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CHRISTMAS

... and a good focus, stability and well-being for 2024!

Christmas is coming and we all look forward to the seasonal merry-making and quiet days at the end of the year. When a new year arrives, we tend to look back at the events of the past months. And even though for most of us the focus was on our day-to-day business and ongoing projects, we can still be proud that once again we were able to carry out long-term investments and structural projects.

The Forster management wants to take this opportunity to thank all staff members who in 2023 once again were fully committed and contributed to the success of Forster. To our customers we also want to extend our thanks for their trust and frequently long years of loyalty.

For 2024, we as a company have again three wishes that are dear to us: we want our routing systems to help as many people as possible to find their way; that our noise barriers grant those living on the other side a quiet and restful sleep, and – of course: that our traffic signs help prevent accidents. Together with our customers we will, in 2024, continue our endeavours to make this vision come true. We look forward to succeeding.

In this spirit we wish you and those nearest and dearest to you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Christian Forster



Robert Reichartzeder



Andreas Grader

And because it is a matter close to our hearts: same as in the past years we make a Christmas donation to a charity project.

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COLBERG & FORSTER

Multiple certificates

Colberg & Forster gained the certification of its integrated management system (IMS) for quality (ISO 9001), environment (ISO 14001), occupational health and safety (ISO 45001) and its sustainable management system as per ONR 192500 based on ISO 26000 (Guidance on Social Responsibility). Certification for Colberg & Forster was performed within the scope of the recertification/expansion audit carried out for the Forster Group. All entities of the Forster Group have successfully passed the audit.

Rail engineering at your fingertips

Deutsche Bahn recently opened its new Technology Park at Mühldorf in Bavaria. One segment on display is Forster's innovative noise control technology. The outdoor space offers a close look at aluminium noise barriers that are highly absorbent on one side, directly imprinted noise control panels, acoustically effective panel caps (FONOCON Delta Sound Resonator) as well as transparent and absorbent noise protection elements (FONOCON Silent View). Interested citizens and municipal administrators have an opportunity to get a close-up view, also with regard to the expansion and electrification of the Munich-Mühldorf-Freilassing/Burghausen railway route (ABS 38).



Trade show review:

Information helpful to start a successful career

This autumn, interested pupils and their parents once again had several opportunities to be informed of career options at Forster.

Career Clubbing: More than 900 pupils assembled at the Career Clubbing in Waidhofen/Ybbs to gather information on apprenticeship openings in the region.



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HTL Companies Day: On 8 November, HTL engineering students met prospective future employers.

Education Mile: An event in November offered young people a chance for a direct look-in on businesses to gain information on career opportunities.

Trade show preview:

Visit us at the following trade shows in 2024:

Marke[ding] Vienna – the expert exhibition for haptic advertising and visual communication.
Focus: advertising systems
Date: 11 April 2024
Place: Hofburg, Vienna
markeding.at

Kommunalmesse – trade fair for local government requirements.
Focus: traffic engineering
Date: 18–19 September 2024
Place: Oberwart
diekommunalmesse.at

InnoTrans – international trade fair for transport technology.
Focus: noise barriers for railways
Date: 24–27 September 2024
Place: Messe Berlin
innotrans.de

TRASHSPEAK

Effective creativity



There are many ways and means to keep a city clean: the municipality of Vienna is using its 21,000 public litter bins as an advertising space featuring trashy puns to promote more cleanliness. They are pasted on with stickers of the high quality typically associated with Forster products.

Some examples of quips printed in the past years onto litter bins.



Vienna is one of the handsomest and cleanest cities in Europe. To ensure that it stays that way, the municipality launched an anti-littering campaign already back in 2009, which has gained enormous popularity among its residents. For a new series of trashy puns to be pasted in bright orange onto Viennese litter bins, Forster produced another 4,500 sheets of film last autumn. The material needed to be as sustainable as possible so that PVC-free film was used and imprinted in an environmentally friendly technique. 

"DON'T LITTER!"

Signs for litter-free roads

The Upper Austrian Garbage Management Association launched a new round in its anti-littering campaign, which

aims to prevent motorists from littering the roadside. The message is delivered by signs made by Forster.



The "Don't litter" signs are installed on the roadsides for maximum visibility.

The new signs needed to be weather-proof – after all they are intended for long-time service. Drawing on years of experience and its profusion of manufacturing options, Forster can deliver the optimal solution tailored exactly to requirements. Whether it is sunny, rainy or snowy, the aluminium dibond composite panels are weather- and UV-re-



The signs contribute to environmental protection.

sistant, which makes our signs ideal for outdoor use. The dibond material consists of aluminium layers of 0.3 millimetres in thickness which are thermally bonded to a core of polyethylene – while equal in thickness, dibond is lighter than aluminium. The panels are furthermore provided with a transparent,



Wrapping for over 700 new electric vehicles for the Austrian Postal Service.


FLEET SIGNAGE FOR THE AUSTRIAN POSTAL SERVICE

Sustainable and robust car wrapping

By 2030, Österreichische Post AG aims to deliver its services with zero carbon emissions. For a further step in this direction, the Austrian Postal Service has added 700 new electric vehicles to its fleet – opting for a sustainable signage solution made by Forster.

The innumerable mail runs made day after day by the Austrian Postal Service will soon be delivered solely by electric vehicles – because the Service is taking its environmental responsibility very seriously. It is looking for environmentally friendly solutions not just for the acquisition of cars, but also for their wrapping, insisting on the use of sustainable materials. In order to forego phthalate-containing softeners or chlorine, the film for external branding was made from PVC-free material and imprinted with solvent-free colours.

The film is not just produced with a maximum of sustainability – it


is also especially long-lived and robust. If it needs to be removed or changed, it can be pulled off in one go without tearing. 



The green colour of our film impresses as sustainable and harmonises with the surrounding.



screen-printed UV coat, which further enhances weather-proofing of the print.

The combination of light-weight but robust aluminium composites and the knowhow accumulated by our experienced team of printers promises a long service life and multiple uses of our signs. 



Altogether 15 gantries make sure that the traffic flows smoothly.

TUTTING MOTORWAY TUNNEL

Safety first on the A94

The A94 will connect south-eastern Bavaria with the agglomeration that is Munich. At Tutting, part of the municipality of Kirchham, it runs in a tunnel, which was fitted with traffic signs by Forster.

The section of six kilometres in length is another step towards a continuous motorway link between Passau and Munich. It is designed to relieve the extremely busy federal road, as well as screen neighbours from the noise through

a twin-celled 450-metre tunnel and protect the ecologically valuable open space along the Kößlarn river.


Optimal traffic flow To make sure that all traffic participants have early notice of the tunnel ahead, they need clear information, which is provided by gantries with LED displays, walk-on tubular poles with maintenance platforms and LED displays, all of them located at the tunnel apron. In addition to the variable message signs, these installations use LED text lines (such as “Tunnel closed”, “Maintenance”, “Congestion”, “Fire”, etc.), to respond to different road conditions and traffic density variations, which require momentary adjustments.

Height monitors A key component of the traffic engineering infrastructure is the height monitor placed in the approach to the tunnel. When a vehicle is too tall, an LED display automatically signals that it must leave the road.





Continuous light signs Built as an open-cut tunnel, the Tutting Tunnel had to overcome several obstacles: two existing roads and the Kößlarn river, all of which cross it, and the heavy flow of groundwater. In the tunnel itself, 24 continuous light signs at the ceiling and ten variable message signs provide highly visible information. The continuous light signs double as indicators which lanes are open and which are closed.

Corrosion-resistant tunnel features A particularly long service life is guaranteed by the relentlessly good quality of the variable message signs, which are designed especially for the tunnel situation. They are corrosion-resistant, low in maintenance requirements and easy to read. Each of the products used is certified to comply with all the customarily required standards and carries a warranty for extralong durability. 



LED displays promptly send a diversion signal to excessively tall vehicles.



FACT BOX:

Tutting Motorway Tunnel

Owner: Die Autobahn GmbH des Bundes, Niederlassung Südbayern

Client: ARGE QSG/Grimm

Location: Bavaria, A94 section from Laching to Kirchham

Length: 450 metres

Start of construction: 2018

Start of traffic infrastructure installation: 2022

Opening: December 2023

Forster-supplied: traffic sign gantries, cantilevers, LED variable message signs, continuous light signs, initial installation of the brackets and superstructures



Twenty-four continuous light signs indicate the open and closed lanes in the tunnel.

ROUTING SYSTEMS MADE BY FORSTER

Simply seminal

Ever more local administrations opt for Forster routing systems, including Filzmoos in Salzburg and Weitra in Lower Austria.

They foster mobility, help prevent congestion, make transport safer and keep the impact of traffic on the environment at a reasonable level: all this and more is performed by routing systems. And since their manufacturing and installation requires knowhow and flexibility, more and more local



administrations decide in favour of Forster routing systems. As did the councillors of Filzmoos in the state of Salzburg and the municipality of Weitra in the northern border region of Lower Austria.

CF 40 – sturdy and outstanding

For administrations wanting to instal well-designed, functional and time-tested routing systems, our standard Combiflex CF 40 is an ideal option. Next to its graceful design it is well-known for its flexibility derived from its principle of effortless combination and uncomplicated system components such as a range of connectors and section frames.

Routing system at Filzmoos

Such advantages convinced the community of Filzmoos. It chose CF 40 tubular frames holding street signs in hollow section design. The system is variable in width and height, and the signs themselves are available in many different formats. The signs can be exchanged quickly, and are easily bought from Forster’s online shop whenever needed. The same applies to the house number plates which were replaced as part of the new routing system. These serve mainly a practical purpose but can still be personalised thanks to our wide range of design options.



Street signs (hollow section design) point the way within Filzmoos.

The house number plates at Filzmoos were also renewed.



Routing system at Weitra The medieval town of Weitra recently celebrated its 700th year of local brewing. A new routing system for pedestrians and passenger cars provides guidance through the many tourist highlights, event locations, gastronomic and hospitality facilities. In a world that grows ever more complex and cross-linked, routing systems ensure reliable orientation. At Weitra, this is supplied by the Combiflex CF 40 system installed at about 50 points across the town. As a particularly handsome detail, the town logo is fitted to the panel as a separate, distance-mounted cap.

Infopoints and themed walks Rounding off the routing system

are infopoints for tourists and themed walks. At three prominent locations – the Weitra tourist service point, the historical town gate and the parking lot at the Hausschachen pond – infopoints explain the main tourist attractions. Moreover, four themed walks invite roamers to stroll through the picturesque old part of the town. One of them is the “Beer Mile” that opens up unusual perspectives of beer at nine stations, each of which provides a neat, compact but still detailed narrative on the subject of beer. They all have a consistent appearance, which, thanks to Combiflex CF 40, can be updated for many years to come. Together, they combine to help non-local visitors find their way. 📍



A nice detail: the town logo sits on the structure as a separate sign.



The standard Combiflex CF 40 system extends to the “Beer Mile”.



MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Noise screen for a World Heritage Site



The new noise barriers will bring further relief from the noise pervading the UNESCO world heritage site.



One of the most important European north-south transport routes runs through the Middle Rhine Valley. It is especially the goods trains, which operate mostly in the night, that produce a lot of annoying noise. Sound barriers made by Forster have a lasting positive effect on the situation.

The upper part of the Middle Rhine Valley is a special region in many respects: a UNESCO world heritage site, it doubles as part of a major European axis for the north-south rail transport. Squeezed in between river and mountain slopes, its geography amplifies the resultant noise.

Relief for 20 communities Over the past years, considerable funds were invested to improve noise protection in the region. The

construction of noise barriers will make for further relief. They are constructed on behalf of Deutsche Bahn (DB) in 20 locations ranging from Leutesdorf in Rhineland-Palatinate to Eltville in Hesse. Over a length of about 27 kilometres, the noise protection panels aim to bring enduring peace and quiet to the 22,000 neighbours.

The noise protection programme of the Middle Rhine Valley consists of several subprojects in the settlements along the Rhine. In January 2023, construction was begun at Weißenthurm. It was the symbolic start of construction in the first six communities, a project which involves 1.8 kilometres of noise barriers respectively on both sides of the Rhine. In Hesse, on the right side of the Rhine, work is starting at Rüdeshheim, Erbach, Hattenheim and Oestrich Winkel. On the left side of the Rhine, the project starts at Weißenthurm and Brey in Rhineland-Palatinate.



Customised design The noise barriers for the 20 communities involved are each a custom-designed milestone to improve the situation in the region. Each section is given its tailored solution. In this way, the panels vary in their colouring or are imprinted with images and artwork, depending on the community's wishes. These design variations in the aluminium noise panels are useful especially along railway stations and halts. Systems made of aluminium, transparent elements, wall claddings and service gates are all part of the

product programme – there is virtually no limit to customising the barrier's optical appearance. Aesthetically sensitive areas – historical landscapes, nature reserves and touristically valuable zones – all profit considerably from the individual design options offered by Forster noise barriers. Forster noise protection systems offer not just a high degree of flexibility and wide range of applications, but they also facilitate solutions that accommodate schemes tailored to the specific situation. **FF**



Aluminium elements are suitable for harmonious colour gradients.



Using digital printing, we apply images, artwork and symbols directly onto the panels.



The habitat of the endangered green lizard has been preserved.



SCIENCE CITY OF DARMSTADT

Climate-neutral art depot

In April 2023 the Science City of Darmstadt celebrated the opening of its new carbon-neutral art depot. The shelving, made by Forster, harbours the major works of art and archival treasures of Darmstadt.

A safe place for history: after just 20 months of building, Darmstadt

got a modern depot to store and maintain its culture and art collection. Its main users will be the Mathildenhöhe Institute and the City Archives, with the Hessian State Museum, the International Music Institute and the Darmstadt Jazz Institute as junior partners. The new building provides optimum storage capacities for the collections and the entire archival stock of the Science City of Darmstadt. The FOREG® shelving system ensures perfect storage conditions for large-scale objects as much as small sculptures, paintings, artwork and paper collections.

Commissioned for sustainability

The client wanted modern modular storage and depot systems that would be at the apex of sustainability. Sustainability also means a long service life and the ability to re-arrange and extend the system for many years and decades. Accordingly, all the systems used

in the depot can be expanded as modules, to accommodate the space to changing requirements by users and collections. The shelves are made of galvanised material with an additional powder-coating (duplex coat) to achieve a surface quality (such as high scratch resistance) that ensures a long service life.

Space-saving FOREG® 2000 The Darmstadt art depot is mostly furnished with mobile FOREG® 2000 shelving units. They allow optimal utilisation of the available space since only one aisle is open at any one time. Given the many sizes, frames and accessories of the system, it was possible to provide perfect storage for the great variety of archived items. The department for large objects and furniture, moreover, is fitted with

wide-span shelves that use FOREG® 2000 mobile bases with crank drives so that even heavy loads can be easily moved.

Forster being a sustainability-certified company (pursuant to ONR 192500), we work hard to design functional products that guarantee a useful life for many decades.



Mobile shelving doubles storage capacity.



Archiving in drawers More than 700 drawers, large- and super-sized, with a depth of up to 1,200 mm and a width of 1,300 to 2,000 mm, ensure ideal storage for graphic works and ceramic objects. They can be pulled out entirely, so that they provide an instant overview, and accept loads of up

to 80 kg. Fitting the drawers into the shelving system has made it extremely flexible and ready for expansion. This concept has been proved so useful when the first items were relocated to the depot that further drawers are already being planned. 📦



Artwork is kept in large- and super-sized drawers.

BAVARIAN STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION IN MUNICH

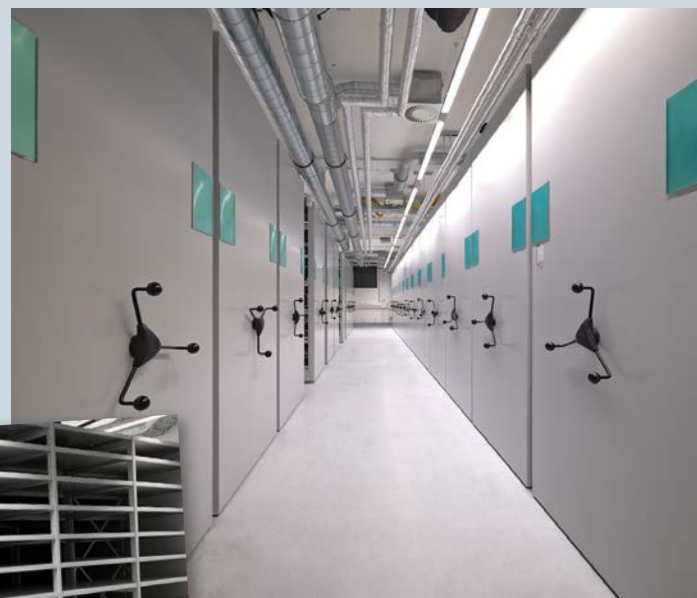
Shelves for the cultural history of humankind

The rooms housing the Bavarian State Archaeological Collection in Munich have been closed for refurbishment since August 2016. Arbitec-Forster has already supplied and installed the shelving systems. The museum is scheduled to open in the spring of 2024.

Founded back in 1885, the State Archaeological Collection of Munich has five departments: prehistoric, Roman period, Middle Ages and modern era, the Mediterranean, and Numismatics.

The Collection will continue to map the cultural history from the dawn of humankind to modern times. Its highlights include figural depictions, tools, grave finds, coin hoards and other well-preserved testimonials to Bavarian history. A large part of its historical artefacts has been given a new home in our FOREG® shelving system.

The depot constitutes the very heart of a museum. Its items need to be given the best possible protection while remaining easily accessible – one of the reasons for planners and clients to opt for our mobile shelving of the FOREG® 2000 type. Fully 4,700 metres of space for upright storage are now available for the archived items of the Archaeological Collection. 📦



End panels, dust covers and seals provide proper dust protection for the archived items.

REFURBISHED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

Welcome to the SENIORium Grein!

After conversion and extension works, the SENIORium was re-opened last summer. The signage, made and installed by Forster, greatly helps people to find their way in the buildings of the senior citizens home.

Having gotten on in years, the old-age and nursing home has been



The building signs are made of laser-cut lettering.



fully refurbished and at the same time made more visible: visitors approaching the SENIORium in the picturesque Mühlviertel cannot overlook its prominent sign. The laser-cut metal letters were coated in RAL 7006 beige grey to match the colouring of the building.

Easy orientation Inside, a mixture of variously designed sign and lettering systems makes for easy orientation. When entering the building, visitors are met with large-sized aluminium layout maps, digitally imprinted with film, to give them an initial overview. Storey and door signs of varying sizes account for 200 items of the Combiflex Mero system, which is characterised by its quick-changing mode and flat muted design. Delicate sections made from anodised aluminium and a glare-suppressing acrylic glass cover provide Mero with an expressive and elegant touch. As additional facility signs, our installation team attached plotted film letters to the indoor walls and glass surfaces.

Fire protection and glass marks

Fire safety signs can save lives by ensuring that fire extinguishers and fire hoses will be quickly located in the case of fire. At the SENIORium, projecting signs and self-adhesive film signs serve this purpose. Warning marks fitted to the glass surfaces aim to prevent injuries. They comply with Austrian Standard B1600 "Accessible Building Construction" and provide the necessary contrast to make sure that nobody crashes into a glass surface. FF



The Combiflex Mero system is distinguished by its modern and aesthetically pleasing design.




STEIERMARKBAHN

Beacons for the Gleisdorf West halt

Prominently placed and widely visible logos are a feature of the new Gleisdorf West halt. They were supplied and installed by Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH.

After just 18 months of planning and construction, the new halt of Steiermärkische Landesbahnen at Gleisdorf West is sparkling in its new splendour. With this halt, the Styrian rail service provider is presenting a modern, intermodal concept for stations and halts that expresses its commitment to high

service quality for passengers and sets the course for climate neutrality. The new halt revolves around a contemporary light-flooded passenger shelter that accommodates several seats and various information panels.

The internally lit logo signs of the commuter railway and Steiermärkische Landesbahnen can be seen from afar. The body is made from glass-fibre-reinforced plastic or aluminium, has a convex, vacuum-formed plastic cover and is fitted with energy-saving, long-life LEDs. 



MOSTVIERTEL

Signs to indicate VOR Flex pilot project

Flexible, customer-friendly, smart: on 1 July 2023, the VOR Flex hail-shared taxi scheme went into service in a pilot region consisting of 13 communities in the south-western region of Lower Austria. The collection point signs derived from Forster.


The **VOR Flex project** aims to update the existing scheme of hail-

shared taxis, in order to provide a flexible, demand-driven service supplementary to the fixed public transport (rail and regional buses) routes: VOR Flex taxi cabs operate solely on an as-needed basis.

In the pilot region, the VOR Flex vehicles are deployed especially in places where no regular buses or trains are run, thus connecting



collection points which need to be clearly signposted.

The signs, made of 3 mm thick aluminium, are coated in RAL 9016 (traffic white), with the logo and QR code applied by screen-printing, a method that prevents fading or discolouring for years. In combination with the Forster clips, the two fastening bolts at the back of the sign ensure stable, invisible attachment to the tubular uprights already in place. 

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Education and training at Forster



REVIEW OF 2023

The introduction of our staff member app involved further additions to the education and training programme for our staff. Since July 2023, there have been more than 50 courses and workshops that spread the knowhow of our competent in-house

experts. The offer ranged from customer relationship management (CRM) and MS Excel courses to first-aid refresher courses where anyone interested in the subject had an opportunity to update their knowledge.

All the courses and workshops were well attended: it is reassuring to see that our staff members are truly committed to education and training at work.

The MS Excel course combined useful functions with practical tips and tricks for participants to learn how to efficiently work with MS Excel.

OFFERS FOR 2024

In the next year, we will once again offer a well-balanced portfolio of training courses and Forster leisure activities. In addition to the courses and workshops, we are planning exciting offerings for 2024, for which staff members can register in the customary quick and easy manner, using the FORSTER Go! app.

FORSTER LEISURE CLUB

Multiple events

During the second half of 2023, the Forster Leisure Club once again organised several enthralling events that could be retrieved and booked through the FORSTER Go! app.



VISION RUN

Two Forster teams participated in the 5 km charity run in St. Pölten. The men's team made it to 24th place among 662 teams. The women's team celebrated their 32nd place among 137 teams. Congratulations!



MOTORBIKE-TOUR

On 25 August 2023, our motorbikers made a leisurely tour of about 200 kilometres from Waidhofen to the Palfau waterfalls, across Wildalpen to Mariazell and the Zellerrain mountain pass, and from there back home to Waidhofen.



BIKE TOUR

Brilliant sunshine, just a little breeze: perfect conditions for the Forster bike tour through the beautiful Mostviertel in western Lower Austria. Three rest stops served remedies against hunger and thirst and strengthened the team spirit.



FIT & HEALTHY

Engulfed by the exigencies of everyday work, we tend to forget about the needs of our body. Exactly those were the focus of the event: led by specialists, the group learned how to improve their physical stability, become more mobile and relax through specific breathing techniques.

A warm welcome!

2023 Onboarding Day



Interesting overview of the departments at Forster.

We held our very first Onboarding Day on 17 October 2023: it was an opportunity for the newly joined colleagues to meet the Forster Group and to network with each other. The management welcomed new staff members personally



A successful Onboarding Day at Forster.



Thomas Prantner (left) guided the new colleagues through the works at St. Peter/Au.

and introduced them to the Group in greater detail. The sales managers then followed with an exciting review of their respective product groups. Tours of the two facilities at Waidhofen/Ybbs and St. Peter/Au next provided an overview of the links between production processes and a general view of the overall operations.

New apprentices at Forster

Five new apprentices came aboard in early September. Four of them are being trained to become mechanical engineers and the fifth will receive information technology training. We wish our new colleagues all the best for their start with us and a successful future with Forster!



Training supervisor Manuel Gröbl (right) and mechanical design engineer Patrick Freudenschuss (left) welcomed the new apprentices (from left to right): Julian Bruchmann, Martin Wendolsky, Finn Stangl and Jennifer Ritt.



IT head Hermann Teufel (right) with our new IT apprentice Lukas Rosenfeld (left).

News from Forster Group staff

ANNIVERSARIES

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

40 YEARS

Franz Schachinger
Thomas Freudenschuß
Barbara Hochbichler
Erich Wirrer
Herwig Fischer

35 YEARS

Johann Rettensteiner
Günther Plank
Sabine Felbauer
Birgit Forster
Andreas Wimmer
Claudia Biber
Günter Bachbauer

30 YEARS

Kurt Großbichler
Leopold Gröbl
Hans-Peter Prüller
Walter Trawetzky
Admira Mandzuka
Silvia Hirner

25 YEARS

Martin Präuer
Alois Farfeleder
Markus Aichinger
Silvia Killinger
Jürgen Florian
Bernhard Putz

20 YEARS

Johann Kerschbaumer
Semsudin Bulic
Alwin Springer
Hannes Stangl
Süleyman Göcmen
Daniel Hummelsberger
Christoph Wagner
Walter Schmidt
Matthias Bramberger
Manuel Werner
Sandra Leichtfried

15 YEARS

Gerhard Ahrer
Georg Ecker
Stipo Glavas
Julia Simo
Matthias Zulechner
Heidmarie Lehner
Barbara Farfeleder
Julia Grafeneder
Gernot Hagauer
Andreas Grader
Ilse Plettenbacher
Olga Zöchbauer

10 YEARS

Michael Krenn
Paul Steger
Jusuf Beka Jashari
Behadem Kovacevic
Helmut Rosenthaler
Dorota Dolinski
Dominik Estermann
Jessica Furlinger
Tobias Schraml
Karin Huber

St. Peter/Au:

40 YEARS

Brigitte Heher

35 YEARS

Klaus Sonnleithner
Franz Ritt

30 YEARS

Manfred Stöger
Petru Cristea
Susanne Gutmandelberger

25 YEARS

Wolfgang Reitbauer

20 YEARS

Sandra Wieser
Bojan Glavas
Leopold Grubhofer

15 YEARS

Jürgen Strahofer
Rosemarie Pichler
Sandra Freudenschuß
Sadullah Cinar
Florian Meyer
Karl Fehringner
Badreddine Gzara

10 YEARS

Mircea-Vasile Chiorean
Tina Weissensteiner
Agron Zefi
Josef Hofschwaiger
Maria Steinbichler
Andrea Schenkermayr
Engin Gürkan
Minodora Cristea
Erika Lenauer
Arnold Holzer
Monika Haas

Vienna:

10 YEARS

Vera Ennemoser

Colberg & Forster:

35 YEARS

Heidrun Colberg

15 YEARS

Rainer Fritz

The management wants to express to all celebrants its gratitude and appreciation for their long years of loyalty to the company and looks forward to continuing our excellent cooperation.

Status as of 11/2023

ANNIVERSARIES

40 years with Forster:



40 YEARS

Thomas Freudenschuß



40 YEARS

Brigitte Heher



40 YEARS

Erich Wirrer



40 YEARS

Franz Schachinger

40 YEARS

Barbara Hochbichler



A new phase in their life ...

After many years of working for the Forster Group, a number of staff members used their active leisure phase under the part-time scheme for older workers or took final retirement.

RETIREMENTS

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

Ernst Asanger
Safet Jamak
Wolfgang Pfeiffer

St. Peter/Au:

Leopoldine Riegler
Ludmilla Wimmer
Johann Kaineder

PART-TIME SCHEME FOR OLDER WORKERS – LEISURE PHASE

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

Walter Berger
Johann Rettensteiner
Alois Aspalter
Josef Katzensteiner
Herwig Fischer
Wolfgang Grosser

St. Peter/Au:

Ingrid Penesic
Josef Leitner

The management wants to express its gratitude and appreciation for their long years of loyalty to the company and extends its best wishes for their new life phase!



Waidhofen/Ybbs: (from left to right) Wolfgang Grosser, Walter Berger, Johann Rettensteiner, Alois Aspalter, Josef Katzensteiner, Ernst Asanger, Safet Jamak.

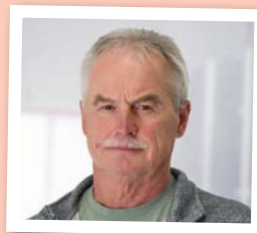


St. Peter/Au: (from left to right) Josef Leitner, Ingrid Penesic, Johann Kaineder.



Walter Berger

Walter Berger joined the company in 1985, starting out at the department for guard rails and changing to the noise protection department in 1988. In addition to sales responsibilities he undertook the technical handling of noise barrier projects. In 1996 he became head of our installation department, in which function he was responsible for planning and handling more than 1000 installation contracts per year, all to the greatest satisfaction of our customers.



Johann Rettensteiner

Johann Rettensteiner joined the company in 1988, initially at the tools department where he quickly rose to deputy head, a function that included responsibility for training our apprentices. In 2007 he became head of in-house tool-making, one of the most crucial service units within Forster. He expertly guided the department through its production of innumerable punching, injection moulding and bending tools for integration into the production processes.



Wolfgang Grosser

Wolfgang Grosser joined the company in 1995, as head of accounting. Our expansion was reflected in the growth of his responsibilities. He became an authorised officer in 2001, handling all internal accounting and auditing processes. Drawing up the annual tax accounts for the company and Group was included in his brief, as were internal reporting and investment/liquidity planning. In 2017, Wolfgang Grosser was appointed chief commercial executive of the Austrian Forster Group.

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