

Algirdas “Al” Underys

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Al graduated from IIT in 1978 and had a prolific engineering career spanning 42 years at Finkl Steel, being awarded with 20 United States patents and over 100 international patents.

Al was an instrumental part of both the Forging Industry Association (FIA) and the Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation (FIERF). Al was instrumental in founding the Charles W. Finkl Scholarship program and for decades was involved with FIERF as one of its most ardent supporters. As a FIERF Trustee and President (2013-2016) Al was tireless when it came to setting direction for forging research and championing student support and university technology grants. Al served on the FIA Plant Engineering Committee from 1980 to 1986, and on the Technical Committee from 1993 to 2019. Al was also the longtime chair of the FIA’s Forging Defense Manufacturing Consortium (FDMC) and was instrumental in representing FIA on two national Fire Protection Association standards committees for several decades.

In 2021, Al was honored by the FIA Board of Directors with the FIA Lifetime Achievement Award. We are so very grateful for his contributions to our organization and the industry at large. He will be deeply missed.