

# NEWS

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## Blayson Expansion at Cambridge

Blayson has taken the opportunity to acquire a further two industrial units adjacent to their existing production and warehousing facilities in Cambridge. This expansion demonstrates The Blayson Group's on-going commitment to serving the investment casting industry and will further enhance the company's production and technical capabilities.



First unit cleared prior to installation of services and equipment.

## JFS (Japan Foundry Society) UK Visit

JFS members took the opportunity to visit the UK after attending the EICF Conference in Lugano in June.



The JFS UK visit was organised with the assistance of the Blayson Group and the itinerary included visits to Ross Catherall and Morgan Certech in addition to Blayson Cambridge.

## cmf at Blayson

Blayson was pleased to host the recent cmf Investment Casting Meeting which approximately 25 members attended.

Ron Williams welcomed the attendees and gave a brief introduction and a review of the World and European investment casting markets.

Amongst the topics raised at the meeting was the disposal of waste ceramic shell material. Ways to utilise used shell ceramics have been sought in the past and discussion at the meeting prompted a fresh look at this topic with re-use of the material in mind.



Discussion was followed by a tour of the Blayson production facility and Technical Centre.

## ICI Technical Meeting and Expo

The Investment Casting Institute held the 61<sup>st</sup> Technical Conference and Expo at Covington, Kentucky from 5 – 8 October 2014.

The conference was attended by over 700 delegates, a record for ICI conferences.

The exhibition was well supported and attended and the Blayson stand was kept busy with a high level of interest from delegates.

## Taiwan ISIC



### International Seminar of Investment Casting

The 8<sup>th</sup> ISIC will be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan on the 8 – 10 November 2014.

The Taiwan Foundry Society (TFS) will host this international conference which is the major investment casting conference in Asia and it will be the first time the ISIC will take place in Taiwan.

Since its inception in 1999 the ISIC seminar has taken place bi-annually and has served as the premier conference for Asia's developing investment casting industry which now accounts for 35% of global investment casting sales.

Importantly the ISIC provides Asian foundries with a platform for discussion and exchange of information with resultant benefits

to communication and cooperation for companies and academics.

More than 150 participants from all parts of the world, including Europe, USA, China, Taiwan, and South Korea, are expected to attend the event.

Blayson will be exhibiting and Ron Williams will present market reviews covering North America and Europe. Additionally Dave Bond will present a paper on the 'Characteristics and Control of Investment Casting Wax'.

## Blayson Brasil

### Blayson appoints Kemparts for representation in Brazil

Blayson is pleased to announce that they have appointed the company Kemparts Quimica Ltda as the sole representative for the importation, distribution and sales of their investment casting wax products in Brazil.

Wax products will be manufactured and supplied from the UK and distributed to investment casting foundries in Brazil through Kemparts. Technical support and wax reclamation technology will be provided by Blayson Technical Centre staff during regular visits to foundries in Brazil.

This exciting new relationship will enable Kemparts and Blayson to provide the best possible service to the investment casting industry in Brazil by combining Blayson technical expertise in wax and wax processing with Kemparts infrastructure and vast experience in sales and distribution.

For further information please contact Kemparts Quimica Ltda

[www.kemparts.com.br](http://www.kemparts.com.br)

## Changes at EICF

The European Investment Casters' Federation (EICF) has appointed Dr Carlos Olabe as Chief Executive with effect from June 2014.

Dr Olabe takes over from Dr David Ford MBE, who led the Federation for 12 years and successfully doubled EICF membership. This was achieved by a focus on running a series of conferences, investment casting workshops and publications. Additionally research projects with universities have been conducted.

Dr Olabe was previously chief executive of Precicast Bilbao. During this time he was President of the EICF from 2006 until 2010 and brings his management skills and experience to the federation.

Before taking on the responsibility for the EICF, Dr Ford was chief of casting technology at Rolls-Royce. Dr Ford has a PhD in engineering and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining – the UK institute representing materials engineers. He was appointed MBE in the Queen's Millennium Birthday Honours for services to aerospace.

## Forthcoming Events

ISIC – Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
November 2014

EICF Workshop – Sheffield, UK  
2015 (date to be confirmed)

ICI Conference 2015 – Schaumburg, USA (near Chicago)  
18 – 20 October 2015

World IC Conference – Paris, France  
April 2016