



## *Symposium Summary*

### **Aluminum Reduction Symposia and Hall-Héroult 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

I am proud of the program that our organizers created in 2011. Each of the four symposia related to aluminum reduction were extremely well organized. There was also a tremendous effort to accept only the highest quality abstracts and manuscripts. There were many tough decisions that the organizers made to strengthen the 2011 program, not the least was to solicit dedicated and knowledgeable session chairpersons. The overall result represented contributions from industry, government and academia from around the world that had been thoroughly scrutinized and pre-reviewed.

A highlight for me, personally, was the special plenary session for 2011. John Johnson, of Johnson's Consulting Group, provided our membership a great service with his organization of the Hall-Héroult 125th Anniversary Celebration. As chair of the Aluminum Committee, John volunteered to pull the plenary program together with great speakers. Thanks to plenary contributor, Gary Tarcy from Alcoa, we were even able to "touch history" with some of the very first samples of aluminum metal that Charles Martin Hall produced. It was an unforgettable look into the origins of our industry, its connection to TMS, and an outlook on what challenges still lay ahead.

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