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Manohar Lal.

Remembering Manohar Lal

Former Secretary of the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation Manohar Lal recently passed away.

After 24 years of service to the AIGMF, Mr Lal's retirement was commemorated with a function in January 2014 when he acknowledged members' sentiments and thanked everyone for the understanding and consideration shown to him. He also stated that his successful tenure was because of close co-operation with AIGMF office bearers and members.

Many AIGMF dignitaries have paid tribute to Mr Lal, as well as members of the *Glass Worldwide* team who had worked with him since the inaugural Glass India exhibition in 1995.

Dave Fordham, *Glass Worldwide* Publisher, commented: "We are very saddened to learn of the passing of Manohar Lal and send sincere condolences to his family and former AIGMF colleagues. Professionally and personally, it was always a pleasure to co-operate with Mr Lal over the years. He will be sadly missed."

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Professor Alicia Durán.

Alicia Durán wins the 2022 Otto Schott Research Award

The Board of Trustees of the Ernst Abbe Fund has declared Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) researcher Professor Alicia Durán winner of the 2022 Otto Schott Research Award. Prof. Durán will be presented with the award at the 26th International Glass Congress in Berlin in July 2022.

The Otto Schott Research Award for outstanding scientific achievements was first presented in 1991. Since then, the award has been presented every two years to recognise excellent researchers for their scientific and technological achievements in basic and applied research in the fields of glass, glass-ceramic and related advanced materials. The research award is governed by the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft and presented on an international basis.

Previous winners include researchers from the USA, Russia, Japan, China and other European countries, as well as physicists and chemists from Germany. Alicia Durán is the first Spanish researcher to receive the award.

Professor Durán is a former President of the International Commission on Glass and is Chair of the United Nations International Year of Glass 2022 (see overleaf). ●



Mark Piedmonte.

HFT formalises senior leadership team

To further enhance client service, HFT – a provider of glass, industrial, and power-generation solutions – has made key appointments focused on expanding the company's core capabilities, including global engineering, procurement and construction, while maintaining its emphasis on project solutions.



Kevin Yung.



Brad Hall.



Jordan Baker.

Mark Piedmonte will continue to lead as President and CEO, directing implementation of the strategic plan, while overseeing growth of individual team members and the company as a whole. "I'm confident about our direction and I'm

eager for the journey ahead," he commented.

Kevin Yung has been promoted to Chief Revenue Officer and as such is now responsible for customer success and satisfaction, opening new revenue streams, and strengthening HFT's pricing strategy by ensuring stakeholder alignment. Mr Yung has 24 years of senior leadership experience in various industry sectors, and originally joined HFT in 2003 as a project engineer. After leaving the company for several years, he returned in 2015 as vice president of operations, and led engineering, construction, procurement, and technical services.

Brad Hall comes to HFT as Chief Operations Officer, with more than 22 years of professional experience in the construction industry. He was most recently corporate vice president of operations for an ENR (Engineering News-Record) Top 400 global general contractor and has a diverse background in heavy civil engineering and building construction features.

Jordan Baker has joined HFT as Chief Financial Officer, with responsibility for accounting, treasury, Technology & Systems and overall administration. His nearly 15 years of experience includes serving as director of finance for a furniture, fixtures, and equipment supplier, controller for an ENR Top 400 global general contractor and CFO for an international electrical contractor.

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New melting furnace for Pyrex

Glassware manufacturer Pyrex, part of the International Cookware Group, is investing more than €8 million to optimise its operations, including €7.2 million for the demolition and reconstruction of its borosilicate glass melting furnace in Châteauroux, France.

"This furnace, which reaches a temperature of 1,500°C, consumes a mixture of gas and oxygen. The new one will reduce our CO₂ emissions by more than 1,000 tons per year, a reduction of 12 to 13%, by increasing the electrical share and optimising energy

consumption," stated Claude Bin, Industrial Director of International Cookware.

The work, which begins at the end of June 2022, will be spread out until mid August in order to keep pace with the summer off-peak period. International Cookware has received €1.8 million support from funds dedicated to energy transition from

Ademe, the French environment agency.

"The next furnace change in five years will probably introduce new energies," predicts Mr Bin, who believes that hydrogen will be part of the energy mix.

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