In 1992, Guy Savard and Bob Lee received the achievement of the highest level of recognition for their invention in the field of metallurgy. Indeed, the 1992 International Symposium on Bath Smelting was named the Savard/Lee Symposium. Both researchers at Liquid Air, Guy Savard and Bob Lee introduced to the world in 1967 the design of a concentric pipe, whose nozzle and oxygen discharge were protected from the molten metal by a fluid serving as a cooling system, to inject pure oxygen through the bottom of a steel refining converter.

Put into operation by Maxhutte, a West German steel company, the technical know-how and innovativeness of Guy Savard and Bob Lee soon returned to the North American continent before spreading to the rest of the world. The Savard/Lee International Symposium on Bath Smelting held last fall in Montreal was a long overdue but richly deserved tribute to the efforts and perseverance of Canadian Liquid Air’s two famed researchers.