

Press Release

**SWEDISH CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DISCOVERY OF NICKEL**

On Wednesday 7th November in Stockholm, Sweden plays host to an international gathering that will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the discovery of Nickel.

Since Swedish chemist, Axel Cronstedt, identified and isolated this important metal in 1751, Swedish industry has become a world-leader in the development and manufacture of a wide range of special materials of which nickel is the essential ingredient. From corrosion-resisting stainless steels used throughout the chemical, petrochemical and pulp and paper industries to the exotic superalloys used to power modern gas turbine engines, Swedish manufacturers are at the leading edge of this technology.

The occasion will be marked by a special seminar to be held at the Swedish Engineering Institute in Stockholm. Distinguished presenters will describe the many ways in which nickel materials have contributed to a safer, technologically progressive society throughout the last two centuries and look forward to the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

The seminar will pay particular attention to future environmental challenges and will highlight several ways in which nickel-containing materials will address those challenges and point the way to a more sustainable future.

To mark the occasion, the Dutch-based International Nickel Study Group, an inter-governmental body, which provides a forum for international consultations on nickel-related issues and produces and updates nickel supply and demand statistics world-wide, will stage its Autumn meeting in Stockholm to coincide with the seminar.

The seminar brings together for the first time a group of sponsors and contributors each having an important stake in the past, present and future evolution of nickel-containing materials.

The presentations will be included in a press-pack (CD-ROM) to be distributed at the seminar. They will also be available by visiting the following websites at:

www.nidi.org

www.avestapolarit.com/cronstedt

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