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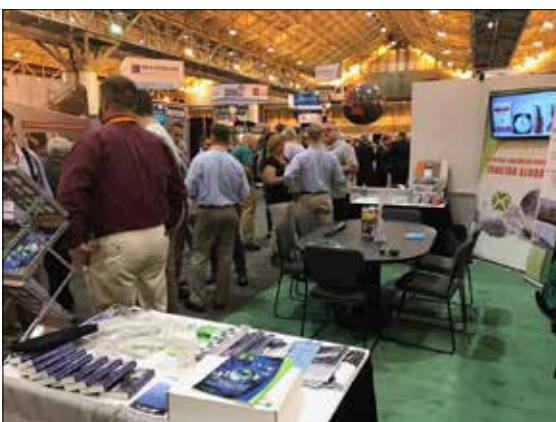
## Cortec® Makes Significant Contributions to NACE CORROSION 2017 Conference!



® This year saw a contingent of almost 20 Cortec® employees and affiliates making significant contributions to NACE CORROSION 2017. The annual event, which is known as the “world’s largest corrosion conference and expo” and draws thousands of corrosion experts from around the globe, took place March 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Cortec® team again dominated the Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor symposium, welcoming back Dr. Behzad Bavarian, longtime Cortec® collaborator from California State University, and other Cortec® experts from around the world. Cortec® presented seven technical papers on a variety of corrosion inhibiting topics:

- Influence of Powder Size of the Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor on Inhibiting Effectiveness (Behzad Bavarian, Lisa Reiner, Babak Samimi, Boris Miksic, FNACE)
- Protection of Equipment for Storage and Transport with Vapor Phase Corrosion Inhibitors (Boris Miksic, FNACE, Ivan Rogan, Vesna Alar)
- Biodegradable Method of Corrosion Management for All Industries (Larry Mudd, James Holden, Boris Miksic, FNACE)
- High Performance Water Based Coating Enhanced with Nano Vapor Corrosion Inhibitors (Markus Bieber)
- Compatibility & Interactions between Cathodic Protection and a Vapor Phase Corrosion Inhibitor (Calvin R. Pynn, Khalil Abed)
- The Necessity and Challenges of Using a Float Coat for Preservation of Large Volume Storage Systems (John Wulterkens, Casey Heurung, Houssam Sabry)
- Comparing the Benefits of Environmentally Friendly Removable Coatings to Traditional Products for Protection of Assets Stored Outdoors (Eric Uutala, Cliff Cracauer, John Wulterkens)



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Cortec® also took an active leadership role in NACE technical committees. Robert Kean, Ph.D., Director of Cortec® Laboratories, attended several committee meetings including TEG 145 X “Vapor Corrosion Inhibitors and Rust Preventatives for Interim (Temporary) Corrosion Protection,” a committee on which he currently acts as the vice chair. Jim Holden, PE, Technical Director, Energy & Engineered Solutions also attended several meetings for STG 41, the Electric Utility Generation, Transmission, and Distribution committee.

In addition to knowledge-sharing, CORROSION 2017 proved to be a great time of learning and networking. The technical symposia sparked new ideas for Cortec’s R&D program, while time on the expo floor brought Cortec® into contact with potential customers, DoD personnel, and suppliers of raw materials and lab equipment.

The social aspect of the conference was another highlight, particularly because it brought together members of the Cortec® family into one place from all over the world—USA, Croatia, UAE, and India. Side benefits of beautiful weather and Cajun and Southern cuisine were topped off with a special Tuesday evening dinner hosted by Cortec® Founder & CEO, Boris Miksic, and wife Ines. The team enjoyed excellent food and comradery at historical Antoine’s, the oldest family-owned restaurant in the USA, and will long remember the dramatic presentation of Flaming Baked Alaska for dessert.

During the memorable dinner, which was interspersed with many toasts to Miksic and Cortec® Corporation, Miksic recounted a story of Cortec’s unique connection to the city of New Orleans. It was there that Cortec’s flagship VpCI® powder was once processed in a reactor until the man doing the work suddenly quit. He sent the equipment to Miksic in Saint Paul, Minnesota, encouraging Cortec® to take one of many subsequent steps of vertical integration.

The following years have seen many advances in Cortec’s corrosion inhibiting capabilities as Cortec® continues to be the global leader in VpCI® Technology. Cortec’s major input into the activities at CORROSION 2017 are just one more example of those significant contributions to the world of corrosion inhibiting technology as Cortec® strives for continual improvement and celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



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