A new survey shows STLE members experience high levels of job satisfaction as they help solve some of the world’s most difficult challenges.

Three-quarters of STLE members said they would choose the same career again.

While people in the field have a healthy sense of job satisfaction and importance, they do express frustration with the fact that there’s relatively little public awareness of the role of tribology and lubrication engineering. Only about 35 percent are satisfied with the level of public recognition, compared to 65 percent who are dissatisfied. Respondents also view workforce replacement as another negative factor, possibly driven by the low profile nature of the field. More than 60 percent rated the ability to attract talented and educated employees as a major challenge. This was the highest rated issue out of nine possible challenges posed in the survey questionnaire.

One of the primary purposes of the research project is to counteract this situation and give STLE and its members a better ability to explain the impact of tribology and lubricants on such global priorities as vehicle efficiency, energy conservation, manufacturing productivity and medical advances. Watch for more on these topics in 2014 and 2015, as STLE pursues its strategic goal of becoming a global advocate for the importance of tribology and lubrication.

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