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Steel Slags on the road to success in Madrid

The 6th European Slag Conference has just concluded, EUROSLAG 2010. More than 250 delegates successfully met in Madrid. They came not just from Europe, but from 25 countries all over the world to promote the application and share the latest knowledge on slags. Slag is a by-products from the steel sector producing aggregates with properties, that when processed, make them very useful for road construction and other civil works. Other slag applications include cement, and many other promising new applications ranging from water filtering to coral reefs and the reconstruction of aquatic environments to help promote the growth of sea vegetation.

Steelmakers, processors of the slags, research community and final users have successfully combined their efforts at EUROSLAG 2010 to optimize the benefits for each use and expand the potential for new applications.

During the conference, technical, environmental, safety, market and new research topics were discussed. Its contribution to the sustainability was also emphasized, and summarized by Dr. Heribert Motz, chairman of Euroslag, as reducing the consumption of natural aggregates and the impact of quarrying on the environment. Further benefits by the reduction of CO₂ emission and energy consumption are also realized along with the avoidance of landfilling of a valuable material by the steel industry.

Also presented was the need for more influence and support from the Administration in order to promote its use and avoid unnecessary constraints, based on its positive contribution to sustainability, and the need to keep the research community active on slag studies which can enhance its processing as much as its final properties.

UNESID, the Spanish steel association, was in charge of the organization of the Euroslag2010. The next one, Euroslag2012 is already schedule.

More information at:
www.euroslag2010.eu
www.euroslag.com

*In 2000 slag producers and processors in Europe have come together to form **EUROSLAG**, the association of organizations and companies concerned with all aspects of the manufacture and utilization of slag products.*

UNESID is the Spanish steel association. Spanish steel production was of 14.4 million tons in 2009 and Spanish steel market is the third, on volume, of EU, after Germany and Italy.

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