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Thank You Elisa

On 20th April, a presentation was made to Elisa North to mark her leaving the Company after almost 20 years of service. Elisa was responsible for coordinating the HR and H&S activities within Blayson Olefines Ltd and has ensured that these important aspects of the company were always in good order. The Directors of Blayson Olefines thank Elisa for her dedication and commitment to the company and wish her all the best for the future.



EICF Brno Workshop

A record 157 people from 20 different countries attended the EICF Technical Workshop in Brno 10th to 12th May. The event was a true success focusing on inspection capabilities for tomorrow's foundry, including technical presentations, an exhibition and Czech foundry visits.

Blayson thank all delegates that visited their stand and who supported the event. Further information can be found at

www.eicfbrno2017.com

ICI 2017 Spring Management Meeting

The ICI held a successful Spring Management Meeting in Charleston between 30th April and 3rd May, with an excellent attendance of professionals from the US Investment Casting Industry.

Numerous papers were presented including a Review of World Investment Casting Trend Data by Ron Williams of Blayson. The paper is available to download [here](#)



Recent Visits to Blayson Cambridge

During the first quarter of 2017 the following all visited Blayson at Cambridge for ongoing business discussions.

Aaron Phipps, Vice President Sales and Marketing at MPI visited UK customers with Blayson Executive Director Dave Morson and completed his UK trip with discussions at Blayson Headquarters in Cambridge.



Beneficial discussions took place regarding future cooperation between the two companies and how best we can continue to serve the UK investment casting industry.

Shotoro Ishida of Blayson Japan visited Cambridge as part of an ongoing review of the future expansion and organisation of the Company in Japan. Both Blayson UK and Blayson Japan continue to work closely together on all commercial and technical matters.

Phil Hascher of Eagle Engineered Solutions visited Cambridge to review Blayson wax sales in North America and the supply of Eagle printed patterns and cores in Europe. An excellent relationship exists between Blayson and Eagle and the two companies continue to work closely together.



Additive Manufacture Review

Simon Clifford of Blayson visited the recent Formnext Conference and Exhibition in Frankfurt. The event provided an international audience with a diverse and interesting overview of how the industry is developing, the variety of materials and the methods by which they can be printed continues to grow in number, complexity, accuracy and standard of finish.

An understanding of the changes to the design process necessary to fully appreciate the benefits of additive manufacturing are beginning to filter through to the wider industry

providing possibilities as well as challenges to many companies.



Blayson aims to attend similar future events to understand the additive manufacturing industry and to explore the many opportunities that could be beneficial to the investment casting industry.

IOSH Training

In March of this year a course tailored for Blayson was organised and run by Jane Innes of Stallard and Kane Associates. The IOSH Managing Safety qualification is intended for those who have health and safety management responsibilities in the workplace.

The course aims to equip employees with the skills and knowhow to evaluate their organisation's safety procedures and systems, identify areas of possible improvement and implement new control measures to reduce risk when appropriate. The following Blayson members received the IOSH qualification.

Gavin Starr, Saul Graveling, Fiona Batchelor, Kevin Burrows, Ferhat Boufertella, Jozef Almasi.

ISO Training

As part of the Blayson continual quality improvement process and in preparation for upcoming ISO 9001:2015 approval the following

Blayson staff members from key departments received ISO Auditor training from Darryl Collin of Collin Associates.

Dave Bond, Matthew Williams, Simon Clifford, Saul Graveling, Maxine Jeffries, Marzena Tkaczyk, Gavin Starr, Arthur Free.

This training has taken a positive step towards ISO 9001:2015 approval and expanded the pool of trained auditors available to Blayson for internal auditing purposes.



Blayson Long Service Awards

The following employees attained milestones in their careers with Blayson in 2016.

Gavin Starr – 20 years of service
Jonathan Elbrow – 5 years of service

Future Events

JFS Investment Casting Seminar
13 – 15 September 2017
Tokyo Japan

ICI Technical Conference and Expo
15 – 18 October 2017
Covington KT USA

CMF Investment Casting Training
February 2018
Birmingham UK

EICF International Conference
22 – 25 April 2018
Porto Portugal