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We are excited to send you this final issue of 2025, and you will not want to miss two excellent articles contributed by guest authors, plus a highly topical podcast interview with the CEO, as well as information that will be useful as you finish up the year and plan ahead for 2026—especially knowing what corporate members will get to do soon!

Speaking of plans, we hope you've got your gaze fixed on 2026 in a really good way like we do. Together we will make it another exciting year for hard-working lubrication practitioners and their employers. **Lube on !**

-- Paul Hiller, Director of Marketing
International Council for Machinery Lubrication

Biolubricants and the Future of Strategic Lubrication



Guest author Oscar Castro highlights how modern biolubricants are reshaping lubrication programs, outlining the key benefits that today's decision-makers should weigh when considering their options for performance, compliance, and sustainability...

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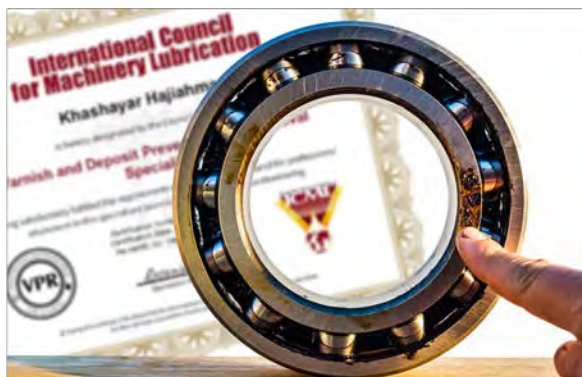
Podcast: "Creating a Competitive Edge" and Answers to Other Great Questions



In this episode of *Great Questions: A Manufacturing Podcast*, our CEO Bryan Coggins joins Marketing Director Paul Hiller and *Plant Services* Editor Tom Wilk to discuss how ICML certifications improve workforce consistency and results, and to share ICML's evolving leadership vision, cultural priorities, and 2026 ambitions.

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5 Reasons I Chose to Recertify My VPR Varnish Credential



Guest author Khashayar Hajiahmad shares the thought process that took him on a deep dive into the evolving science of varnish control, leading him to identify five specific, practical reasons that justify renewal of this ICML certification for another three years...

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Freshly Updated: Your General Guide to ICML Programs English - Spanish - Portuguese



We debuted our new 2025 brochures in English, Spanish, and Portuguese languages at several recent conferences. But you don't have to find us at a show to get yours. Just click a button here for a downloadable, print-friendly PDF file that will serve as a handy reference on our nonprofit programs that support lubrication personnel and employers:

- role-based certifications
- program excellence awards
- global lubrication program standards
- corporate & individual memberships
- volunteer opportunities

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Elections: A Great Time to Be a Corporate Member



Did you know that ICML corporate members can impact the industry by voting in our board elections? If your company is already a Full or Supporting Member, watch your representative's inbox for a ballot in early 2026. And if your company is not yet a member...well, now is a great time to join!

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Use Your 2025 Training Budget Before Year-End



Don't let those unspent funds go to waste! Our independent training partners offer both online and in-person courses to help prepare your team members for ICML certification exams that will strengthen your lubrication and reliability programs for 2026.

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Our Upcoming Conference & Speaking Schedule



PreConLub - Bolivia
November 20-21
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

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EXPO NORTH AMERICA

Lubricant Expo N.A.
March 17-19, 2026
Detroit, Michigan, USA

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