IMF Awards 2015

Samuel Field Medal Geoff Wilcox
Canning Bi-Centenary Medal (Sponsored by MacDermid plc) S.Kirihara, Y.Umeda, K.Tashiro, H.Honma, and O.Takai
Connie Sieff Memorial Award (Sponsored by the IMF) Fred Andrews
The Westinghouse Prize (Sponsored by Maney Publishing) A.Sulcias, E.Griskonis, R.Balcunas, and P.Diaz-Arista
Jim Kape Memorial Medal (Sponsored by the IMF) R.A.Andreeva, E.A.Stoyanova, A.S.Tsanev, P.K.Stefanov and D.S.Stoychev
Eddie Marlow Memorial Medal (Sponsored by PMD (UK) Ltd) Gary Ridgway
Pexa Organic Award (Sponsored by Pexa) P.Nikonczuk
Best student at Foundation level Jack Sealey
Best student at Technician level Lee Saunders
Recognition of his outstanding results Edward Cotton

Wishing all our Members a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2016
Environment, Health & Safety

The HSE, Defra and Environment agency and other government bodies now issue new regulations on two common commencement dates annually: 29 April and 29 October to come into force. October 2015

Deregulation of the self-employed

One of the key recommendations made by Professor Löfstedt in his report “Reclaiming health and safety for all: An independent review of health and safety regulation,” was to exempt from health and safety law those self-employed people whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others.

Please note too that REACh is now more a commercial factor than a Health & Safety one. - M Griffiths

Pexa was established in 2002 and has grown to be a leading and well recognised supplier to the aerospace industry and a key industrial partner for major international brands with 30% of its sales overseas. Now with a team of 26, the move to the new facilities will allow Pexa to grow and to enter new markets where additional production space will be essential. The Duke of York is a well-known advocate for British business on the international stage. Pexa was very proud to welcome him to their new home to declare it officially open for business on the 9th November. A number of Pexa’s customers and suppliers attended, together with representatives from trade associations and government agencies involved in Pexa’s activities. His Royal Highness participated in a business meeting and met the whole Pexa team plus guests. The Duke of York was accompanied by Dr. Ingrid Roscoe, the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

Jim Rowbotham, Managing Director of Pexa said – “the whole team was thrilled to meet HRH, he was very interested in the nuts and bolts of the operation, our people development and apprentice activity and our plans for the future. He really engaged with us and wants to make a contribution”. His Royal Highness said “This is a ‘go get them’ firm determined to increase its market share. I hope this facility is a success and, as manufacturing gets under way, that you will come up with some clever innovations that will make you one of the companies that are absolutely needed”.

Pexa

HRH The Duke of York, KG Opens Pexa’s new facility in West Yorkshire

Pexa, supplier of surface finishing materials, coatings and chemicals to the aerospace and other high tech industries has recently moved to new, larger and upgraded premises close to its original home in Holywell Green, West Yorkshire. With help from a grant from the Leeds City Region and the ERDF Pexa was able to completely upgrade the premises to an “as new” condition and to install new offices, warehouse space and a new production facility for its own line of paints and coatings for the optical industry.
90th Anniversary Dinner

The 90th anniversary dinner was a very well supported event with over 50 people enjoying a very entertaining evening of good food, wine and music. We had visitors from all over the UK and Ireland as well as representatives from many other institutes and all who came were very appreciative of the event, and all of them really enjoyed the Hotel and its location.

Our president Graham opened the evening with a welcome to all comers and a toast to the IMF in our 90th year, he expressed his desire and hopes that many of us would be back when we celebrate our ‘Centenary Year’. He explained the changes that have taken place in our history and how we have continued to develop the institute in order to follow the changes in our industry and the reasons why these culminated in the name change, he finished by saying that the IMF will continue to follow these changes and will continue to evolve. This event proved to be invaluable in the promotion of the IMF and we received many dedications that participants would actively promote the membership of the IMF.

The dinner and celebrations went on long into the night and many were able to wish our president a Happy Birthday as the clock ticked midnight.

Many thanks to all those who came and supported this event and many thanks to Helen for her hard work in organising it. - Ken Griffiths

Welcome New Members

**AFFILIATE**

Paul Allen AEM Ltd
Phil Monk Amphenol Ltd
Jonathan Walker Ashton & Moore
Rachel Tookey Ashton & Moore
Adam Osland Atotech UK Ltd
Ryan Bolland Eaton Ltd
Richard Fox Harwin PLC
James Kemp Harwin PLC
Thomas Vanes LVH Coatings Ltd
Chris Botting Marshall Aerospace
Lee Leighton Marshall Aerospace
Lee Merritt Mettis Aerospace
Graham Newey Russell Laboratories
Morgan Taylor Schloetter Co Ltd
Azad Yousaf Schloetter Co Ltd

**AssocIMF**

Phil Reynolds SPS Technologies Ltd
Jack Sealey Aerofin Ltd

**FELLOW**

John Low Dr. University of Warwick
Examination results

Foundation
Graham Newey  Russell Laboratories
Rachel Toovey  Ashton & Moore Ltd
Paul Allen  AEM Ltd

Technician Module studied by Distance learning:
Paint Lacquer Varnish
Lee Merritt  Mettis Aerospace

Electroplating Practise
Phil Monk  Amphenol Ltd
Thomas Vanes  LVH Coatings Ltd
Adam Oseland  Atotech UK Ltd

Principles of Electroplating
Jack Sealey  Aerofin Labs Ltd

South West Metal Finishing
Foundation
Peter Fry  Bruce Hunt
Zilvinas Krivicis  Erika Langer
Kristen Mitchell  Miroslaw Palaczyn
Maria Toth  Damien Upton
Janos Zombor

Technician Electroplating Practise
Katy Everson  Damon Gill
Matthew Hawkins

Technician Certificates awarded to
Phil Monk  Amphenol Ltd
Thomas Vanes  LVH Coatings Ltd
Adam Oseland  Atotech UK Ltd
Katy Everson  South West Metal Finishing
Damon Hill  South West Metal Finishing
Matthew Hawkins  South West Metal Finishing

*Pass with Merit  # Pass with Distinction

Next Enrolment date is the 6th February 2016

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Seniors Meeting
The scheduled seniors meeting for the 9th December had been postponed a new date will be issued in the New Year.

Obituary
L V Lewis PIMF President 1992 – 1994
Older members in particular will be saddened to learn that Leslie Lewis died on the 13th November 1995, aged 94. In his last years Leslie became frail, so contact with the Institute was through his family and his friends, inevitably becoming limited. Before his decline he was a stalwart as President and representative of the Institute especially amongst kindred London based societies.