the most effective link between engineering students and their future careers.

Kale named ISA Senior Life Member

Mr. Vishwas Kale, managing director, Vijayesh Instruments Pvt., Ltd., Pune, India was nominated as Senior Life Member, International Society of Automation (ISA), U.S. He is also past president of ISA Maharashtra and Pune Sections in India; life-member of the Indian Institute of Foundrymen; a national experts panel member for instrumentation of National Technical Services; member of the Industrial Process Measurement and Control Sectional Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi; and member of ALUCEAST (Aluminum Die-casters’ Association of India). He has developed many innovative products and has received awards from Maratha Chamber of Commerce and the MCCIA-Tata Honeywell Quality Award.

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Profile of a Volunteer

Richard Blackwell, C.E.T, FASM
General Manager, Buehler Canada

Richard Blackwell has volunteered with ASM International for more than 35 years. His accomplishments range from Ontario chapter council to chair of the ASM Canada Council. He was named a 2007 Fellow of ASM, served as vice president of the International Metallographic Society (IMS), and earned the G. MacDonald Young award for distinguished contributions to ASM and the materials community in Canada.

Born and raised near Hamilton, Ontario, Richard began his career after Sheridan College as a mechanical engineering technologist. His first job was working for the Ontario Research Foundation, a cutting-edge government research lab. Richard moved from research into sales when he was hired by Buehler in 1977. “It was a very different perspective. Engineering sales is quite challenging; it demands expertise in so many different techniques and materials just to communicate with the customers.”

Volunteering with ASM is Richard’s way of being proactive in the industry and making a difference. “One of my philosophies in life is: I’d rather participate in the decision-making than be affected by decisions others make. I like to be proactive in governance. If you don’t get involved, others will do it for you.” What has he found most impressive about ASM? “It’s the opportunity to network with people in the same field, to talk about issues or technical problems, and learn how we can best serve our customers,” says Richard.

Richard’s employer, Buehler, a division of Illinois Tool Works Inc., has been very supportive of his ASM volunteering – starting with top management. “They make it easy for me to volunteer,” explains Richard. “It’s part of our culture, and goes all the way back to our founder, Dr. E. Daniel Albrecht. He was very supportive of ASM, and believed it was important to give back to our industry. We feel it puts us in a good business position; it’s a way to connect with our customers.” If you visit www.buehler.ca, you’ll even find ASM featured on their About Us page.

Through ASM, Richard has had the opportunity to become a leader and to impact industry practices and knowledge. He’s also learned from others, especially his mentor, Professor C. Ravi Ravindran at Ryerson University in Toronto. “Ravi is very dedicated to ASM and has suggested committees and activities to me, including the ASM Canada Council,” recalls Richard.

Outreach to students is one of the ASM volunteer activities Richard thrives on. He was involved in the first three Canadian ASM Materials Camps for high school students. He’s also been able to impact University of Toronto students as an invited participant in their “Industry Day” student forums.

Volunteering with ASM and IMS has meant opportunities to network and travel. It’s also helped develop great personal friendships over the years. “You get out of it what you put into it,” he believes. And clearly, Richard has put much into his 35+ year history of volunteering...with more to come.

Student Papers Sought for ASM HTS/Bodycote ‘Best Paper in Heat Treating’ Contest

The ASM Heat Treating Society established the Best Paper in Heat Treating Award in 1997 to recognize a paper that represents advancement in heat-treating technology, promotes heat treating in a substantial way, or represents a clear advancement in managing the business of heat treating. The award is endowed by Bodycote Thermal Process-North America.

The HTS/Bodycote Student Paper Contest is open to all students, in full-time or part-time education, at universities (or their equivalent) or colleges. It also is open to those students who have graduated within the past three years and whose paper describes work completed while an undergraduate or post-graduate student.

The winner of the HTS/Bodycote Best Paper in Heat Treating Contest will receive a plaque and a check for $2500.


Please submit news of ASM and its members, chapters, and affiliate societies to Joanne Miller, joanne.miller@asminternational.org

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 Joanne Miller, ASM Heat Treating Society