

From electrician to production planner

A fellow from the beginnings



- I'm actually constantly sitting at the computer, and so do I when I'm at home. That's an obsession, a beloved craze. I spend 90% of my office hours at the computer – says József Vince smiling, and he actually brought his computer with him to the interview.

- Perhaps you are an IT specialist?

- Not at all. I do production planning. However we analyze with SAP, and a number of circs must be included into planning. Most of the communication is e-mail based, because you know, that gives a kind of security, and it can be tracked. Fifty-two years of life experience prompts me, that written proof is very often crucial.

- How do you become a production planner? I don't think that a career like that a teenager would have in their mind.

- That is actually what happened. My professional career started with electronics. I was niggling with small lamps and electronic bells when I was at primary school. In 1979 I went to Bem József Vocational School, and after three years I became an electrician, with quite some national contest wins behind. My first job was at CVEM (Cegléd Metallic and Electrical Instrument Cooperative), where I was employed as electrician. It was a large service provider in town, and we repaired a wide range of household machines.

As a member of **Attila Szívós'** team I took part in most ceremonial occasions in town, and we also did concert amplification.

- How did INFINEON come in?

- In 1989 the TET was founded by CVEM, VKI (Electronical Research Institute) and Mercator (which was the Hungarian representative for AEG), and it started mounting and

measurement of bipolar discs and modules based on licenses bought from AEG.

I could be a member of the core team because by that time I had had quite a lot of experience in repairing and electrical supplience of different machines. My ex-boss tried to bring me back to the old position, but I chose modern technology. I was quite sure that I would be able to develop my knowledge related to low-voltage electronics. And in fact this decision proved to be a very wise one. As the company grew, and new machines arrived, I was given new tasks. My job was to maximally use the newly relocated machines, and to avoid idleness. This needed organizing and planning, and a production forecast was essential for material needs, and in order to ensure continuous production.

We didn't have computers back then, and we did this very complicated and multilayered job with pen and paper. We ran a large table in order to have all materials at hand. We agreed on quantity and product type needs with our German partners, and we then had to ensure material supplience conditions for the production of these highly complex items. In the first period we started with lower turnout numbers, but later we raised production, and we produced many hundreds of thousands yearly.

Technology developed extremely fast, and the first Spectrum computer arrived. The company enrolled me to a Saturday IT course held at the agricultural school, here in Cegléd. There were no laptops those days, and if a problem came up, the called me on the telephone, and I had to rush to the company on my Babetta scooter. I was also enrolled to a German language course by the company.

I was involved in the implementation of every single product at Bipolar. That is why I feel like they were partly my own ones as well. I almost know our products better than my daughter and son, who were born during the months of bipolar relocation. And now I have the chance to be here at the new manufacturing site IHM. It would be great to see more local people here in this well-founded and extraordinary staff.

- How much are you satisfied with your career so far?

- Perfectly! I am happy to have been part of CVEM 16 years ago, and it is a pleasure to be a part of the largest employer in my hometown. Teaching young professional has always been a very important part of my job, and it is an exceptional proudness that my son, who graduated as electrical engineer in 2016 works here at QM, as a member of our quality staff.

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