The Electronics Inc. staff attended the recent SITS show in France. Not only was the surface treatment show in one of most beautiful cities in the world, it was a dynamic, well-attended event.

A little background for those of you who aren't familiar with the show: The SITS in France is an annual showcase of all aspects of surface treatment. SITS attracts visitors from over 50 countries—over 18,000 people attended this year. The purpose of the show is to help professionals stay current with the changes and innovations in the quickly-evolving surface finishing and coatings industry. In addition to hosting a large exhibition, SITS conducted conferences, round table discussions, and demonstrations. The scope of the show included:

- The cleaning and preparation of surfaces
- Metal coatings: treatment and completion of surfaces
- Organic coatings and other treatments and completion of surfaces
- Mechanical treatments: polishing, fettling
- Peripheral equipment
- Prevention and treatments of pollution
- Subcontracting
- Various services
- Environmental issues

The automotive, aerospace, jewelry, clock, furniture, chemistry, metallurgy, construction and electronics industries were represented at the event. The show had a high energy level with lots of activity at the booths. El visited with many exhibitors including:

- Agtos
- Institute for Industrial Technology Transfer (IITT-International)
- International Surface Preparation - Sisson Lehmann
- Rösler
- Tool-Tec
- Zirpro

Coincidentally, SITS was held in a large exposition center outside of the Charles De Gualle Airport which is just down the road from the location of ICSP9 (The 9th International Conference on Shot Peening). Paris will be a lovely venue for the upcoming conference. For complete, up-to-date information on ICSP9, visit www.shotpeener.com.

Dr. Niku-Lari (IITT) and Tom Brickley (EI) toured Paris after the show. Dr. Niku-Lari is a member of the Local Organizing Committee for ICSP9 and the Conference Secretary.