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**Renishaw employee joins expert panel for international trade**

**Jenny Iatalese, Trade Control Officer at** [global engineering company](http://www.renishaw.com/en/1030.aspx?utm_source=StoneJunction&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=REC271) **Renishaw, joined the Institute of Export and International Trade’s (IOE&IT) expert panel at the annual South West Summit in Bristol in June, 2018. Iatalese was invited to join the panel following her outstanding results in her World Customs Compliance and Regulations Diploma. At the summit, Iatalese offered advice and support for business leaders with questions about international trade and concerns about the implications of Brexit.**

**As one of three members of the panel, Iatalese answered the audience’s questions about the challenges related to international trade that she had faced and how she overcame them.**

**“Nobody knows how Brexit is going to pan out so there is a lot of concern, especially among small and medium sized businesses, about what the implications will be,” explained Iatalese. “The annual summit that the Institute of Export and International Trade runs is a great opportunity for business leaders to gain advice and insight that may help them with decisions they have to make in coming months.**

**“The organisation also provides a forum with a bank of information and recent news for members, as well as a Helpline Enquiry section for exporters to obtain written advice,” concluded Iatalese.**

**Iatalese began working on the World Customs Compliance and Regulations Diploma, run by the IOE&IT, in 2016. She completed the course, which was funded by Renishaw, with an award for the highest dissertation grade. Her dissertation was a project to redesign commercial trade documentation so that it is acceptable to many customs jurisdictions worldwide.**

**As well as appearing on the panel at the South West Summit, Iatalese will be a member of the expert panel that can be contacted by the IOE&IT to reply to requests for advice received via the Helpline Enquiry form. People that contact the IOE&IT with queries related to her specialist area, tariff classifications and free trade agreements, may be referred to her for expert advice and information.**

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