

# NEWS ALERT



## AFRICORR 2018

### “Expanding Cortec’s Footprint in Africa”



AFRICORR 2018 was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of former President Nelson Mandela. The corrosion conference was organized by the Corrosion Institute of South Africa (CORRISA) in partnership for the first time with NACE International, NACE International’s Director of Global Operations, Tommy Tam, being present.

Dario Dell’Orto, Cortec® Vice President of International Sales, and Greg Combrink, Managing Director of TCC (Total Corrosion Control), Cortec’s authorized distributor in South Africa, attended the event. Their participation in the Technical Exhibition drew significant interest from visitors, especially since Cortec’s VpCI® corrosion inhibitors are relatively new in the region. TCC sales representatives efficiently explained VpCI® Technology to the attendees and showed several product samples.



In addition, Dario Dell’Orto gave a presentation during the conference’s scientific program on the topic of “Temporary Coatings for In Process and Storage Applications.” He highlighted the technical advantages and cost reduction provided by the use of VpCI® inhibitors, also demonstrating their different types of applications throughout the world.

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Attendees were mostly from South Africa, including many who work in R&D labs at various universities. There were also many representatives of different industrial segments such as coatings, cathodic protection, galvanization, and mining, among others.

This was Cortec's first participation at Africorr, so it was very rewarding to see the genuine interest in the potential of VpCI® inhibitors—an interest that predicts promising opportunities for a variety of industrial applications in the future.

Since Africorr is a fairly “young” congress, discussions were held on how to extend the attendance and reach of Africorr 2020 to the entire African region, with the help of NACE International and the economic support of the industry.

The Africorr gala dinner was enriched by an awards ceremony, when the work of numerous young researchers was recognized in a lively and friendly atmosphere accompanied by the typical exquisite gastronomy. In fact, three of the winning researchers were seated at Cortec's table!

The Corrisa organizing committee deserves special praise for their significant effort and commitment, and so do Vanessa Sealy-Fisher and Reygie De Borja, whose assistance greatly contributed to the successful realization of the conference.

Finally, in reflecting on the occasion of this special event, with the future of the African continent in mind, it is fitting to recall a special quote from “Madiba,” President Mandela: *“There is no passion to be found playing small—in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.”*



