

Strength in Numbers



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Many years ago, when I joined the Aerospace Metals Engineering Committee (AMEC) of the Aerospace Materials Division of the Society of Automotive Engineers, I found that shot peening was scarcely mentioned. There were times that I was accompanied by only three or four “shot peeners” at the meeting. The AMEC task group focused primarily on heat treating issues, but had inherited the task of reviewing and editing the shot peening documents that we

know as AMS specifications. Despite the lack of focus on shot peening, I enjoyed attending the meetings, especially when we went to the Asilomar Conference Center in California.

In 2008, I suggested we form a subcommittee to handle the shot peening specifications and that was the launching of AMECSE, Aerospace Materials Engineering Committee Surface Enhancement. The committee roster now stands at 125 people with members from Canada, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States. With this increase in numbers, we now have more high level technical input for the revisions of the shot peening specifications. The result is Strength in Numbers.

I recently learned of the passing of one of our valued contributors to the industry—Prof Aleksander Nakonieczny. We had become close friends, meeting in San Francisco in 1996 for the Sixth International Conference on Shot Peening (ICSP-6), for which I was host. We elected Aleksander to membership in the committee



Prof Aleksander Nakonieczny

at that time and then selected him to host the conference in 1999 in Warsaw, Poland. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and co-workers. He will be greatly missed.

The Twelfth International Conference on Shot Peening (ICSP-12), hosted by Clausthal University of Technology, will be held September 15-18, 2014, in Goslar, Germany. For more information, go to www.shotpeening.org/ICSP-12. We encourage everyone to participate in the only international conference dedicated to shot peening. Again, Strength in Numbers. ●

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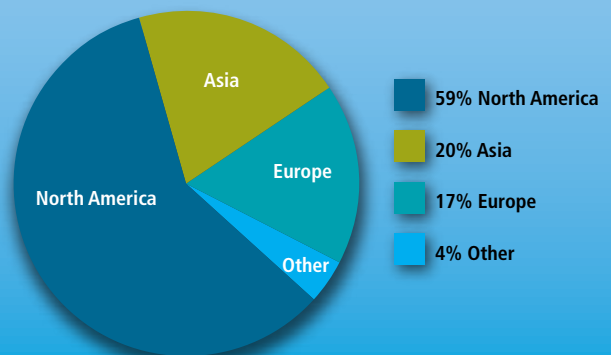
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