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## Vania Grandi Appointed General Manager Metallics



Vania Grandi succeeded Greg Lavallee in the position of General Manager Metallics, within the Rio Tinto Iron & Titanium Commercial group. Vania started with the metallics team in August 2014 on the development of RTIT commercial strategy and moved into the GM role on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Previously, Vania had been working in the Copper Product Group where she had senior leadership responsibilities for Marketing, Sales and Sustainable Development. Vania is a passionate leader with a collaborative approach and focus on customer relationships. She is a Six Sigma Black Belt and has experience in mining and refining operations, with specific knowledge of Copper, Gold, Silver and Sulfuric Acid. Vania has expertise in leading global transportation and logistics, and managing a safe, responsible, and transparent supply chain. She speaks 4 languages: English, Italian, French and Spanish. Vania looks forward to meeting you and your team to continue our strong partnership!

Greg Lavallee remains with the Rio Tinto Iron & Titanium Commercial team as Project Executive. In his new role, Greg is responsible for the expansion of the powder business. He is also working on the development and implementation of critical business transformation projects for Rio Tinto Iron & Titanium.

## EuroPM 2015

From October 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 RTMP will participate in EuroPM at the Reims Congress Center, France. Come visit us at **booth #80**.

## Suzhou Wins Diamonds & Minerals Performance Award



Bob Wang (right) receives RTDM 2014 Performance Award

On May 12, 2015, the Diamonds & Minerals Executive Committee met in Antwerp to evaluate 14 Safety and Performance Award finalists. RTMP's Suzhou Metal Powders Annealing Plant

won the Diamonds & Minerals Performance Award. The team was recognized for the construction of the Suzhou Annealing Plant, which was completed in May 2014, within 10 months of approval and with no lost time injuries. This is a great example of team work and a demonstration of our commitment to grow with our customers.

## RTMP Launches New Website

At the PowderMet 2015, RTMP launched its new website. If you missed it, RTMP website is online at [www.gmp-powders.com](http://www.gmp-powders.com). Thanks for having visited our booth & listened to Ian Bailon-Poujol's presentation on the *"Influence of the Particle Size Distribution and Morphology of Ni and Cu Powders on Dimensional Change and Mechanical Properties of Sintered Parts"*. We look forward to seeing you next year in Boston.



From left to right: Bob Wang, Josiane Parent, Vladimir Paserin, Vania Grandi, Claude Gelin, Julie Campbell-Tremblay, Ian Bailon-Poujol, Mark Kesterholt, Joel Thompson & Sophie Girard.

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**Technical Seminar in China**

A technical seminar was held in Suzhou on April 21-22, 2015, for our Chinese PM customers. A group of 24 people from 12 companies attended the two-day program which included technical presentations, interactive discussions and a tour of the new annealing plant and laboratory. The highlight of the seminar was presentations about RTMP Products and Processes, High Performance Powders and High Density Technologies. These presentations were given by Dr. Ray Guo, Asia Technical Service Manager, Odyssey Wang, Asia Customer Technical Service representative, and Candido Ruas, Consumables Marketing Manager. The attendees, through interactive discussions and positive feedback, showed strong interest in advanced PM technologies and high quality products. The seminar helped us better understand our customers' needs and will contribute to helping RTMP continuously develop its technical service capabilities. At the plant tour, the attendees were impressed by RTMP Suzhou's annealing and laboratory expansion, and provided very positive feedback for RTMP's commitment to quality, safety and environment.



**From left to right:** Candido Ruas and Odyssey Wang presenting to the audience.

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**Vladimir Paserin Named Scientific Manager for the Powder Business**



Vladimir Paserin was appointed Scientific Manager for RTMP and will be responsible for leading the R&D activities that are related to new powder products. Vlad has over 20 years

of experience in product development, including Nickel powder industries. Do not hesitate to contact Vlad at email: [vladimir.paserin@riotinto.com](mailto:vladimir.paserin@riotinto.com)

**New PM Products Brochure**



A new updated version of RTMP's PM Products Brochure is now available. It includes updated information on our principal PM grades and much more. Ask your regional representative or email us at [info.gmp@riotinto.com](mailto:info.gmp@riotinto.com) to get your copy.

**François Chagnon receives MPIF Distinguished Service to PM Award**



Congratulations to our friend & colleague François Chagnon who recently retired from the company after 30 years of R&D. On May 18, 2015, François received the MPIF

Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy Award at the PowderMet 2015.

