A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

... SIMO PYLKÄNEN

Workplace: ANDRITZ Savonlinna Works Oy, Finland
Position: Managing Director

Simo Pylkkänen took over as Managing Director of the ANDRITZ Savonlinna Works Oy on January 1, 2019. After starting as a Quality Engineer at the Savonlinna Works in 2006, Pylkkänen was appointed Quality Manager 18 months later. During this time he also completed his Master’s thesis at the engineering works and graduated as Master of Science in Engineering in 2007. In 2013, he took up the position of Production Manager, which preceded his position as Managing Director. Pylkkänen very much enjoys working in Savonlinna; he says, “This has been an excellent workplace – we have a good and strong collective spirit here.”

Pylkkänen’s family includes his wife Päivi, 10-year-old daughter Vilma and 7-year-old son Luukas. To keep fit, he practices ice hockey twice a week in a team established around five years ago.

The workshop was founded in 1917 and became part of the ANDRITZ Group in 2000. The production facility operates at an area of 16,000 m² and is the home of the DD-Washers. All DD-Washers delivered by ANDRITZ are produced here. Other main products made at Savonlinna include drum filters, disc filters, cooking equipment, pressure vessels and screens with the delivery scope from a single spare part to a wide range of equipment and machinery for fiber line projects.
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ANDRITZ Savonlinna is currently using a platform called IIoT, which is installed at the workshop and is available to all people involved in the work centers. The platform is to enable open and transparent communication and information sharing with all personnel. Therefore, some 50+ tablets with the IIoT platform and all the information are installed at the workshop and are available to all people involved in the work centers.

Currently, the platform has been set up and the system is being tested. The next step is to fill the system with live data. The final implementation of this platform is planned for this year.

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1:00 / / SAFETY WALK
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16:00 / / END OF WORK DAY

08:00 / / ARRIVAL IN OFFICE, GENERAL OFFICE WORK
Pylkkänen starts his day with general office work. As the Managing Director of the ANDRITZ Savonlinna Works Oy, he is in charge of the whole operation at site. In addition to manufacturing DD-washers and other special pulp equipment, various services are offered from the Savonlinna site such as maintenance and repairs, shutdown services, installation and erection services, and upgrades and modernizations, shutdown services, installation and erection services, and production targets and issues relating to their various areas over the last week, review of the KPIs of each area, and planning for the coming week. In case of any problems or challenges, the whole management team decides on the actions required.

Operations managers meet weekly for a review and outlook meeting. Discussions take place on the work centers regarding daily work. The savonlinna workshop is set up in work centers and not in manufacturing lines. Due to the fact that the work centers produce many different products for different product groups, operations managers have to plan the whole day and every week with a heavy production plan that is site specific.

12:00 / / Shop stewards meeting
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