and a chance to both educate and be educated on a wide variety of thermal-processing technologies.

WHAT IS IHEA'S STRUCTURE?

We have a corporate membership structure, meaning that the company becomes a member and everyone within the company

is entitled to membership benefits. For many years, IHEA's membership was limited to industry suppliers. We launched an "end-user" member category recently, and the great thing about this category is that everyone at a company can take advantage of member discounts on IHEA's training activities. The cost savings for sending two or three individuals from a company to IHEA seminars pays for the cost of membership! Dues vary based upon your membership category.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS DOES IHEA OFFER?

IHEA offers a variety of training seminars, on-line learning courses, and an executive level summit. Training seminars covering combustion, induction, infrared, and safety standards & codes are offered yearly. This is a big year for our Safety Standards & Codes seminar since NFPA 86 will provide a revision of the code. Our fall seminars also typically include a tabletop exhibition; however, our 2018 fall seminars will be held in conjunction with Furnaces North America in Indianapolis. This will give our seminar attendees the opportunity to visit the show and meet with exhibitors alongside our seminars.

IHEA's online training courses are offered several times each year. The Fundamentals of Industrial Process Heating is normally offered each spring and fall. The Advanced Industrial Process Heating course is currently under revision, with the goal of it being offered in the fall of 2018.

IHEA's signature event, ITPS — The International ThermProcess Summit, is a biennial event specifically designed for executives in the industrial process heating industry. We focus on hot business topics, trending technologies that affect the industry, global market reports, and more. Initially held in 2016, we'll offer our second ITPS from July 30 to August 1 at the InterContinental Hotel in the Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta. Programming is being finalized now and will be available in early spring. This event attracts executives from around the globe.

Finally, IHEA's Annual Meeting, held each spring, gives members a chance to connect in an informal atmosphere that includes high quality presentations, social activities, IHEA committee meetings, and our annual President's Gala. This year we are co-locating our meeting with the Metal Treating Institute, which allows for additional networking with users of thermal process technologies.

WHAT ELSE DOES IHEA DO?

IHEA is also active in government relations to ensure our members are informed about government issues that affect our industry. Over the years, we've worked closely with the Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Association of Manufacturers. Over the past 10 years, we have served as the ANSI US TAG Administrator to ISO TC 244. Involvement in the development of international standards that affect our members and industry is vital to ensure our member companies' voices were represented.

IHEA also maintains a close relationship with the European Committee of Industrial Furnace & Heating Equipment Associations (CECOF) and the Japan Industrial Furnace Manufacturers Association (JIFMA). Additionally, IHEA has coordinated a resource center at the previous two ThermProcess in Dusseldorf, Germany, to support members wishing to exhibit at the show.



Participation in international meetings brings a sharing of information.

IHEA 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 9–MAY 16

Fundamentals of Process Heating | On-Line Distance Learning Course

APRIL 23–25

2018 Annual Meeting in conjunction with MTI

Talking Stick Resort | Scottsdale, Arizona

JULY 30–AUGUST 1

International ThermProcess Summit

In conjunction with the International Finishing & Coatings Summit
InterContinental Hotel | Atlanta (Buckhead), Georgia

OCTOBER 8–10

IHEA Combustion Seminar

Indiana Convention Center | Indianapolis, Indiana

OCTOBER 8–10

IHEA Safety Standards & Codes Seminar

Indiana Convention Center | Indianapolis, Indiana

OCTOBER 8

IHEA Induction Seminar

Indiana Convention Center | Indianapolis, Indiana

OCTOBER 15–NOVEMBER 26

Advanced Process Heating | On-Line Distance Learning Course

For details on IHEA events, go to www.ihea.org/events

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