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An invited talk “What Nickel adds to Stainless Steel” was given by the NI's Peter Cutler at the 5th Stainless Steel Congress in Brno, Czech Republic on 8 April 2009. It covered the reasons why nickel remains such an important alloying element in stainless steels. In 2008, around 60% of all the stainless steel produced were nickel-containing austenitic grades. Key factors are its contribution to ductility, fabricability, versatility and durability. The presentation can be viewed [here](#)

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