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BECOME AN ASNT ADVOCATE!

Over my more than five years at ASNT, I have noticed some significant trends within our membership. First, you are passionate about what you do, which includes the NDT field, your respective industries, and your individual jobs. NDT is clearly important to you, and you want others to appreciate how important NDT is to your nation's health and safety, as well as the quality, reliability, and performance of your companies and employers. Second, you feel that NDT is either not well-known or it is underappreciated by your clients, stockholders, senior managers, coworkers, governments, and the public. Third, if given the opportunity to share your passion for NDT or to convince others of the importance of effective NDT, you will actively engage in such activities. This is a good thing!

ASNT recently held its first Hill Day. "Hill days" are when an association's members travel to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, to meet with Congressional members and their staffs to discuss issues important to the association. In ASNT's case, more than 50 members and staff met with Senate and House members and their staffs to educate them about NDT and two critical issues: the workforce shortage and the need for increased government funding for NDT research. The good news is that our messages were well-received—everyone we met with appreciated learning about NDT and its indispensable role in our society. The bad news is that we have our work cut out for us to get legislation introduced in the current political climate.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our members who took the time to travel to DC and join us on that historic day. You all made a huge impact! I would also like to thank our amazing staff team, led by Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs Garra Liming, who organized and coordinated more than 150 meetings held across two days on the Hill.



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appreciate NDT, and
if you are ready to
share your passion
and our message,
then join ASNT's
advocacy team
now.**



**A group of ASNT
members and
staff gathered in
Washington, DC, for
ASNT's first Hill Day on
11 March.**

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But our work has just begun. A second key initiative under development is a grassroots effort to engage members in outreach to local middle schools, high schools, trade schools, and community colleges to introduce (or reintroduce) them to NDT and the vital role we play in society. While the work-force challenges our industry faces are larger than any one organization can solve, together we can make an impact by opening doors to future generations of NDT professionals. Watch for more news on this in the coming months.

If you are passionate about the NDT field, if you want the world to recognize and appreciate NDT, and if you are ready to share your passion and our message, then join ASNT's advocacy team now. You don't need to travel to DC to participate—there will be plenty of opportunities for you locally. And you don't need to take on a leadership role—you already have a demanding job! All you have to do is care enough to pitch in. We'll prepare you with the necessary information, training, and materials, and connect you with the right offices and people. All you need to do is share your passion and our message.

To become an ASNT Advocate, go to www.asnt.org/membership/volunteer, select ASNT & NDT Advocacy, and sign up for one of several volunteer opportunities listed. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming planning meeting where we discuss our next opportunity to advocate for NDT.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please email me at ncouture@asnt.org. **ME**

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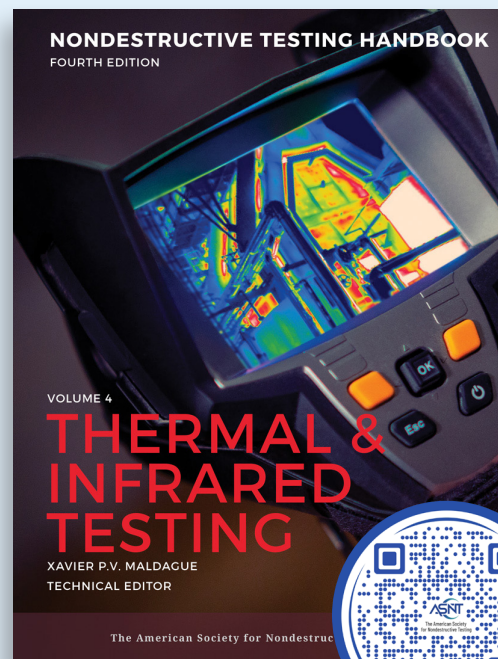


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ASNT ADVANCES GLOBAL GROWTH

In a recent interview prerecorded for ASNT Rewind, which took place on 19 March 2025, Paul Lang, ASNT Chief Global Strategy Officer and the Executive Director of ASNT Certification Services LLC, shared insight into ongoing developments in nondestructive testing (NDT) certification, training, and global outreach. These advancements reflect ASNT's commitment to aligning industry practices and standards with emerging technologies and strengthening international collaboration.

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION WITH AWS

One of the key topics discussed was ASNT's cooperative relationship with the American Welding Society (AWS). This partnership aims to harmonize certification requirements and streamline processes for professionals in both organizations. A primary focus has been integrating AWS's Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) program into the ASNT 9712 certification framework. This effort ensures that CWIs can seamlessly transition into ASNT's certification process while meeting standardized industry requirements.

Lang emphasized the importance of this partnership, stating, "We've worked closely with AWS to identify gaps and ensure that CWIs can move smoothly into the ASNT 9712 program. This collaboration helps both organizations and, most importantly, the professionals seeking certification."

Additionally, the partnership has led to the future dual branding of AWS's Certified Radiographic Interpreter program, and other initiatives further strengthening cross-certification opportunities. With 40% of ASNT's members also holding AWS certifications, this

initiative provides professionals with greater flexibility and recognition across disciplines.

NEW AUTHORIZED TRAINING ORGANIZATION ACCREDITATION

ASNT has also launched an Authorized Training Organization (ATO) accreditation program, responding to industry concerns about training consistency and quality. Lang highlighted that training varies widely in effectiveness, and the ATO program aims to standardize instruction quality by accrediting educational institutions (such as universities, community colleges, trade schools, and other training institutions).

"The biggest issue we've seen is the wide range in training quality. Some programs are exceptional, while others fall short. With the ATO program, we're creating a consistent benchmark for training institutions to meet industry expectations," Lang explained.

The program recently completed beta testing, with the first accredited organization already listed on ASNT's website and two more nearing final approval. ASNT anticipates an official launch in