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While reading this Q1 issue of our 25th year of operation, remember that ICML is really in the "people business". We solve workforce challenges by certifying people who practice lubrication and oil analysis, helping them to grow, contribute, and lead, no matter when or where they enter the lubrication value chain. In this issue you will find two informative articles contributed by successful ICML members, and you will learn about ICML's recent movements in the lubrication space as we continue to raise the bar for practitioner excellence. **Lube on !**

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

ICML Launches Apprentice-Level Certification *LAT Addresses Global Workforce Knowledge Gap*



Uniquely positioned among ICML's offerings, the new Lubrication Apprentice Technician (LAT) credential serves as the most practical entry point for industry newcomers and other candidates with minimal work experience, so they can be productive team members in a manner that reflects the traditional apprentice model of mentorship & continuous learning.

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The Impact of Tribology on Maintenance and Physical Asset Management



Guest author Johnny Chirinos explores how aligning tribology with the ICML 55.1 Standard elevates a lubrication program from a collection of routine maintenance tasks to become a strategic driver of asset reliability, cost control, and operational performance...

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ICML Welcomes Three New Board Members



ICML's members recently elected a trio of professionals who bring to our board of directors a powerful and diverse combination of business oversight experiences with functional backgrounds spanning multiple disciplines and industries...

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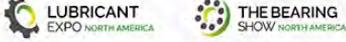
Extreme Mining and Smart Lubrication



Guest author Oscar Castro writes about the quiet killer in mining lubrication: dust! In harsh environments, the best grease isn't the one with the highest load rating, but the one that seals. Here's why sealing—not EP performance—determines whether your assets survive or fail...

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"Win a free LAT exam"
(and other ICML opportunities at Lubricant Expo)



We're Exhibiting and Presenting

Booth 427

March 17 - 19, 2026
Huntington Place, Detroit
Michigan, USA



Attending Lubricant Expo N.A. in two weeks? ICML will be there as a Supporting Partner, leading a panel about certification as "risk insurance" and offering the first-ever group exam session for the Lubrication Apprentice Technician (LAT) certification. Find us at Booth 427 to enter a drawing to win a free LAT exam!

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Our Upcoming Conference & Speaking Schedule



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

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Reliable Plant
Conference & Exhibition
June 15-18
Reno, Nevada, USA

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PreConLub - Mexico
June 18-19
León, Guanajuato

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