THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY…

Albert Einstein made a considerable contribution to science and what comes to mind as I write this editorial is his theory of relativity!

The perception of time passing is connected to where the observer is and to his/her situation. In a famous example, Einstein once said “spend two hours in delightful company or in a very unpleasant situation”, and you will see what relativity is. Depending on the situation, the two hours don’t go by at the same speed at all.

As I start to write and think of the 10 years spent sharing information, researching important topics to bring you, putting you, the reader in the know… I feel like it was yesterday that everything began. These 87,600 hours seem to have lasted only a few days… but how the world has changed!

For the last 10 years, decomagazine has been bringing you information on what’s new, the latest trends and developments in our sector. Over these last few years, more than 5500 DECO machines have been manufactured, the average speed of a PC has gone from 66 Mhz to 3.2 Ghz, or an increase of 50x¹, we have given you over 60 customer articles and 80 specific options and equipment have been unveiled for the first time here. In the same time, the magazine has grown. From a total of 32 pages in 3 languages in 1997, the magazine you are holding is 84 pages long… times 6 languages! There is always more content, more added value for our readers and we always work to make it more interesting. This edition is no exception to the rule of “providing our readers with added value”.

We have decided to bring you this “10th anniversary” edition based on 3 sections.

The past!

In this section, we have gone back to the first customers we interviewed for the magazine, to look back on these 10 years together and to see if the forecasts of the time held true.

The present!

As with every edition, we show you what’s new and what’s going on in the sector at the moment: New options, test results, 100 DECO machines delivered to one customer… There’s a lot to discover.

The future!

We have decided to tackle this section from different angles: tooling, oils and machine tool operators. What are the trends? What are the new developments that we can expect over the next few years? What will happen in terms of recycling in the future? We have been to see different manufacturers in these various areas and the result goes beyond what we were hoping for. Tough competitors gave us their ideas and visions for the future.

Throughout these three chapters, we have tried to gather ideas and options for the future so as to share experiences and bring you quality “input”.

But that’s not all! We have also met with the real insiders in our field and asked them to share with us their vision of the future of bar turning.

According to the theory of the big bang, based on Einstein’s relativity theory, the Universe is expanding, just like the magazine.

Dear reader, I wish you a pleasant expansion and hope you enjoy reading this edition no 43. May it bring you that bit more!

¹ These may not seem like much, but if this increase was applied to a high-speed train, it would travel at 15,000 kph today!

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