

## **The Slags Conferences**

There is a large and steadily growing body of knowledge already available on molten slags, fluxes and salts, with approximately one journal paper on these appearing daily. I trust that this volume of nearly 130 papers, the proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Molten Slags, Fluxes and Salts, will provide useful additions to and overviews of current knowledge, and that the papers in this volume will inspire you to continue to use and expand the knowledge on slags, fluxes and salts, in new and improved applications

The Slags Conferences are unusual in that they do not ‘belong’ to any particular organisation—every four years, the conference is presented by a different host organisation, in a different part of the world. We are grateful to the Advisory Board for their inputs into the arrangements, ensuring that we retain and build on the spirit of the previous six conferences.

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