

# WAXMATTERS

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## 34<sup>th</sup> EICF Conference Seville – May 2026



The 34<sup>th</sup> EICF International Conference and Exhibition will take place from 10 to 13 May 2026 at the Seville International Convention Center in Seville, Spain. Blayson representatives will be in attendance and will be available to meet any delegates at Booth 40 during the exhibition. Dr Nicolò Ferri, Blayson Technical and Quality Manager will be presenting a technical paper during the conference. In addition, Kevin Heard, Blayson Technical Sales Manager, and Gavin Williams, Blayson CEO, will be in attendance.

## Tribute to Brenda Williams



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Brenda Williams, who passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Brenda, up until retirement, was Company Secretary and Director of The Blayson Group Ltd. Brenda was so supportive in the development and expansion of the Blayson Group, from the early days of the company to its current status. She was a regular visitor to various conferences around the world, assisting to promote the company and the industry alike. Brenda will be greatly missed and is survived by her husband Ron and their four children - Gavin, Matthew, Daniel and Charlotte.

## Blayson Japan Mark 40 Years of Business

Ron Williams, Chairman and Gavin Williams, CEO of The Blayson Group Ltd, have thanked and congratulated Sho Ishida, President of Blayson Japan Co. Ltd, on the 40 Year anniversary of Blayson Japan. From those early days 40 years ago, to now

Blayson Japan is the leading supplier of wax to the investment casting industry in Japan. Sho Ishida thanked customers, staff and suppliers to the company for their contributions to the success of Blayson Japan.



## Blayson Long Service Awards

In January 2026 Gavin Starr, Operations Director of Blayson Olefines Ltd, completed 30 years' service to the company. Ron Williams, Chairman of The Blayson Group Ltd, thanked Gavin for his service and commitment to the company over these years. Gavin began his career with Blayson as a factory operator and progressed through various roles over the years until his current role of Operations Director. His knowledge is invaluable and Blayson are most grateful for his commitment to the stability and success of the company.



Gavin Starr – 30 Years

The Directors of the company would also like to thank Saul Graveling, Operations Manager of Blayson Olefines Ltd, who has completed 25 years with Blayson. Saul has worked in various positions within the company during his time here and his wide experience is invaluable to the smooth running of the company.



Saul Graveling – 25 Years

## Wax Surface and the Hydrophilic Properties of Wax

Dr Nicolò Ferri, Technical and Quality Manager at Blayson will be presenting a Technical Paper at the EICF Conference in Seville 10-12 May 2026. The topic of the paper is *Wax Surface and the Hydrophilic Properties of Wax Material*. During his presentation, Dr Ferri will explain the phenomenon of wax materials being hydrophilic in nature, how this is measured, extending the knowledge of the actual process of the initial coating of wax assemblies in the shelling process. The paper explains the technical steps of the process and how improvements can be made and possible solutions offered, where wash systems are not available or where some issues may arise.

## EICF International Investment Casting Education Course



EICF are planning the fourth edition of the Investment Casting Manufacturing Technology course at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at Brno University, Czech Republic in September 2026. As in previous years, Blayson is pleased to support and contribute to this course. Further information regarding the course can be obtained from the EICF.

### Future Events

**EICF 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference & Exhibition**  
Seville, Spain  
10-12 May 2026

**International Investment Casting EICF Education Course**  
Brno University of Technology, Czech Republic  
6-12 September 2026

**ICI 73<sup>rd</sup> Technical Conference & Exposition**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
25-28 October 2026

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