

WAX MATTERS

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EICF Conference Papers

World Market Review

Ron Williams will be presenting the latest update of the 'Review of World Investment Casting Markets' at the forthcoming EICF 28th International Congress taking place in Lugano, Switzerland 15 – 18 June 2014.

Phil Hancock will also be presenting information on the latest results of the Blayson Technical Centre's extensive R&D project into wax properties and wax thermal hysteresis (wax memory). Phil will be highlighting ways to significantly reduce the effect of wax memory with resultant benefits in terms of process simplification and cost reduction.

Full details of both papers will be published after the event and they will be available to download via the Blayson website.

Cmf wax Training Workshop

The cmf Investment Casting Workshop took place on 30 April 2014. As part of this important training initiative held at the National Metalforming Centre, West Bromwich, Phil Hancock explained the best practice for wax injection covering the following agenda

- Thermal Conductivity
- Dimensional Criteria

- Flow Criteria
- Use of Filled Wax
- Relationship between Pressure, Flow & Fluidity
- Injection around Ceramic Cores
- Defects
- Helpful Tips

Phil discussed the causes of common defects and advised on how these faults can be eliminated. The paper is available from the Technical library page of investmentcastingwax.com.

HSBC Awards

Earlier this year The Blayson Group Ltd were invited to enter the HSBC Global Connections Award recognising the following key points within a company

- Strategic plan, future focused thinking plus future proofing measures and a good growth strategy
- Great business evolution borne out of sound proposition development and outstanding global implementation.

Blayson were shortlisted as one of the eight most impressive businesses from over one hundred entrants.



Gavin Williams and Sara Bond, pictured above, received the regional award. They were accompanied by Ron Williams and Keith Batchelor to the event held at the HSBC headquarters in Canary Wharf, London.

Developments at Blayson Japan

Following the retirement of Blayson Japan President and co-founder Masaaki Ozawa, Blayson has reorganised the management structure for the Chiba based company. Under Masaaki's management, Blayson Japan has grown to be the market leader for wax supply to the investment casting industry in Japan.



To build on this success Koki Otsuka has been appointed as the new President and is working closely with the parent company in the UK. Close technical co-operation between the Technical Centres in the UK and Japan will continue as before.

Long Service Awards

The following Blayson employees have reached milestones in their careers with Blayson and accordingly long service awards are being made to –



Russell Dowson, 10 years' service



David Lovelady, 10 years' service

This length of service is not unusual at Blayson where staff turnover remains very low – we look forward to making further long service awards to other staff members in the near future.

Wax Deliveries

Blayson's UK customers will be aware that since October 2013 their regular wax deliveries have been made by a new driver and member of the Blayson team - Andy Sanders.



Welch's Transport, who supply the vehicle for Blayson, have appointed Andy as the designated driver for ensuring that Blayson deliveries are received on time and in the good condition expected by our customers.

Forthcoming Events



Lugano – Switzerland 15th - 18th June 2014

The EICF 28th International Congress takes place at Lugano, Switzerland from 15 – 18 June 2014.

The conference organised by the European Investment Casters' Federation, and in association with Precicast SA, will provide the industry with the latest information on markets and technical advances to maintain the industry's predominance in precision manufacture.

An exposition running alongside the conference will allow suppliers to exhibit their products and meet customers old and new.

The conference will open with a presentation on international market dynamics by Prof. Stephane Garelli, Professor of World Competitiveness at IMD Business School, University of Lausanne. Following the opening presentation, the conference will proceed with a review of the industry's major market sectors and challenges facing the industry from supply issues and competitive industries.

Other Events for your diary -

ICI Conference & Expo, Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, USA, October 2014

Taiwan ISIC, Kaohsiung November 2014

