

2008 Shot Peener of the Year

The Shot Peener is proud to announce the recipient of its 2008 Shot Peener of the Year award—**Holger Polanetzki**.

Mr. Polanetzki is an Engineer of Metallurgy and a Designated Process Specialist Shot Peening/Grit Blast and GE Certifying Agent Shot Peening. MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading aero engine manufacturer and a global leader in commercial aero engine maintenance services. Mr. Polanetzki started working at MTU in 1986 with responsibility in several areas including chemical/electrochemical processes, thermal spray and mechanical processes. He conducts audits and consults on design, quality and manufacturing, and development and implementation of new technology such as ultrasonic shot peening. Mr. Polanetzki has achieved Electronics Inc. Shot Peening Level III certification status.

Mr. Polanetzki was chosen as the 2008 Shot Peener of the Year for his work in the Aerospace Metals Engineering Committee (AMEC) of the Aerospace Materials Division of SAE. He also contributes his time to the new shot peening sub-committee that is responsible for creating and updating shot peening specifications. "Mr. Polanetzki travels to the U.S. several times a year to participate in committee meetings and his perspective on the European workplace has made a major contribution to the committee's work," said Jack Champagne, Chairman of the AMEC shot peening sub-committee and Editor of *The Shot Peener* magazine.

Mr. Polanetzki was the Keynote Speaker at the Shot Peening and Blast Cleaning Workshop in Cincinnati, Ohio in October. His presentation on MTU Aero Engines included a preview of their next generation engine and their shot peening processes.

The Shot Peener of the Year award program was initiated in 1992 by *The Shot Peener* magazine as a way to recognize academic and industry leaders that make significant contributions to the advancement of shot peening. ●



Holger Polanetzki received his 2008 Shot Peener of the Year plaque from Jack Champagne at the 2008 U.S. Shot Peening and Blast Cleaning workshop.