



**Happy new year 2016**

# *Croatian Wings* **Newsletter**

*"You are never too old  
to set another goal  
or dream a new dream."  
C. S. Lewis*

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# Corrosion Adventure in South of France!



Join Us at EuroCorr 2016 Followed by  
Cortec® European Sales Meeting in Montpellier!



We are happy to inform you that our next European Sales Meeting will be held from 14th to 17th September 2016, in Montpellier, the most seductive city in the French south. The meeting will take place right after the biggest European Corrosion Conference – EuroCorr, which is also organized in this beautiful town in France from 11th -15th September.

EcoCortec® team always strives to be innovative and organize new exciting arrangements for our meetings that we all love so much. There is nothing better than having fun with old and new friends that we work hard with throughout the year and come back home with filled with impressions and positive energy.

More importantly, our Cortec® Sales Meetings are the best opportunities to learn something new and catch up with latest trends, projects and technology improvements. In Montpellier this will be even more enhanced as our meeting will be held right after the most important European corrosion congress - EuroCorr, which gathers world experts in corrosion protection field with the aim of transferring valuable knowledge and exchanging experiences.

We are especially proud that in 2016, Cortec® will have a record number of papers in technical program and a joint Cortec®/EcoCortec®/CorteCros booth in exhibition hall!

The list of planned papers with following topics:

- **Prof. Bavarian et al:** Nano-VpCl® Powders
- **Prof. Juraga et al:** VpCl® Technology for Automotive Industry
- **Prof. Martinez:** VpCl® Additives to Crude Oil
- **Prof. Martinez:** Rust Converters with Improved Adhesion for Topcoats
- **Ivan Rogan:** VpCl® Technology for Equipment Protection in Marine Transports
- **Boris Miksic:** Biodegradable VpCl® Films for Packaging Electronic Equipment and Components
- **Usama Jacir et al:** Case Histories of Successful Applications of MCI Technology in Middle East
- **Ming Shen:** Detecting Corrosion Inhibitor Migration Depth in Topically-Treated Concrete Using DART-MS

This is a biggest line-up ever for a single conference originating from Cortec®/EcoCortec® /CorteCros and our partners, therefore we invite you not to miss this wonderful opportunity and be a part of EuroCorr 2016 followed by our Sales Meeting. With all the excitements and new knowledge that will be acquired, one thing remains constant: great times of our gatherings that stay with us for lifetime!







# New General Manager of EcoCortec® Dijana Zrinski!

Dijana Zrinski is new general manager of EcoCortec® plant as our previous manager Ivana Radić Boršić has taken position of Vice president of sales for Europe. Dijana has been part of EcoCortec® team from its early beginnings. She has been working in customers service for 8 years, her conscientious and dedicated work were among main reasons why she has been chosen for new general manager of EcoCortec® plant. Dijana has gained a lot of experience working with our distributors during the past years, she is open and ready to help as well as willing to solve any occurring problem. With these Croatian ladies - team EcoCortec® is more then ready to kick in the New Year and once again prove that sky is the limit!







## Christmas Time in EcoCortec®

There is no place like home especially during the holiday season reserved for friends and family. Our CEO Boris Miksic spent Christmas in Zagreb and Beli Manastir together with his wife Ines and EcoCortec® family. After annual reviews and presentations, Christmas party was held at the plant. Our team was joined by numerous friends of EcoCortec® as well as guests from city government of Beli Manastir. Everyone enjoyed super delicious Baranja specialties,

especially sweets made by our lab director Snjezana Mikolic. „Teta“ Snjeza proves every year that she is an equal expert in the lab as she is in the kitchen. It is always wonderful to see all familiar faces during our EcoCortec® Christmas gatherings and spend quality time together which boosts our energy to start the new year, ready for creating new opportunities and achieving even higher goals!







## Employee of the Year Award

Like every year owner of EcoCortec® Boris Mikšić has given the award to our employee of the year. We are proud that this year's winner is our production

employee Ferenc Lakatoš. Many thanks to Ferenc for his hard and devoted work and we wish him to keep it up. For others, more luck next year!







# Nina Mikšić's Book Presentations in Zagreb and Beli: The Story of My Life!



Holiday season is always special but these holidays were even more special for EcoCortec® team. Two emotional book presentations of our dear Nina Mikšić were held in December in Zagreb and Beli Manastir. In Zagreb, Nina presented her book in front of full auditorium and spoke about her fascinating life path. The book is filled with remarkable events of her life including times of World War 2 and later struggling

in communist regime as well as story of her Russian family roots. She reminded one more time of sad destiny of her ancestors which had to flee from Russia during the Russian Revolution but also of her love for her country Croatia.

Her son Boris, CEO and owner of Cortec®, whom she dedicated a big part of her book, made a speech remembering his childhood, old Zagreb where he





spent his youth as well as many funny anecdotes that marked these years of growing up in former Yugoslavia. We are especially proud of the presence of Russian cultural attache from Embassy of Russia in Zagreb.

Two choruses especially contributed to this magical atmosphere: Zagreb Folk Dance Ensemble: Dr. Ivan Ivančanin who among other songs performed Croatian legendary song „Moja domovina“ (My homeland) which was written and performed during Croatian War of Independence. The song became a symbol of resistance of Croatian people towards the war and demonstrates the love for their country. Folk Dance Ensemble Dr. Ivan Ivancanin was followed by Russian chorus Rjabinuska who sang few beautiful Russian national songs.



In Beli Manastir the presentation was held in more intimate atmosphere in library of Beli Manastir but has equally touched the hearts of everyone. Of course the star of both nights was Nina who received big applause from the crowd who was filled with people inspired by her life path, dedication and energy. Her message to everyone is to never give up and follow their dreams no matter what the obstacles are. Then everything is possible and beautiful things can happen!







# EcoCortec® Announces Expanded Warehouse and a New High Tech Converting Line for Patented VpCI® Resealable Bags!

EcoCortec®'s team has put in operation a brand new converting line for zip lock and heat sealing bags. With these latest advancements, the plant's production capacity as well as shipped quantities will be furtherly increased. New investments made by the company leadership are another confirmation of EcoCortec®'s business excellence along with continuously growing sales.

New converting line is able to produce film in widths ranging from 80 mm to 680 mm, and depth of 80 to 700 mm with film thickness between 50-200 microns. The new pallet racking system has more than doubled

the manufacturer's warehouse capacity.

One of the main goals of EcoCortec® team is continuous growth while maintaining highest quality standards of its services. This includes new equipment procurement such as this high-tech converting line. The result is plant's continuous expansion and strong market presence. After ten years of doing business EcoCortec® is in the third phase of the plant's planned construction. The plant became a leader manufacturer of bioplastics films and bags in Europe and is now conquering Asian market.







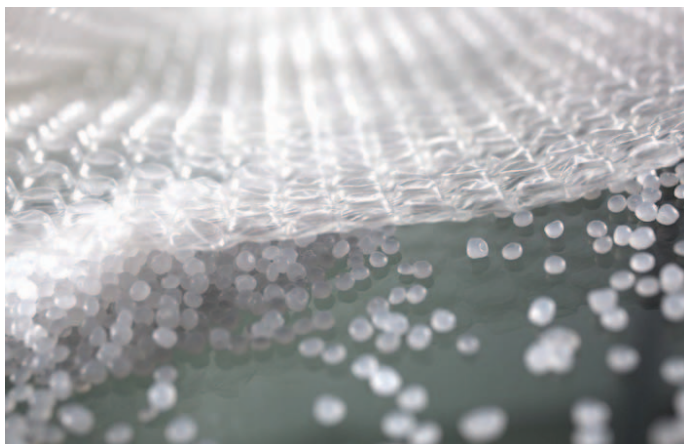
# EcoCortec® Launching High-Tech Packaging Solution: *Corpak® Static Dissipative Bubbles* *Powered by Nano-VpCI®!*

The plant has joined forces with its Czech distributor Tart in launching multifunctional, high-technology Corpak® Static Dissipative Bubble film. This film of unmatched quality is the only bubble film in Europe produced with latest Nano-VpCI® technology providing a unique combination of cushioning and multimetal corrosion protection.

Corrosion of complex equipment is an increasingly serious problem for many manufacturers, causing expensive failures. Ecological Cor-Pak® VpCI® Static Dissipative Bubble Film powered by Nano-VpCI® offers a simple and safe to use recyclable bubble wrap packaging solution.

This modern, clean and flexible packaging material combines volatile corrosion inhibitors with cushioning packaging bubbles to provide protection for most sensitive or delicate components.

Cor-Pak® VpCI® Static Dissipative Bubble Film is suitable for various packaging applications - from surface protection and interleaving up to creation of protective cushions and empty space packing. Using Nano-VpCI® technology, the bubbles protect a variety of metals including carbon steel, aluminum, copper, brass, silver, and stainless steel without leaving residue on packaged items. Components can be unpacked and used immediately without any cleaning or degreasing.



## **Advantages of bubble foil:**

- Significant decrease of packaging costs
- High load resistance
- High strength and flexibility
- Simple to use
- Environmentally friendly
- Protects against triboelectric charge generation, making them

*excellent packaging solution for electronic components*

- Easily reusable
- Scratch protection
- Packaging of furniture, porcelain, glassware, electronic components and spare parts
- Provides multi-metal protection through Patented VpCI® Technol-

*ogy - VpCI® vapor does not interfere with subsequent processing (i.e. painting, welding, cleaning, soldering, etc.)*

- Has no adverse effects on plastic (lexane), optics elastomers, and other non-metallics
- Low weight and available in custom size rolls, custom size rolls, sheeting or heat sealable bags.





# Advertising Corner

In-depth article on Cortec featured in **World Pipelines Magazine**  
- Special Issue on Corrosion Protection!

**A PROTECTIVE BARRIER FROM CORROSION**

Anna Kravtsov, Cortec Corporation, DPA, presents environmentally safe inhibitors for corrosion protection

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a pipe. The pipe itself is labeled 'Pipe'. The material of the pipe is labeled 'Steel'. The protective barrier is labeled 'Barrier'. The environment outside the pipe is labeled 'Environment'. The barrier is shown as a thin layer between the pipe and the environment.

**Environmental commitment**

Environmental and social responsibility are core values of Cortec Corporation. The company is committed to the highest standards of environmental and social responsibility. The company is a member of the ISO 14001 and ISO 26000 standards.

**Environmental management system**

The company has implemented an environmental management system (EMS) that complies with the ISO 14001 standard. The EMS is designed to ensure that the company's operations are in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

**Chemicals**

The company's products are formulated with high-quality raw materials. The company is committed to the use of environmentally safe chemicals. The company's products are designed to provide long-term protection against corrosion.

**High-tech**

The company's products are formulated with high-tech ingredients. The company is committed to the use of the latest technology in the development of its products. The company's products are designed to provide superior performance in the most demanding environments.

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**EcoCortec expands capacity with new converting line**

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Croatian specialist packaging producer EcoCortec has announced it has expanded its warehouse at the production site in Beli Manastir, Croatia. The company has installed a new pallet racking system that has more than doubled the manufacturer's warehouse capacity.

Another improvement is the addition of a brand new, high-tech converting line for zip lock and heat sealing bags. The new converting line is able to produce film in widths ranging from 80 mm to 680 mm, and depths of 80 to 700 mm with film thickness between 50-200 microns. The installation aims to increase the plant's production capacity as the firm plans to grow its business without compromising its service standards.

In line with its ambition for continuous growth, EcoCortec is currently in the third phase of the facility's planned construction. The ongoing development phase includes a new production hall with three extrusion lines, branding of vapor phase corrosion inhibitor (VPCI) paper and storage of Cortec chemical products, the firm said. This expansion represents a 3 million euro (\$3.9 million) investment in the site and, says the company, is designed to boost both the plant's production capacity and the shipped volumes of product in order to continue to meet customer demand.

EcoCortec has operated in the bioplastics market for 10 years, and now boasts a strong market presence in Europe, becoming a leading manufacturer of bioplastics films and bags. With a network of over thirty distributors, the company is now seeking to expand into Asia. As a full-service manufacturer, EcoCortec has converting, extruding and printing capabilities. With this latest equipment expansion will be improved and taken to even higher level.

EcoCortec is a subsidiary of USA-based Cortec Corporation, which was founded in 1977 by Croatian-born Boris Miskic. In 2005, EcoCortec was formed, as Cortec's first greenfield investment in Europe. EcoCortec started operations in 2007.

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EcoCortec Featured in **Bioplastics Magazine** - only independent trade magazine worldwide dedicated to bioplastics