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Benchmarking consortium for injection moulding processors

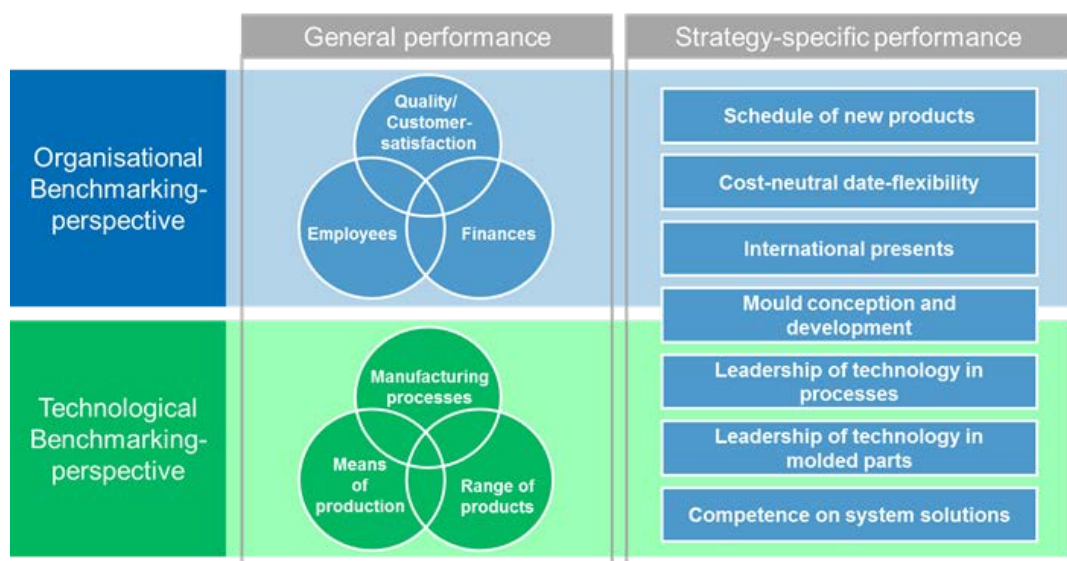
IKV and WZL offer new participation possibilities

Aachen, March 2016 – The Institute of Plastics Processing (IKV) in Industry and the Skilled Crafts at RWTH Aachen University, together with Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) at RWTH University, is once again putting together a consortium made up of injection moulding converters with the aim of drawing up a company comparison. The previous benchmarking project of this type was carried out in summer 2014 with a total of seven companies from Germany and Switzerland. The aim is to identify potential for improvement in the participating companies by comparing their performance with that of the others. Performance is compared both from an organisational and from a technological point of view. In this project, IKV's expertise in the field of plastics technology ideally supplements that of the WZL in the field of corporate organisation.

A function-oriented questionnaire developed specifically for the injection moulding segment ensures the comparability of the different data. Answers can thus be given to questions such as "Where does our company stand today", "Where do our strengths lie?", "Where does potential exist for improvement?" and "How efficiently are our resources deployed?"

In addition, by visiting each other's companies, the participants have a chance to see how the "best-in-class" examples actually function in practice in the individual companies. At the same time, the open door offers the hosting company an opportunity to gain honest feedback from industry experts.

On April 7, 2016, IKV and WZL staged an information event in Aachen to enable the participating companies to get to know each other. Further information on this project can be obtained directly via the two university institutes or through the newly established Internet portal, www.kunststoff-benchmarking.de.



Organisational and technological perspectives of benchmarking (diagram: IKV/WZL)

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About IKV

IKV, the Institute of Plastics Processing at RWTH Aachen University, is Europe-wide the biggest research and education institute engaged in the field of plastics processing enjoying outstanding reputation. More than 300 staff are employed in finding solutions to problems connected with processing, materials technology and part design in the plastics and rubber industries. IKV's close contacts with industry and science, together with its outstanding facilities, enable cutting-edge research in plastics technology and ensure that students benefit from a comprehensive, practically oriented course of study. Plastics engineering graduates from IKV are thus sought-after experts in industry. In organisational terms, IKV is divided up into the four specialist departments of Injection Moulding, Extrusion and Rubber Technology, Part Design and Materials Technology, and Composites and Polyurethane Technology. The Institute also takes in the Centre for Analysis and Testing of Plastics, and the Training and Further Education department. IKV is run by an Association of Sponsors, which currently has a membership of more than 230 plastics companies from all over the world. Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christian Hopmann is Head of the Institute and Managing Director of the Association of Sponsors. He also holds the Chair of Plastics Processing at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at RWTH Aachen University.

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