

# **Precious Metals News**

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### IPMI 42nd Conference

The IPMI 42nd Conference was a terrific success with over 550 attendees and guests attending at the beautiful and scenic JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort. The change in Technical Session format resulted in well attended sessions, such as Sampling and Analytical, New Technology, Finance as well as Legal and Environmental. A Plenary Session featuring a talk by Marc Chandler of Brown Brothers Harriman, was held on Sunday morning. New Features this year included New Technology - What's on the Horizon as well as an Ask the Experts Panel. Both of these new events were well attended and will be featured at future conferences. There was something for everyone at the 42nd Conference.

The Exhibit Hall was open Sunday Monday and Tuesday and held 12 booths. Delegates and guest could come in and meet with vendors who offered a variety of product and services to the precious metal industry.

A new event this year was the Patron Member Social in which IPMI hosted a small reception to thank IPMI's faithful and supportive Patron level member reps. Two corporate sponsored afternoon events proved to be very popular. Gannon & Scott hosted a sports themed party where delegates sported their favorite

team jerseys and Inspectorate hosted a western themed Ladies Only Social where the ladies donned cowgirl hats and rumor has it that there was even a horse there.

The evening events were spectacular starting with the Welcome Reception sponsored by Tanaka Kikinzoku Kogyo and Metalor Technologies where guests enjoyed a special sushi menu. JM held an outdoor event on Sunday evening and the beautiful grounds of the Marriott. On Monday delegates and guests were entertained with a cocktail reception-the first ever sponsored by multiple IPMI member companies-and the LBMA sponsored Cap City Band concert.

The Conference ended on Tuesday evening just after the Closing Reception which followed the Awards Banquet where four Premier Awards, a Posthumous Award and nine Student Awards were presented. An education driven institute, IPMI is proud to bestow the awards that recognize the career, and research achievements of the Award Winners.

IPMI thanks the delegates, vendors, speakers, moderators and sponsors who made this event possible.

We hope to see you all in Reno for the 43rd Conference!

### IPMI 6th Annual Platinum Dinner

The IPMI's 6th Annual Platinum Dinner will again be held at the historic and elegant Lotte Palace New York Hotel on Madison Avenue in Manhattan Thursday September 13. Guest speaker will be Derek Sammann of the CME Group. You can register for your table or seat online on our website www.ipmi.org under Event Calendar. Platinum, Silver and Gold Sponsored Tables are again offered as well as single seats.

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We hope to see you at the Palace in September!



# 42nd Conference Awards and Recognition Recipients



Chris Jones presents the Gannon and Scott sponsored IPMI Founders Award to Bodo Albrecht



Weiping Liu accepting the IPMI Colonial Metals George Benvegno Memorial Student Award



Pranaw Kunal accepting the IPMI Republic Metals Richard Rubin Memorial Award by Jonathan Jodry



Andrea Bruck accepts the IPMI Student Award by Jonathan Jodry



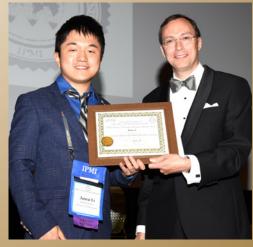
Jonathan Jodry presents IPMI Student Award to Kent Kirlikovali



Yolanda Bonita accepts the IPMI Johnson Matthey Award



IPMI Bright Futures Award sponsored by the Gero Family Trust presented by Alan Kaye to Qi Li



Junrui Li is presented the IPMI Metalor Technolgoies
Student Award by Jonathan Jodry











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# 42nd Conference Awards and Recognition Recipients



Hannah Na accepting the IPMI Sabin Metal Student Award from Brad Cook



Jonathan Jodry and Brent Vesa display the Larry Manziek Posthumous Award that was bestowed to the late Dr.Robert Jacobsen



Bodo Albrecht accepting Past President Award from Larry Drummond



Jonathan Jodry congratulating Professor Cathleen Crudden on the Carol Tyler Award, along with her daughter Caitlin



IPMI Metro NY Chapter Award presented by Larry Drummond to Timothy Gorey



Koichiro Tanaka presents the IPMI Jun-ichiro Tanaka Distinguished Achievement Award to Dr. Stewart Murray



Dr. Zachary Henneman presenting the IPMI BASF Henry J Albert Award to Professor Robert Grubbs



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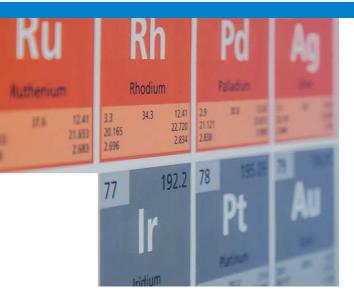






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#### **REPRESENTATION & ANALYSIS**



## Conference Technical Program Summaries

**Session A** Francis Pitard presented a powerpoint presentation entitled "Correct Sampling Systems and Statistical Tools for Metallurgical Processes." Some of the topics covered:

- Correct, equi-probabilistic cross-stream sampling system used for Metallurgical Account
- · Common sampling systems used for Process Control
- QA-QC Verification Requirements
- Tabular Cumulative Sum Plots
- Bias Tests must be carried on until a conclusive event is reached

**Session B** was devoted to Student Research in which student award winners gave presentations on their research.

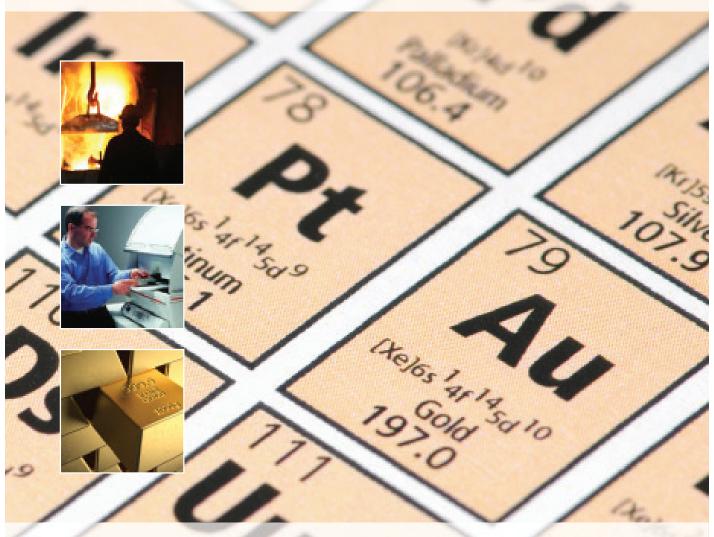
Hanah Na started the session with Synthetic Strategies to Optimize Photophysical Properties of Luminescent Cyclometalated Iridium Complexes. Her powerpoint presentation included photos and graphs and she discussed Luminescent Ir(III) Complexes as well as Luminescent Ir(III) Complexes and Iridium complexes with chelating dicarbene ancillary ligands. Next, Junrui Li presented "Fe Stabilization in Intermetallic L1o-FePt and Enhanced Oxygen Reduction Reaction Catalysis in Core/shell L1o FePt/pt Nanaoparticles for Fuel Cells." He discussed that Proton exchange membrane fuel cell is a green energy power source with high power density and superb power efficiency. It converts the chemical energy stored in sustainable fuels (i.e. hydrogen, alcohol and formic acid) directly into electricity that powers vehicles and electronics. Pt is the state-of-the-art oxygen reduction reaction catalyst for fuel cells. Weiping Liu was next on the podium with "Higher Selectivity of Diisobutyl Monothiophosphate in the Flotation of Elemental Gold from Pyrite." He explained Gold contained in copper ores represents an important resource in the gold industry. In some cases, elemental gold can be recovered by flotation. For example, gold is typically associated with chalcopyrite and lesser amounts with pyrite in Grasberg Mine, Indonesia. Minor amounts of elemental gold are also present. A more selective collector for elemental gold would lead to improved gold recoveries. Pranaw Kunal rounded out the session with "Synthesis of Interesting Precious-metal Based Nanoparticles as Highly Active Heterogeneous Catalysts: a comprehensive experimental and theoretical study." He shared that his research revolves around applying metallic NPs as catalysts for various chemical reactions. One of the key approaches of his research is dilution of expensive metals (Rh, Pd, Ir, Pt, Au) using readily available cheap metals (Cu, Ag).

**Session C** was revolved around Finance. The first presented was Miguel Perez-Santalla of Heraeus who delivered "Hedging Metals in a Difficult Market." His presentation informed of concepts of hedging precious metals price risk in both normal and backward markets. Delegates next heard from Neil Meador of Metals Focus. His presentation was "Outlook for Global Platinum Jewelry Demand: China, US and India," Focussing on PGMs, he spoke about the outlook for global platinum jewellery demand, focussing on China, the US and India and asking if platinum jewellery demand can impact platinum's physical surplus and, by extension, have any bearing on the platinum price itself. Bart Melek centered his talk on "Precious Metals Outlook" focusing on the outlook for gold, silver and PGMs, including price trends and demand/supply conditions and exploring key relationships between macroeconomic variables, central bank interest rate policies, currency markets, speculative activity and physical markets. and present the TD Securities' price outlook. Jonathan Butler of Mitsubishi then delivered "Managing Price Volatility in Precious Metals: How to Navigate Risk and Uncertainty." Rising interest rates, soaring equity markets, a choppy US dollar and concerns that the bond market will break from a 30 year bull trend in 2018, all make for volatility and uncertainty in precious metals prices. An understanding of the fundamental supply-demand picture for each metal assists in navigating this uncertainty: taking the example of palladium, one of last year's top performing metals, and look at how a tight supply situation combined with speculative investment and a drawdown of near market stocks to create exceptional forward market conditions and record high prices.

**Session D**'s platform was New Technology. Starting off was Michelle Lynch of Enabled Futures with "Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling: Industry Status, Forecasts and Strategies." Her presentation set out strategies to develop a strong and profitable position in the future automotive recycling environment. Tania Trosch, a student at Bayreuth University, was next with "Development of a Platinum Casting Alloy for Jewelry and Watchmaking." She shared that during her PHD she generated a total of 5 new platinum casting alloys and improved them. All alloys were tested for castability, mechanical, microstructural and optical properties and compared to a currently used benchmark alloy and that two very well-suited alloys resulted from the work and a patent application has been filed and that at the beginning of next year the best of these two alloys will go into production in the Swiss company. Alexey Kornienko of Krastsvetment was next with "Lifecycle Building Information Model and Process Flows Management in Spent Catalyst Processing Facility." He discussed that



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## Conference Technical Program Summaries

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Session E was focused on Environmental, Legal and Insurance. First, Peter Quinter gave an "Update on Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions of Gold Dealers and Anti Money Laundering Programs." Then, Brian Ledgerwood of U.S. Department of Commerce talked about "Global Market Briefing of Trade in Precious Metals," briefing on global precious metals trade, identify export opportunities, discuss the impact that NAFTA may have on the precious metals sector, and information to participants on the many ways that the U.S. government can partner with you. Anthony Lanzilotti of Homeland Security Investigations rounded out the session with his presentation.

**Session F** was on Sampling, Assaying and Recovery of Metals. **Karen Paklin** of Olympus shared "HH XRF for Catalysis Analysis," discussing that Handheld X-ray fluorescence (HHHHXRF) analyzers have the capability to quickly and accurately display concentrations of platinum group metal (PGM) additives, such as Pt, Pd, and Rh contained within catalytic converters. **Algis Naujokas** of Sabin Metal, Chair of the Sampling and Analytical

Council, gave an "Introduction to the IPMI Sampling and Analytical Committee." Corby Anderson of Colorado School of Mines presented "Precious Metals Recycling at the Kroll Institute of Extractive Metallurgy." Formed in 1974, through the endowment of Dr. William Kroll after his creation of the modern titanium industry, the Kroll Institute continues to provide relevant research and education for industry. He summarized recent Precious Metals activities.

Session G was on Student Research. Student award winners presented their research. Yolanda Bonita presented "Catalytic" Applications of Bimetallic Noble Metal Phosphides for Biomass *Upgrading.*" Furfural hydrogenation is a key step in the production of furfuryl alcohol which is used in resin and lubricants industries. This process is currently catalyzed by an environmentally harmful copper chromite catalyst. Noble metals such as Ru have been explored to substitute the current catalyst. However, due to the highly reactive nature of furfural, the reaction tends to proceed further to form other hydrogenation products. Then, Andrea Bruck delivered "The Silver Lining in Biomedical Batteries." She informed that the strategy to create batteries that last longer, are more reliable, and can function in extreme conditions, such as biomedical implants, is using electroactive materials that generate silver metal inside the battery during its operation (in situ). Further, a major drawback of current battery systems is the use of carbon as a conductive additive. This traditional electrode design has proven to be an insufficient conductive substrate. leading to slow capacity loss or incomplete electrode utilization from poor contacts between electroactive materials. To fully utilize and understand the impact of a silver metal matrix on device performance, we use synchrotron based x-ray diffraction to map the formation of silver across the electrode. Next, Timothy Gorey shared "Tuning the Structure and Behavior of Atomically-selected Platinum-Tin Cluster Catalysts." He said that he has constructed a surface science instrument with the unique ability to produce PM clusters, where the number and type of atoms in each cluster can be EXACTLY controlled. With this level of control, he developed a tin-doped platinum catalyst that has shown remarkable stability under dehydrogenation conditions. The specific application for this catalyst is hypersonic aircraft, but coking/sintering are common problems in other industrial applications, such as Fischer-Tropsch, therefore making PtSn clusters a potentially powerful catalytic tool in the industry. Kent Kirlikovali presented "Luminescent Pt (II) and Ir (III) Emitters for Organic Light-Emitting Diode Applications," informing that organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) incorporating Pt(II)- and Ir(III)-based luminescent

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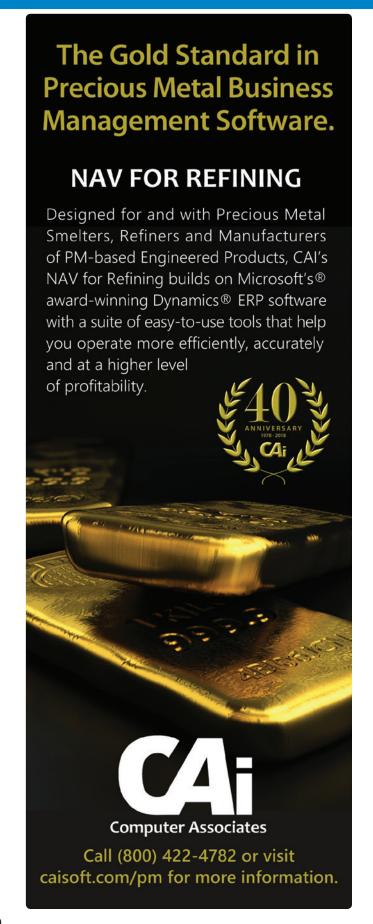
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molecules have achieved remarkable efficiencies in recent years, leading to the development of thinner and less energy-intensive television screens, mobile phone displays, and solid-state lighting sources. In order to realize the full potential of OLED-based devices on a global scale, critical issues related to efficiency and lifetime of blue OLEDs must be addressed. His team has developed unique ligand scaffolds incorporating icosahedral carboranes that can potentially improve the stability of these luminescent molecules in an OLED device. Ultimately, this work may potentially have profound global impacts across many industries and result in both economic and environmental benefits.

A New Segment was held on Monday afternoon, a forum for vendors to speak to delegates about their New Technology on the Horizon. Starting off the session was Federico Padrono Martini of IKOI who offered "FCC – Melting & Casting Bars System: A Worldwide Technological innovation to Produce Good Delivery Bars at Lower Cost," and highlighted key elements in IKOI's new technology

- Small IKOI SpA introduction
- FCC Description
- Technical data
- Advantages comparing with the actual system
- Video presentation of how FCC works

Next up was Charlie Fink of Inductotherm, whose presentation was "iSense™: The Future of Advanced Diagnostics is Here," which reviewed the features and capabilities of Inductotherm's most recent industry game changer—the technologically advanced iSense™ Melt Shop Equipment Data Visualization System. The system distributes real time data from Inductotherm equipment over network media through a combination of network topology, communication protocols, databases and sensors—all connected through a graphical user interface. Agilent was the next vendor to share their technology. Paul Krampitz's presentation was entitled "Precious Group Metals Analysis using Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectroscopy: Improving Precision and Spectral Interference Correction." Rounding out this new segment and was Dr. David Deegan from Tetronics who presented "Recovery of Precious Metals from E-Waste using Plasma Smelting."





Newly Minted Executive Director Larry Drummond welcomes Carlos and Doris Ortiz from Atomic Gold



Sandra and Joann greet delegates



CJSapre, Joe DeRosa and Corey Keller at the Delegate's Reception



AndySmith and Ian Holden at the Patron Member Social



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Tanaka and Metalor - a big thank you for a great Welcome Reception!



Regine and crew await the students at the Student Meet and Greet



**Delegates Enjoying the Johnson Matthey Outdoor Party** 



Alan and Joann Kaye and Sandra Arrants and Bodo Albrecht at the Gannon Afternoon Party



Joe Peixoto and Stanley Kravitz at the Patron Member Social



**Delegates Stopping for a Photo at the Patron Member Social** 



**Ask the Experts Panel** 



Howdy from Sue Strachan and Alyssa Rhoden at the Ladies Social



**EAG vendors greeting delegates** 



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Delegates showing their Team Spirit at the Gannon & Scott afternoon party



More guests Enjoying the Warm Breezes at the Johnson Matthey Party



Tina Potts, Birgit Wuest, Susan Hensel and Pauline Henning at the Ladies Social



**Cheers to Another Great Conference** 



The Hensels enjoying the Closing Reception



Brent Vesa offering up a toast to Bob Jacobsen



Outgoing President Bodo Albrecht with the new Officers, Becky Berube, Sascha Biehl, and Oliver Krestin along with new E.D. Larry Drummond



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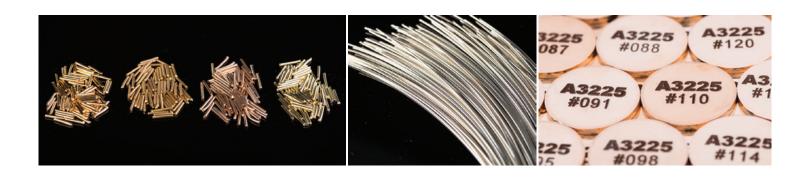








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Ag ≥ 999.9	Square 6x6 mm	125 mg	Au, Pt, Pd ≤ 10 mg/kg
Ag ≥ 999.9	Disk Ø 3 mm	25 mg	Au, Pt, Pd ≤ 10 mg/kg
Pt ≥ 999.9	Cut strips	-	-
Pd ≥ 999.9	Cut strips	-	-
Cu ≥ 999	Disk Ø 3 mm	25 mg	Au, Pt, Pd ≤ 10 mg/kg Ag ≤ 100 mg/kg

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Pt alloys	740‰ ≤ Pt ≤ 980‰	-
Pd alloys	400‰ ≤ Pd ≤ 980‰	-
Au	993‰ ≤ Au ≤ 999.99‰	Custom impurities
Ag	993‰ ≤ Ag ≤ 999.99‰	Custom impurities
Pt	993‰ ≤ Pt ≤ 999.99‰	Custom impurities
Pd	993‰ ≤ Pd ≤ 999.99‰	Custom impurities

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# Derek Sammann to be Featured Speaker at IPMI's 6th Annual Platinum Dinner



The IPMI's 6th Annual Platinum Dinner's guest speaker will be Derek Sammann of the CME Group.

Derek Sammann has served as CME Group's Senior Managing Director, Global Head of Commodities & Options Products since 2014. He is responsible for leading the development, execution and management of

CME Group's global Commodities portfolio, including the Energy, Metals and Agricultural business lines. He also globally leads the company's cross-asset class Options business. Since joining CME Group in September 2006, Sammann also has served as Senior Managing Director of Interest Rates and FX Products, and

as Managing Director, Global Head of Foreign Exchange.

Prior to joining CME Group, Sammann acquired more than 16 years of sell-side trading experience in the global FX market, including serving as Managing Director, Global Head of FX Options and Structured Products at Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank in London. He also held senior level positions with Crédit Agricole Indosuez in London, Banque Indosuez in Paris and Cooper, Neff & Associates in Chicago.

In addition to serving on CME Group's Management Team, Sammann serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the following entities: the Dubai Mercantile Exchange, the COMEX Board of Governors and the Commodities Markets Council, where he also serves as Treasurer. Sammann also serves on the International Advisory Board of the Shanghai Gold Exchange, in addition to having served on the Founder's Council and as Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Exchange Professionals Association (FXPA) when launched in 2014.

He holds bachelor's degrees in both economics and political science from Northwestern University.



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# **INDUSTRY NEWS**

## Heraeus Precious Metals Expands Plant in Tennessee

Heraeus Precious Metals expands Wartburg, Tennessee precious metals recycling plant with new state-of-the-art recycling technologies and capabilities to meet growing demand from chemicals, electronics, automotive and jewelry industries.

Heraeus Precious Metals held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 30th with customers and government officials to celebrate the completion of a 30,000 square-foot expansion of their Wartburg, Tennessee facility. The multi-million dollar expansion project, which began in the spring of 2016, increases the plant's pre-processing capacity to meet growing demand from customers in the chemical, electronics, automotive and jewelry industries.

With customer materials presenting more complex recycling challenges, Heraeus used the Wartburg physical plant expansion as an opportunity to make a significant investment in new recycling technologies and capabilities, including specialized converters, furnaces and processing equipment. Andre Christl, President of Heraeus Precious Metals, said, "Processing and recovering precious metals has become extremely complex. But today we have a state-of-the-art facility and a world-class team of talented employees at Wartburg to meet our customers' recycling challenges."

One of the newest innovations at Wartburg is its pyrometalurgical recycling converter, which uses a highly-specialized process to recover precious metals faster and more economically. The converter will primarily focus on the recovery of Platinum group metals. In addition to the investments in the physical plant, technology and capital equipment, Heraeus has created nearly 20 new jobs at Wartburg with the goal of creating additional positions as recycling demand grows.

The investment and expansion in Wartburg is part of the company's global effort to strengthen its position as the world leader in precious metals across the entire lifecycle. With a global network of trading offices, processing facilities and recycling sites in Germany, Switzerland, China, South Africa, India, Hong Kong and the United States, Heraeus is the only true worldwide precious metal company serving the global market. Uve Kupka, President of Heraeus Precious Metals North America, noted that its Wartburg plant will serve as a critical processing hub to advance the way precious metals are recycled. He said, "Expanding

our Wartburg plant and creating new jobs is a proud moment for us. But what is particularly exciting is that this facility will help us discover and develop new ways to treat, process and recycle precious metals even faster and more efficiently for our customers."







# **IPMI® NEWS**

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# Where are They Now?

Reporting in is Javier Grajeda, 2017 Johnson Matthey Student Award Winner who says, "I completed my PhD in inorganic chemistry at UNC Chapel Hill last month and I've just started working at Eastman Chemical Co."

# **IPMI<sup>®</sup> Calendar**

2018	Sept 13	6th Annual IPMI Platinum Dinner • New York Palace Hotel, New York NY	
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	Feb 6	PRC Meeting ● Marriott Hotel, George Bush Airport, Houston, TX	