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Is it a good time to be certified? Yes! Considering the lingering persistence of travel restrictions on in-person training & testing sessions, we are thankful that our online exam options remain viable for certification candidates around the world. And, as always, the hiring of more ICML-certified practitioners can help companies increase uptime while reducing costs--a smart scenario during a tenuous manufacturing comeback that Deloitte says is characterized by "optimism around revenue growth [that] is held in check by caution from ongoing risks."

This means that now, more than ever, ICML certification increases <u>your</u> value to any cost-conscious operation. Chin up, and *lube on*!

Paul Hiller, Marketing Manager
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# **Success Story: The Award-Winning Power of Management Support at Blue Buffalo - Heartland**

Blue Buffalo's Heartland Pet Food
Manufacturing plant in Richmond, IN, USA,
was barely a few years old when it earned
ICML's 2020 John R. Battle Award for
Machinery Lubrication Excellence. But the
development of its lubrication program had
started long before any of the machinery was
ever put into operation. Read about how
Heartland's visionary management priorities
ensured the program would hit the ground
running on Day One.







## **Guest Post: How Long to Wait** to Take the ICML Certification Test



Guest author Wesley Cash of Noria Corporation, who has seen his share of practitioners attending lube-related training sessions through the years, offers some practical tips for those who might feel a bit intimidated about sitting an ICML exam...

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### MRG is HIRING at several USA sites

MRG Labs has an opportunity for ICML Certified Professionals. Condition Monitoring Analyst positions are included. Do you know anyone with the skill set to be successful for this opportunity? Want to make an impact for the reliability, safety and preparedness of our U.S. Army? Take a look or send Rich Wurzbach a message. U.S. Citizens only. Must be able to achieve SECRET clearance. International Council for Machinery Lubrication (ICML) certified professionals preferred. The LLA and MLT certifications are specific requirements for some of these positions.

Check out the position descriptions at https://mrglabscorp.applytojob.com/apply/ or click the button below.





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## New links make it easier to plan your training dates

As you and your colleagues pursue further ICML certifications or recertifications, we encourage you to visit our searchable table of independent training partners. Several of them maintain specific web pages with calendars or schedules of upcoming training sessions, so we have introduced a new hyperlinked "Calendar" column that makes it easier for you to find such information.



Visit the Table

## Register for these <u>in-person</u> conferences



#### **PRECONLUB**

## June 9-10 León, Guanajuato, MX

PRECONLUB (Congreso Internacional de Mantenimiento Predictivo, Confiabilidad y Lubricación) aims to provide a forum for the Spanish-speaking industrial community to learn the latest advances and new technologies in areas of Maintenance 4.0, reliability, asset management, predictive maintenance, and real-time condition monitoring. ICML is a media sponsor.

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### **Reliable Plant**

## July 25-28 Orlando, FL, USA

This year Reliable Plant Conference & Exhibition rolls its Monday workshops into its overall conference package, bringing a wide array of knowledge along with focused tracks of high-quality material to help you get results back at the plant. Once again ICML is an endorsing sponsor and exhibitor.

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# You are invited: Is your lube program ready for an industry award?



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Today is always a great day for you to submit your plant's successful oil analysis or lubrication program for one of our prestigious awards: the Augustus H. Gill Award for Oil Analysis Excellence, or the John R. Battle Award for Machinery Lubrication Excellence. Perhaps your program will be selected to join the 20-year roster of previous winners. But you know what they say: "You can't win if you don't compete!"







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