

Success Stories

MY FIRST SUCCESS STORY is about Martin Lévesque, Professor at the École Polytechnique de Montréal, whose shot peening programs at the university provide valuable peen forming research to local aerospace companies, and whose students receive a great education in a viable, progressive field of manufacturing. Prof. Lévesque has also conducted important shot peening research and is a capable conference organizer—these are the reasons the International Scientific Committee for Shot Peening elected him as the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the Thirteenth International Conference on Shot Peening in 2017. Read about Prof. Lévesque and the synergistic relationship between Polytechnique and the Montreal aerospace community on page 10.



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The article from ITAMCO and their contribution to a high school manufacturing training program (page 38) illustrates another successful relationship between education and business. Companies like ITAMCO need skilled machine operators on their high-tech plant floors and high school students need high-paying, satisfying careers when they graduate. The solution is a win-win scenario.

This brings me to yet another success story: Mike Wern. *The Shot Peener* magazine was proud to give him the **2014 Shot Peener of the Year** award because he has done so much to advance shot peening in the U.S. automotive industry. He accomplished this by building such outstanding equipment that shot peening is now a validated and repeatable operation in many U.S. automotive manufacturing facilities. Read more about Mike and Engineered Abrasives on page 6.

Mike received the award at the EI Shot Peening Workshop and Trade Show in Orlando, Florida in October. Unfortunately, this was the first workshop I've missed due to a bug I picked up while traveling home from the German workshop, but I know Mike was truly surprised to receive the award. By the way, these workshops/seminars/trade shows are another example of a beneficial blend of industry and education.

Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2015!



The 2014 U.S. Shot Peening Workshop and Trade Show Attendees

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