

WAX MATTERS

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Blayson Stand at ICI Expo

The ICI 62nd Annual Technical Conference and Expo was held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, Illinois, USA October 2015 and proved to be a great success for Blayson and our North American partners Eagle Engineered Solutions.



Thank you to the many delegates who visited our joint booth. Blayson look forward to attending and exhibiting at the upcoming ICI 63rd Annual Technical Conference and Expo 15 - 18 October 2016 in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

Blayson Lecture at ICI Conference

Phil Hancock, Technical Manager presented the paper 'Innovative Test Methods for Wax' at the

Schaumburg ICI Conference and a brief synopsis follows.

The paper emphasised that wax is an important component of the investment casting process and it is critical that the industry has an understanding of the technology of the material. The main theme of the paper was the recent development of innovative test methods for wax. The paper explained how with innovative thought and close supplier and customer partnerships, significant opportunities exist for designing tests and wax products that enhance wax pattern production and therefore productivity.

Promotion at Blayson Japan

During the recent visit of Koki Otsuka, President Blayson Japan Co Ltd and Shotaro Ishida to The Blayson Group Ltd Headquarters Cambridge in January 2016, the promotion of Shotaro Ishida (Sho) to Director of Blayson Japan was announced. Sho is directly responsible to Koki Otsuka and both Koki Otsuka and Ron Williams MD of The Blayson Group Ltd, congratulated Sho on this promotion. They were confident that he would be successful in this position.



Sho has been with Blayson Japan for over 10 years and after spending a year working in the USA at MPI studying wax pattern production, Sho returned to Japan in July 2015 to continue his career full time at the Chiba factory of Blayson Japan. Sho is well known within the investment casting industry in Japan and Korea assisting Blayson Japan in maintaining its position as the leading supplier of investment casting wax to the industry.

Technical Centre Discussions

During the January 2016 visit of Koki Otsuka and Shotaro Ishida to Blayson Cambridge, a Technical Meeting was held. These meetings between Blayson staff of both the Technical Centre at Cambridge and the Technical Centre at Chiba are most beneficial to discuss technical issues and innovations. They provide a basis to compare and plan wax research and development, wax quality and wax test procedures going forward. The meetings are held twice a year, alternately in Cambridge and Chiba.

Czech Seminar

A successful Investment Casting Seminar organised by Dr Milan Horacek was held in Buchlovice, Czech Republic 8 - 10 November 2015. The meeting was well attended by delegates from foundries in Central and Eastern Europe and a range of papers covering Market and Technical topics were presented. On the final day a tour of the Alucast Foundry was arranged for delegates.

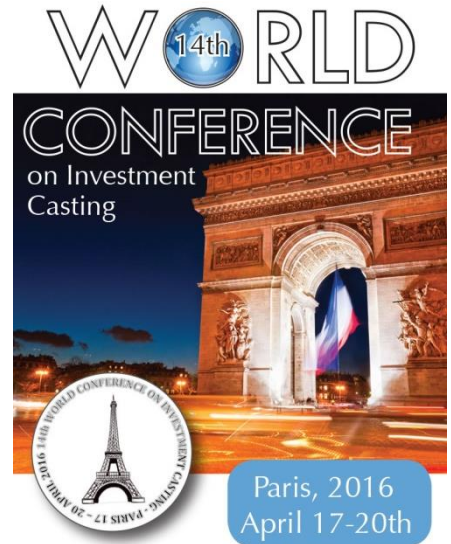


Blayson made two major presentations at the Seminar, firstly a Review of World Investment Casting Markets and secondly, Understanding Investment Casting Wax. Copies of these papers are available from the library section of www.investmentcastingwax.com



World Conference on Investment Casting 2016

The 14th World Conference on Investment Casting will be held in Paris 17 - 20 April 2016 and Blayson and their Worldwide Partners invite all delegates to visit their Booth No 35 - 36 to discuss the products and services available from Blayson and their Worldwide Partners. In addition, Ron Williams will make a presentation on a Review of World Markets with contributions from the European Investment Casters Federation, the Investment Casting Institute, the Japan Foundry Society and the China Foundry Association. Also, Phil Hancock will present a Technical Paper discussing new concepts for investment casting wax for turbocharger wheel pattern production.



Blayson Long Service Awards

The following Blayson employees have reached milestones in their careers with Blayson during 2015 -

Joszeff Almasi	5 years
Arthur Free	5 years
Maxine Jeffries	5 years
Ferhat Boufertella	10 years
Mark Vrabel	10 years
Paul Tomlinson	20 years
Dave Morson	25 years
Mark Roxby	30 years

Future Events

Blayson Japan 30 Year Anniversary
March 2016

14th World Conference on Investment Casting
17 - 20 April 2016
Paris, France

ICI 63rd Annual Technical Conference and Expo
15 - 18 October 2016
Columbus, Ohio, USA