

**Spring** has sprung at ICML here in the USA—but when it comes to industrial **springs** and other machinery assets (see what I did there?), the season for lubrication maintenance & education *never* ends.

In this issue, we explore smart grease sampling practices from the field, and our lubrication experts spotlight how the FPL badge supports food-grade personnel and industries. You'll also find a roundup of the "Top 5" most-read eLibrary books and articles that your colleagues are digging into right now, plus a look at the conferences we're supporting in the months ahead—including a sneak peek at our experts panel in June. And don't miss the powerful podcast where four ICML board members go in-depth on the current issues shaping our industry.

Thanks for your ongoing [membership](#) & support of ICML. Lube on !

-- Paul Hiller, Marketing Manager  
International Council for Machinery Lubrication

## ***Lubrication Matters Magazine: Power-packed Podcast***



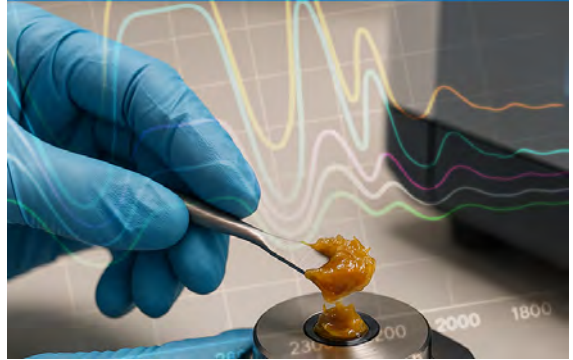
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River Publishers recently hosted four ICML board members for a "can't miss" discussion about the lubrication industry's past, present, and future. Their insightful exchange goes in-depth on a broad scope of topics, ranging from the state of plant-level programs to the technological "Golden Age of Lubrication," addressing the cradle-to-grave approach to lubrication management, and much more.

Do not miss this episode of *Lubrication Matters Magazine*. Run time = 2:01:14

# The Dos and Don'ts of Grease Sampling and Analysis: Keys to an Accurate Diagnosis

Grease analysis isn't just oil analysis with a thicker sample—it's actually a whole different game. In this article, guest author Oscar Castro of Interlub outlines essential tips for getting grease sampling right, avoiding costly mistakes, and turning lab data into smart maintenance decisions. And he backs it up with a real-world case study that shows how proper technique and analysis can extend equipment life...



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## What's Hot in the ICML eLibrary



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Wondering what your fellow lubrication colleagues are reading? We've identified the Top 5 most popular, most practical titles in our eLibrary—including some new releases. From oil analysis tips to asset management strategies, these picks are packed with information you can apply right away.

***"It really saved time & effort... No need to order a publication and wait for its arrival."***

*— Gary Wood, District Manager NE at HF Sinclair*

## Our upcoming conference schedule



**OilDoc**  
**May 13-15, 2025**  
**Rosenheim, Germany**

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**STLE Annual Conference**  
**May 18-22, 2025**  
**Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

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**CMC - Colombia**  
**June 16-19, 2025**  
**Cartagena, Colombia**

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**PreConLub - Mexico**  
**June 19-20, 2025**  
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# Join us for the Food-Grade Panel at Reliable Plant: "Myths, Mistakes, and Mastery"



Reliable Plant  
Conference and Expo  
June 2-5, 2025  
Chicago, Illinois, USA

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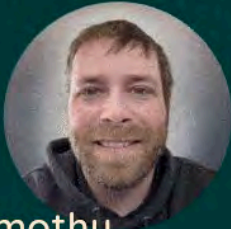
Register for Conference

As an endorsing sponsor, ICML will exhibit at booth #730, and we will proctor an **on-site exam session Wednesday evening, June 4**, for any candidates ready to sit any ICML certification exams. Apply for your selected exam directly with ICML two weeks in advance, by May 21. Also, we put together this panel of experts below.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### FOOD-GRADE LUBRICATION

Myths, Mistakes, and Mastery



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Paul Hiller  
ICML Moderator



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If your facility operates under food-grade regulations, you won't want to miss this panel discussion at Reliable Plant Conference in June. Featuring four ICML-certified lubrication consultants from our membership community, this session will dive into real-world food and pharma issues involving regulatory compliance, contamination prevention, lubricant selection, inspection preparation, and more, plus a look ahead at emerging trends & technologies. Whether you design/manage lubrication programs or perform hands-on work with food-grade systems, you'll gain practical insights that will help you navigate the legal and practical complexities of your food-grade environments.

Come ready with your toughest questions—this is your chance to learn from the experts who have been there.

# Ask the Experts: How food-grade lubrication certification is shaping industry standards (Part 1)



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Meet the experts behind the Food Processing Lubrication (FPL) certification badge! In this team article, members of the international committee that developed our FPL badge reveal how & why the badge was built and what it means for food-grade lubrication in different business sectors. In Part 1, they address public health impact, strict regulatory oversight, worker mobility, and widespread relevance across industries like food processing and pharmaceuticals.  
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