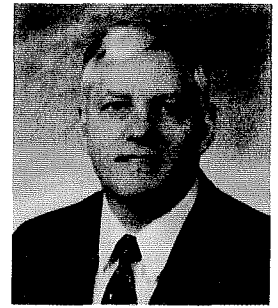


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Academic Research and Industrial Sector Come Together at ICSP8

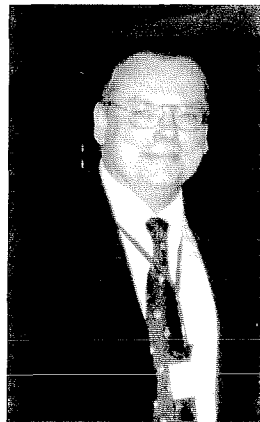


The International Conference on Shot Peening (ICSP8) was held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany September 16 -20, 2002. Professor Lothar Wagner, a professor of the Technical University of Cottbus in Germany, was the chairman for ICSP8. The ICSP conferences, held every three years at various international venues, provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of technical, scientific and academic papers related to the shot peening process. The conferences provide an unparalleled opportunity to meet and discuss technical issues with an international cross section of shot peening experts and researchers as well as equipment and media manufacturers. In keeping with a tradition of blending academic research with industrial applications, the participants were treated to exposure to both as there were heavier involvement from the industrial sector than in previous conferences. Many of the exhibitors expressed praise for the interaction that they enjoyed with the attendees.

The ICSP9 will be held in 2005 in Paris, France which was the location of the first conference held in 1981. The Chairman for ICSP9 will be Professor V. Schulze of the Technical University of Karlsruhe, Germany.



Peter Hutmann, BMW AG, presents his paper: "The Application of Mechanical Surface Treatment in the Passenger Car Industry".



Professor Lothar Wagner, Chairman of ICSP8.



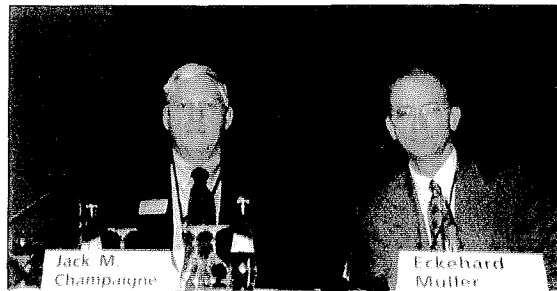
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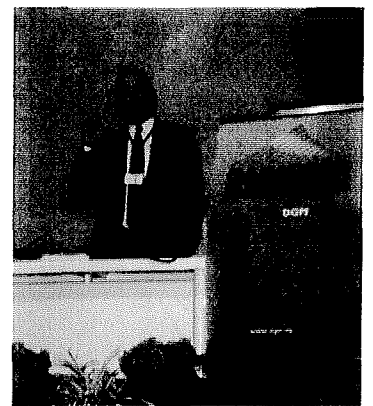
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, once host to the Olympic winter games, was a very beautiful location for the conference.



Volker Schneidau, Sales Manager with SCELICK roto-jet, makes a presentation at the company's booth.



Jack Champaigne, President of Electronics Inc., and Professor at the Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany).



Peter O'Hara, Vice President of Metal Improvement Company presents: "Process Control Techniques for Laser Peening of Metals".



Pete Bailey, Shot Peening Instructor and Consultant for Electronics Inc.; Yoshitomo Watanabe, President of Toyo Seiki Co.; and Kazuo Kusano, President of Kokusai Chemical Tokyo Co.



The main social event of the conference was held at a Bavarian Men's Club where guests were entertained by the Long Horn Society and enjoyed excellent food and drink (beer, of course!).