



## Chairman's Announcement – 2025 ITSA Annual Meeting & Symposium

Dear ITSA Members, Partners, and Industry Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Thermal Spray Association (ITSA), I am pleased to announce that the **2025 ITSA Annual Meeting & Symposium** will take place **November 10–12, 2025**, at the **Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria, Illinois**.

This year's event is being presented **in association with the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP)**, underscoring our shared commitment to advancing thermal spray technologies and materials performance across key industries.

The symposium will feature a full day of technical presentations focused on the application of **thermal spray coatings in the mining, agriculture, and overhaul / repair markets**—industries that continue to benefit from innovation in surface engineering. Our expert presenters will share cutting-edge research, case studies, and insights into the evolving challenges and opportunities within these critical sectors.

We're also pleased to offer a **tour of the Caterpillar production facility**, giving attendees a behind-the-scenes look at world-class manufacturing processes and the role of coatings in heavy equipment production.

Beyond the technical sessions, this event will offer **valuable networking opportunities** throughout, informal gatherings, and dedicated networking sessions designed to help you build new connections and strengthen existing ones.

A special highlight of the event will be our **evening reception at the Caterpillar Visitors Center and Museum**, where guests can enjoy an engaging evening of food, drinks, and conversation surrounded by the legacy of one of the world's most influential industrial brands.

Located in the heart of downtown Peoria, the **Pere Marquette Hotel** offers a comfortable and convenient setting for this year's gathering, combining historic charm with modern amenities.

Stay tuned for additional details on registration, hotel booking, and the full agenda. We can't wait to welcome you to Peoria this November for a symposium full of insights, innovation, and industry collaboration.

Best regards,

Kirk Fick

Chairman, International Thermal Spray Association (ITSA)