Vijay Alreja Receives Prestigious Ray H. Witt Metallurgy Award

The bi-annual award, given by the Advanced Casting Research Center of WPI, recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to the metal casting industry.

Worcester, Massachusetts – June 26, 2017 – Vijay Alreja, President of the VJ Group, has been awarded the Ray H. Witt Metallurgy Award from the Advanced Casting Research Center (ACRC) of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). The bi-annual award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the metal casting industry.

Alreja received the Witt award during ACRC’s bi-annual meeting on the WPI campus June 13, 2017. He was recognized for his leadership in the aluminum casting industry, the resources he invested to broaden the technology base, the techniques and concepts he introduced to advance the field, and his mentoring of future talent.

Diran Apelian, Director of ACRC says, “It is the case that we do not know what we do not know. And those that open the doors and enlighten us with knowledge are special individuals. Vijay Alreja is one of these very special individuals who has devoted his career to developing and establishing Non Destructive Evaluation (NDE) methods for us to see things we normally could not see. He and his team at VJT have transformed and enhanced the metal casting industry’s capabilities. The voice of the industry speaks better than anything I could state, as his peers are the ones who selected him as making significant contributions and for his leadership."

Few people have had a more far-reaching impact in the world of metal technologies than Alreja. In 1987 he founded VJ Technologies, a leading global provider of X-ray inspection solutions applying radioscopic digital imaging expertise to government agencies and nondestructive testing (NDT) markets throughout the world. VJ Electronix (VJE) provides SMT Rework systems and X-ray Inspection solutions for a variety of electronics and industrial applications, and VJ X-ray (VJX) integrates proven technology and standard designs with modern manufacturing processes to develop customer-compliant digital x-ray inspection systems for the electronics, food, industrial NDT, medical, and security markets.
Vijay Alreja received a B. Tech in Metallurgical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India in 1980 and M.S. in Materials Science from State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY in 1983.

The Witt award was established in 1999 in memory of Ray H. Witt, one of the founding members of ACRC and a prominent player in the global casting industry, and commemorates Witt’s outstanding contributions to the industry.

Photo Caption

Vijay Alreja (right) accepts the Witt award, recognizing his significant contributions to the metal casting industry, during ACRC’s bi-annual meeting on the WPI campus June 13, 2017.

About Advanced Casting Research Center
The ACRC is an academic-industry partnership headquartered on the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. Built on the university’s strengths and focused on helping industry solve technical issues, the center provides a collaborative environment in which members, faculty, and students discuss challenges in the metal casting industry, specifically in the areas of light metals, non-ferrous alloys, and semi-solid processing.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Founded in 1865 in Worcester, Mass., WPI is one of the nation's first engineering and technology universities. Its 14 academic departments offer more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. WPI's talented faculty work with students on interdisciplinary research that seeks solutions to important and socially relevant problems in fields as diverse as the life sciences and bioengineering, energy, information security, materials processing, and robotics. Students also have the opportunity to make a difference to communities and organizations around the world through the university's innovative Global Perspective Program. There are more than 30 WPI project centers throughout North America and Central America, Africa, Australia, Asia, and Europe.

For more information about WPI and ACRC visit: www.wpi.edu/+acrc.

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