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SECRETARY GENERAL'S COLUMN (i)

The first day of June and the weather is finally showing signs of summer here in Cyprus. For the last few days we have had “wall to wall” blue sky's and temperatures in the high 20's.

I know its been warmer in the UK in the previous few days, but this still doesn't offer the walk by the coast or the cool pint of lager watching the sun shimmering on the sea!

I seem to be spending a fair bit of time in the UK the moment. I was over in Birmingham during week commencing 18th May: the main reason was to attend the IMF golf day on Wednesday 20th May at the Harborne golf club.

A mixed day of weather with overcast skies and a cool wind to start, which kept the non-golfers in the clubhouse except to cheer off the teams as they started their rounds.

Helen will have put together a report on the event plus the winners of the various trophies. The day ended with a few drinks in the bar and a hearty lunch of steak and kidney pie before we all made our ways home. I think it's fair to say that a good time was had by all!

The day after, before wending my way home via a chaotic Birmingham airport, I attended the Chem UK exhibition, held at the NEC. My main purpose was to help out on the OCCA stand, but I took the opportunity to walk the show: this has really grown since its early days and now caters for many broad sectors of the chemicals industry.

As I said, the airport was chaotic. The queue for security took over an hour, and that was through the “express” lane! I suppose this was the Friday before a bank holiday weekend and school's half term, so “memo to Graham: don't travel to the UK at holiday times”!

I'm back again in a weeks' time; I'm exhibiting at the SURFEX show, the premier event for the paints and surface



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coatings industry. This is organised by OCCA, and is a bi-annual event which attracts nearly everyone who is anyone within the paints industry. As a council member of OCCA, I felt it right that I should support the show hence my having the stand. The IMF also have a stand there, so Helen will be there along with other members of the team.

So please come along and support us! The show is at the Coventry Building Society Arena (what I remember as the Ricoh!), just off junction 3 of the M6. The show runs over 2 days, Tuesday and Wednesday 9th and 10th June. Join us for a coffee and a catch up!!

Unfortunately I have to travel to the UK again in July, but this is for a sad personal reason. I found out a week ago, that my only surviving cousin has terminal cancer and I do feel I should see her before it's too late! My family has always been spread across the breadth of the UK (a real nomadic tribe!) so it's off to North Devon to see her!

I hope you all are seeing some good business of late; being based here in Cyprus, its difficult to keep totally up to date on what is happening in the UK: I do see all this craziness about politics at the moment but I'm not going to make any comments on this silliness!

So I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at SURFEX, and to the much improved sunshine here in Cyprus!

Graham Armstrong
1st June 2026.



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Members of the IMF and other subscribers to our journal *Trans IMF* who normally receive a printed paper copy of the journal issues will have noticed that even as I write (late May 2026) they have not received any issues this year although the journal has been published



online as usual. This is known to the IMF office and to the editorial team of the journal and has originated because of a persistent problem with the production and dispatch. Issues 104(1) and 104(2) were recently re-printed and are due to be dispatched again shortly. I very much hope that by the time this appears in print, the problem will be resolved. Our publishers have reassured us on this and sent the following apology below.

“We sincerely apologize to the members for the delayed delivery of the issues 1 and 2, Volume 104 of Transactions of the IMF 2026. Due to an operational oversight in our distribution process, these issues were not dispatched as scheduled. Taylor & Francis has taken full responsibility for this error, and now both issues have been reprinted and are being sent to all members. We will implement additional process control measures to ensure this does not happen again. We appreciate your patience and continued support of the IMF and this journal.”

Karl S. Ryder (hon. Editor-in-Chief, *Trans IMF*)



GOLF DAY (i)

A fantastic day was had by all at the annual IMF Golf Day at Harborne Golf Club!

The sun shone down on the green as members and industry friends came together for a wonderful 18 holes of golf. From the morning breakfast rolls to the great catch-ups over lunch, the event was filled with lots of smiles, friendly competition, and excellent networking.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and made the day so memorable—take a look through the gallery to see some of the best highlights and swings from the course!







The National Branch – formerly known as the Southern Branch – is seeking new members to join us at our meetings. Most sessions are held via Zoom, but we also arrange in-person gatherings a couple of times each year to bring members together face-to-face.

We run regular seminars focused on topics related to surface finishing, providing valuable opportunities to learn, share knowledge, and stay updated with industry developments.

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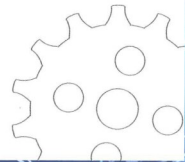
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Unit 4 *	Health and Safety	Unit 19	Conventional Paint Processes
Unit 5 *	Cleaning and Pre-treatment	Unit 20	Electrophoretic Paint Processes
Unit 6 *	Sacrificial Coatings	Unit 21	Paint Application Methods
Unit 7 *	Services	Unit 22	Coating Powders & Application
Unit 8	Surface Improvement	Unit 23	Testing Paint & Powder & Coatings
Unit 9	Principles & use of Electroplating - double unit	Unit 24	Chemical Conversion Coatings and Sol Gel Coatings
Unit 10	Plant and Equipment	Unit 25	Anodising of Aluminium & Alloys
Unit 11	Copper, Silver and Gold Plating	Unit 26	Vacuum Coating Processes
Unit 12	Nickel Plating	Unit 27	Duplex Coatings of Galvanising plus Paint
Unit 13	Chromium Plating	Unit 28	Electroforming
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On successful completion of four marked assignments and passing an examination, a student is awarded a **Technician Module** certificate.

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By the time production issues like increased rework, failed inspections, or unplanned downtime appear downstream, the financial damage is already done.

For many manufacturers, the root cause isn't the aqueous or solvent equipment, it's the absence of structured process ownership.

The Hidden Cost of Supplier Fragmentation

In the precision cleaning sector, equipment, chemistry, servicing, and waste handling are typically managed by different suppliers. This fragmentation of responsibility means problems are treated reactively rather than prevented systematically.

Reactive maintenance creates a cycle of disruption:

- Unexpected breakdowns interrupt manufacturing schedules.
- Process drift leads to inconsistent cleaning and rework.

- Emergency interventions drive up service costs.
- Solvent degradation reduces cleaning efficiency

Most of these disruptions are preventable. When these elements are managed through a single, structured lifecycle programme, cleaning becomes predictable, repeatable, and reliable.

A structured preventative maintenance programme removes variability before it impacts production.

Closing the Market Gap: From Supplier to Process Partner

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The Fraser Technologies Maintenance Programme

The Fraser Technologies Maintenance Programme is designed to move manufacturers away from reactive problem -

solving and towards proactive process control.

A structured service framework maintains cleaning stability at every stage and covers all precision cleaning equipment types (aqueous, solvent, ultrasonic):

- Process Audits: Verifies optimal conditions to avoid performance drift early.
- Preventative Maintenance: Ensures long-term equipment reliability via scheduled interventions.
- Solvent Testing & Stabilisation: Prevents chemistry drift before it reaches your parts.
- Planned Service Interventions: Operational disruption minimised due to consistent system tuning.
- Integrated Waste Management: Environmental compliance always met due to streamlined handling.

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By integrating equipment, chemistry, maintenance, compliance, and optimisation into a single managed framework, manufacturers gain something increasingly valuable in modern production environments:

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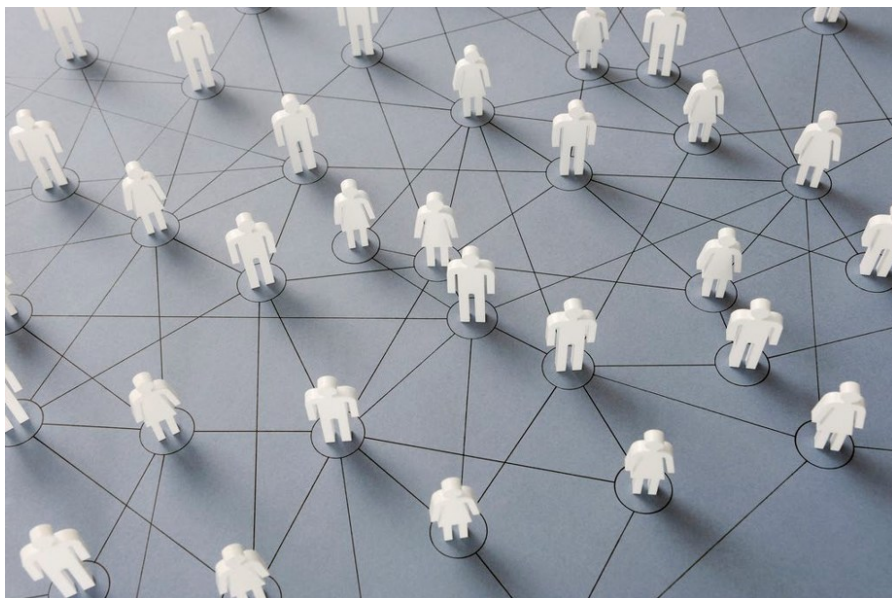
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Graham Armstrong

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Harry Pemberton - PMD Chemicals

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Surface World 2027

Surface World - March 2027.

Surface World is returning to the NEC, Birmingham.

We look forward to seeing you at the next event in March 2027.

The exhibition is the UK's only event dedicated to the surface treatment, product finishing and coatings industry. It provides a major showcase for the very latest technology and developments in this important and expanding area.

NB. Surface World Live is sponsored by Surface World magazine and supported by all the major industry organisations including: The SEA, BSTSA, The IMF, Correx, The BCF, RAPRA, Qualicoat UK & Ireland, The Galvanizers Association, and Corrodero Academy.



If you would like to exhibit at Surface World, please call Nigel Bean on [01442 826826](tel:01442826826) to ask about stand availability.



The 17th edition of the International Workshop on Electrodeposited Nanostructures – EDNANO – will take place from 4 to 7 November 2026 at “La Cristalera”, in Miraflores de la Sierra, Madrid, Spain.

This international conference is dedicated to the electrodeposition of nanostructures and the characterization of their properties. The many applications include magnetism, catalysis, sensors, chemical analysis, anti-corrosion coatings, thermoelectric conversion, materials for energy storage and production devices, as well as water splitting. We will explore the latest advances in synthesis techniques for electrodeposition and interaction between nanostructures and their functional properties.

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Advances in Coatings 2026 - 1 Day Conference

14th September 2026

The Assembly Room, The Exchange, Birmingham B1 2DR

The Royal Society of Chemistry Surface Coatings Group is holding a one day conference on 14th September 2026 in the Assembly Room, The Exchange, Birmingham B1 2DR. It is targeted at scientists, engineers, researchers, students, and professionals working in coatings, materials science, and related industries.

This is a premier one day conference where leading researchers, innovators and industry professionals will present the latest advances in coatings and where the future of coatings will be explored and how latest developments will shape the industry.

There will be plenty of opportunity to discuss cutting edge research and real world applications, as well as gaining insights from expert speakers and industry specialists. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with professionals from both academia and industry and stay ahead of this rapidly evolving field.

There will be two sections, the first of which will discuss the use of AI in formulation and coating chemistry and how AI and data driven tools are transforming coating design and accelerating innovation.

The second section will discuss the challenges in coating characterisation and will explore the advanced techniques being used to uncover the complexities behind surface coating performances and behaviour.

There will be a Poster Session and awards, where emerging talents will be showcased, with prizes for outstanding contributions from students and early career researchers.

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HMG PAINTS (i)

HMG Paints Ltd, the UK's leading independent paint manufacturer, has partnered with specialist commercial contractors Anglia Decor to successfully deliver a comprehensive refurbishment of a Self-Storage warehouse unit.



Utilising HMG's advanced "1K DTM" (Direct to Metal) system Anglia Decor transformed the tired yellow unit into a completely refreshed white and red livery. The project highlights how high-performance coatings can streamline commercial transformations with zero operational downtime.



Operating within a live commercial environment presented a unique set of logistical challenges. Anglia Decor was tasked with executing a complete coating upgrade while ensuring minimum disruption to customers accessing their storage units. Overcoming these strict site constraints required a combination of skilled application craftsmanship and a rapid turnaround, which was enabled by HMG's highly efficient coating system.





HMG PAINTS (ii)

Anglia Decor chose HMG Paints over competing manufacturers due to HMG's product coverage capabilities, ease of ordering and exceptional technical service provided by representative Roger Blinco. To minimise on-site delays, HMG coordinated direct-to-site deliveries, ensuring all coatings arrived precisely when needed to support a seamless setup and an efficient workflow.

"We would recommend using HMG products and support service; we have found the 1K DTM has great coverage and gives a uniform finish. The ease of order and quick delivery time made it incredibly easy to set up the job, get started, and achieve a high-quality result on a busy, live site" said Steve Massey, owner of Anglia Decor.



The 1K DTM system utilised on the project is engineered to combine primer and topcoat properties into a single, high-performance formulation. Formulated for direct application to metal substrates, the product offers excellent adhesion, corrosion resistance, and colour retention. Applied via spray application by the Anglia Decor team, the coating delivered an impeccable, uniform finish across the facility's surfaces, significantly upgrading the units aesthetic appeal and long-term durability.

"It's clear to see why Anglia Decor were asked to travel halfway across the country for this project when you see the transformation from a tired looking yellow unit to the stunning new red and white livery" commented Roger Blinco, HMG Technical Sales Manager. "The team have done a great job on this project and we're proud to have worked with them to identify the right product specification and provide technical support."





HMG PAINTS (ii)

The collaboration highlights HMG Paints' commitment to supporting independent commercial contractors with agile manufacturing and personalised account management. From technical support and initial order placement through to precise site delivery, the streamlined process allowed Anglia Decor to optimise their daily business operations and deliver complete building solutions for a variety of customers.

Anglia Decor (www.angliadecor.co.uk) is a premier commercial painting and protective coatings contractor specialising in large-scale industrial, commercial, and retail refurbishments across the UK. Guided by core values of integrity, customer satisfaction, and a well-trained workforce, the company are specialist contractors in resin and epoxy flooring, industrial roofing, cladding installation and industrial painting.

1K DTM is available direct from HMG Paints or via their nationwide distribution network. For more information on the HMG Paints range of cladding and industrial coatings or for technical support visit www.hmgpaint.com

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