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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AME 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill., - Oct. 26, 2015 - The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) held its 2015 International Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio last week, providing networking and education on the subject of manufacturing to nearly 1,800 professionals.

"We are confident that attendees will take what they learned this week and apply it to their own companies to create meaningful change within their organizations," said Pat Lucansky, AME 2015 conference chair.

As the world's largest lean manufacturing conference, attendees were offered the opportunity to learn directly from world-renowned lean leaders and thinkers. The conference featured nine keynote speakers, one of which was John Ratzenberger, famous for his role as Cliff Clavin on the hit TV show "Cheers," and now an advocate for the "Made in America" initiative. There were also 54 practitioner presentations showcasing industry leaders like Bosch Automotive Steering and Crown Equipment; 40 local best practice tours including MillerCoors and Messier-Bugatti USA; many learning resource exhibitors featuring the latest in lean thinking and continuous improvement tools; 40 pre- and post-conference workshops examining lean thinking to transform challenges in manufacturing and 18 special interest sessions led by continuous improvement specialists.

As the leading association for lean manufacturing and enterprise excellence, each year AME recognizes the companies and individuals who embody enterprise excellence and continuous improvement.

During the conference, AME honored its 2015 AME Excellence Award recipients, Accuride Erie Operations and Accuride Rockford Operations, for their demonstrated excellence in manufacturing and business.

AME also inducted Bruce Hamilton, president of GBMP and Gary Peterson, executive vice president, supply chain & production at O.C. Tanner Company, into the 2015 Hall of Fame for each of their contributions to the growth of enterprise excellence within the manufacturing community. AME also honored the 2015 Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, David Hogg, P. Eng., for his lifetime support and significant contributions to improving the products and services offered by AME to advance enterprise excellence.

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The AME 2016 International Conference will take place Oct. 24-28 in Dallas, Texas. AME is looking forward to providing attendees with another valuable experience to learn from industry leaders. Visit www.ame.org/dallas to register and for more information.

For more information about the AME 2015 International Conference, the AME Excellence Award, the AME Hall of Fame and the Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award, visit www.ame.org.

About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "renaissance of manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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