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# News

## BORIS MIKSIC APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT OF CORTEC®

Cortec® CEO, Chairman, and Founder Boris Miksic recently announced his selection of Caleb Pheneger, COO, as the new President of Cortec® Corporation. This represents a strategic expansion of Pheneger's responsibilities as Chief Operating Officer over Cortec's US and Canadian operations to now include full oversight of Cortec® Corporation under the direction of Boris Miksic. Given Caleb's stellar performance and multiple promotions over

the last 13 years, this appointment promises to open a new chapter of excellence for Cortec®, Bionetix®, and their customers.

**Learn more about Caleb's background here:**

[www.cortecvci.com/press-release-cortec-names-caleb-pheneger-as-president-opening-new-chapter-of-excellence](http://www.cortecvci.com/press-release-cortec-names-caleb-pheneger-as-president-opening-new-chapter-of-excellence)



## BIONETIX® INTERNATIONAL TAPS DIANA DI MARCO FOR LEADERSHIP

In response to rapid company expansion, Bionetix® International has promoted Diana Di Marco to Vice President and Managing Director, reflecting her pivotal role in driving business development and global strategy. In her previous role, Diana showcased exceptional leadership in guiding both sales and technical teams to new heights. In her expanded position, she will oversee the entire business unit, spearheading the development of a cohesive strategic plan, vision, and organizational structure designed to support

Bionetix's growth and evolving demands within the rapidly expanding global biosolutions market.

**Learn more about Diana's background:**

[www.cortecvci.com/press-release-bionetix-international-taps-diana-di-marco-for-leadership-amid-rapid-growth](http://www.cortecvci.com/press-release-bionetix-international-taps-diana-di-marco-for-leadership-amid-rapid-growth)



## GERMAN PACKAGING AWARD 2025 GOES TO VpCI® FILM WITH RECYCLING CONCEPT

EcoCortec® was honored to be recognized alongside Jakob Schober GmbH for the German Packaging Award 2025 in the category of "Sustainability – Overall Concept." This prestigious honor was awarded based on the "VpCI® Film with Recycling Concept" that encompasses (1) the creation of a fully recyclable product that uses up to 30% post-consumer recycled (PCR) content and (2) a circular economy system in which Jakob Schober collects VpCI® film scrap and sends it back to EcoCortec® for reprocessing, using the same delivery trucks that bring new products to Jakob Schober. The independent jury praised the initiative, stating: "The outstanding achievement of Jakob Schober GmbH and its partners in creating a 'Closed-Loop System' for their innovative VpCI® corrosion protection film is being recognized. Many talk about circularity for packaging, but Jakob Schober, with its customers and partners, has demonstrated it in practice.

This is impressive and deserves the German Packaging Award."

**Learn more here:**

[www.cortecvci.com/press-release-ecocortec-and-partner-jakob-schober-gmbh-honored-with-prestigious-german-packaging-award-for-groundbreaking-circular-economy-solution/](http://www.cortecvci.com/press-release-ecocortec-and-partner-jakob-schober-gmbh-honored-with-prestigious-german-packaging-award-for-groundbreaking-circular-economy-solution/)



*Jakob Schober team presents German packaging award to Boris Miksic at European Sales Meeting.*

# Feature Story

## BETTER TOGETHER: STRENGTHENING TIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN

It is hard to place a true value on what can be accomplished when different branches of the Cortec® family work together. With facilities on three continents and distributors in 115 countries, the potential synergy of the Cortec® global family is immeasurable. A prime example of how we can be stronger by working together is the recent visit of Caleb Pheneger, President of Cortec® US operations, to Croatia to support expanding production capabilities at CorteCros® and EcoCortec®.

CEO Boris Miksic, Ivana Radic Borsic (VP Sales, Europe & Managing Director, CorteCros®), and Caleb agreed that it would be ideal for Caleb to plan his visit for July, when CorteCros® would be launching production of yet another Cortec® flagship product as it continues to expand its production capabilities. With Caleb's strong background overseeing production at Cortec® World Headquarters in Minnesota, his experience and knowledge of the manufacturing process would be invaluable. Conversely, Caleb came with an open mind to grow his own perspective and expertise by learning from the way that CorteCros® handles chemical manufacturing.

As critical as technical expertise is to achieving quality and consistency in production, Caleb knew that the intangible

benefits of meeting in person were also invaluable. Caleb explained, "there's something to be said for sitting down with somebody, sharing a face to face conversation, looking at the equipment together at the same time, maybe sharing a meal together. Those things really help connect people, and once you've done that, all of a sudden you realize people are more quick to pick up the phone and call you, or send you an email, or vice versa; and I think it really fosters good relationships when we get a chance to connect periodically."

After a week in Split, Ivana was happy to show Caleb around Dubrovnik, her hometown, the "Pearl of the Adriatic," where Caleb enjoyed views of the beautiful coastline and tasted local cuisine before heading to Beli Manastir for a week at EcoCortec®. While his main focus was working with the team on masterbatch optimization, he also enjoyed strengthening relationships with EcoCortec® employees and was impressed to see how far their lab capabilities, expertise, and services have expanded since his first visit in 2019.

The successful visit underscored the richness of Cortec's global resources and the benefits of having knowledgeable teams from two continents working together to build a stronger foundation of quality and consistency for distributors, regardless of where their products are manufactured. This is just a small example of the potential for Cortec® synergy around the globe. With an incredible network of distributors in 115 countries, let's continue to look for ways to collaborate and become stronger as a team!





# Out & About

## 2025 EUROPEAN SALES MEETING

September 24<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> was our time for distributors from 21 countries to reunite in Croatia for two-plus days to collaborate, catch up on Cortec® news, learn from one another, recognize top distributors, and have some fun. The celebration started Wednesday evening at the Westin Hotel in Zagreb, followed by a full day of market and technology updates, awards, and case histories. On the way to an exquisite dinner at Sestinski lagvic, the bus stopped by the Bionetix®/CorteCros®/EcoCortec®/Cortec® combined offices in Zagreb to tour the facilities and see the fabulous views of the city on one side and a mountain on the other.

On Friday, everyone was up early in the morning to take the bus to EcoCortec® in Beli Manastir. By noon, the group had checked in and was enjoying lunch at the Hotel Patria, heading toward the EcoCortec® plant shortly after for a tour of the plant, including exciting updates in the lab.

At the end of the day, everyone had the opportunity to gather grapes in Boris's vineyard, "Vinohill," before tasting the fruit of the vine and heading to Ethno Village at Hotel Patria for dinner. As always, it was a privilege to gather with the Cortec® family and reenergize for the year ahead!



## CORROSION CONVERSATIONS IN NORWAY: EUROCORR 2025

This year's European Corrosion Congress (EUROCORR) was held from September 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> in Stavanger, Norway — a great



opportunity to connect with industry peers in a stunning location. Ivana Radic Borsic (VP of Sales, Europe) was honored to join forces with our local distributor PRESSERV at the booth, where we shared updates on our latest corrosion mitigation technologies and engaged with experts from across Europe and beyond.

We were also honored to welcome Juan Caballero, Chair of AMPP, and Phoebe Hsueh, AMPP Manager of Strategic Geographies & Emerging Industries, for a personal visit to our booth. Their time and interest were greatly appreciated.

It was a pleasure to catch up with familiar faces, including our colleagues from the University of Zagreb, and to be part of the ongoing exchange of ideas shaping the future of corrosion control.

A special mention goes to Ivana Liposcak (MCI® Technical

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Sales Manager, Europe), who presented on the “Application and Field Testing of SACI for Corrosion Mitigation in World-Class Football Stadium Rehabilitation” during the technical program, and Ivana Radic Borsic, who gave a presentation on “Cortec® Corporation: Roadmap to Sustainable Corrosion Protection” in the Loyalty Programme of the European Federation of Corrosion. Their contributions added insight

to the conference discussion.

As always, EUROCORR provided a valuable space for collaboration, learning, and connection. We look forward to building on these conversations in the months ahead — and continuing to work together toward smarter, more sustainable solutions in corrosion prevention.

## NO ROOM FOR STATIC OR CORROSION AT ESD SYMPOSIUM

At Cortec®, we are determined not to remain “static” in the ESD market as we continue to grow and introduce better ESD packaging solutions to people in the electronics industry. As part of that march forward, Mike Gabor (VP Sales, ENA) and Jay Zhang (Director of Business Development) represented Cortec® once again at the Annual EOS/ESD Symposium, September 15<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> in Riverside, California. This was Cortec’s fourth year displaying dual ESD/anticorrosion packaging solutions. As usual, Mike was in his element building relationships and sharing his excitement about innovative Cortec® technology, while Jay brought his keen insight to bear from his background in the electronics industry!



## BY INVITATION ONLY – CORTEC® SHINES AT SAMSUNG TECH FORUM

Eric Uutala (Technical Sales Manager) had the privilege of joining Michael Jang and the Cortec® Korea team at the Samsung E&A (Engineering and Architecture) Tech Forum in Seoul, South Korea, on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This exclusive, invitation-only event showcased Samsung’s global capabilities as an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor and welcomed about 500 professionals from Samsung and leading oil and gas companies.

Unlike traditional trade shows, the Samsung Tech Forum offered a more focused approach, where vendors were stationed in dedicated rooms. Samsung personnel guided small groups of two to five attendees through these rooms to explore specific technologies and discuss solutions for their projects. Cortec® Korea was positioned in the Hydrocarbon Business Division room, where they presented Cortec® VpCI® products and delivered a technical presentation on preservation. Eric, Michael, and the team highlighted how Cortec® solutions can support the entire life cycle of oil and gas construction projects—from FEED (Front-End Engineering Design) to commissioning and preservation of critical spares. They also showcased a range of global projects where Cortec® has played a key role in corrosion protection.



Visitors included representatives from Aramco, Petronas, ExxonMobil, and Chevron, among others—affirming Cortec’s growing presence in high-profile industry conversations.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Not only has Cortec® been invited to return next year, but the team was also asked to participate in a larger Samsung conference this October. As the only VCI company at this prestigious event, Cortec® continues to stand out as a trusted preservation partner for Samsung EPC in the region—and beyond.



## CORTEC® ON DISPLAY IN MILAN

We were grateful to our valued partners at Carte Dozio for representing Cortec® at IPACK-IMA, held May 27<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> in Milan, Italy. As one of the leading international trade shows for packaging, IPACK-IMA draws tens of thousands of industry professionals from around the world—making it an exceptional opportunity to share Cortec’s packaging solutions on a global stage.

Cortec’s Ivana Radic Borsic had the pleasure of joining Filippo Negrini (Cortec® Product Line Sales Manager at Carte Dozio), Marco Dozio (Owner), and Martina Dozio (Marketing Director) at their clean, minimalist-designed booth, which provided a professional and welcoming space for meaningful conversations with attendees from across the industry.

We were also delighted to reconnect with Radim Ušel, a Cortec® distributor from Tart in the Czech Republic, who stopped by during his visit to the show.

We’re grateful to Carte Dozio for their continued commitment and teamwork and excited about the momentum generated at the show as we look forward to continued collaboration and strong results!



## Products

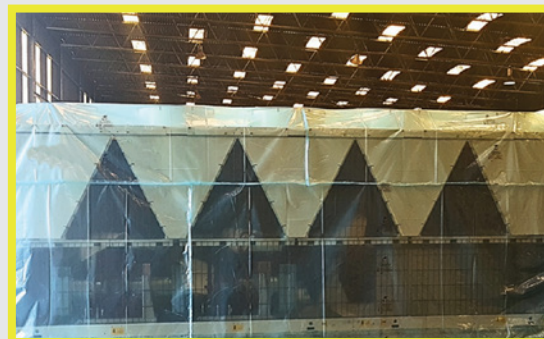
### A Perfect Score for Biobased Film

Cortec® has scored big on biobased content with the launch of its latest bioplastics product! Eco Works® 100 is a certified industrially compostable packaging film (TÜV Austria, #TA8012509046) that contains 100% USDA certified biobased content as a replacement for petroleum-based products. In a world where many are looking for eco-conscious alternatives to traditional plastics, Eco Works® 100 diversifies the market’s portfolio of bioplastic options for those who want to go to the max on biobased content and reduce dependency on petroleum. **Learn more about Eco Works® 100:** [www.cortecvci.com/product-release-a-perfect-score-cortec-achieves-100-biobased-content-in-new-compostable-bioplastic](http://www.cortecvci.com/product-release-a-perfect-score-cortec-achieves-100-biobased-content-in-new-compostable-bioplastic)



### A New Dimension for VpCI® Films

Did you know that EcoCortec® now offers a wide variety of VpCI® films in 3D format? The unique three-dimensional shape of these bags allows them to conform effectively to various items, including bulky or irregularly shaped objects for easier all-around protection. In addition to standard VpCI®-126 HP UV Shrink 3D bags, MilCorr®, and ESD versions, EcoCortec® also offers options made from films that are certified industrially compostable by TÜV Austria, including Eco Works® and Eco-Corr Film® variations. **Learn more about the designs here:** [www.cortecvci.com/press-release-ecocortec-unveils-next-gen-sustainable-3d-bags-powered-by-vpci](http://www.cortecvci.com/press-release-ecocortec-unveils-next-gen-sustainable-3d-bags-powered-by-vpci)



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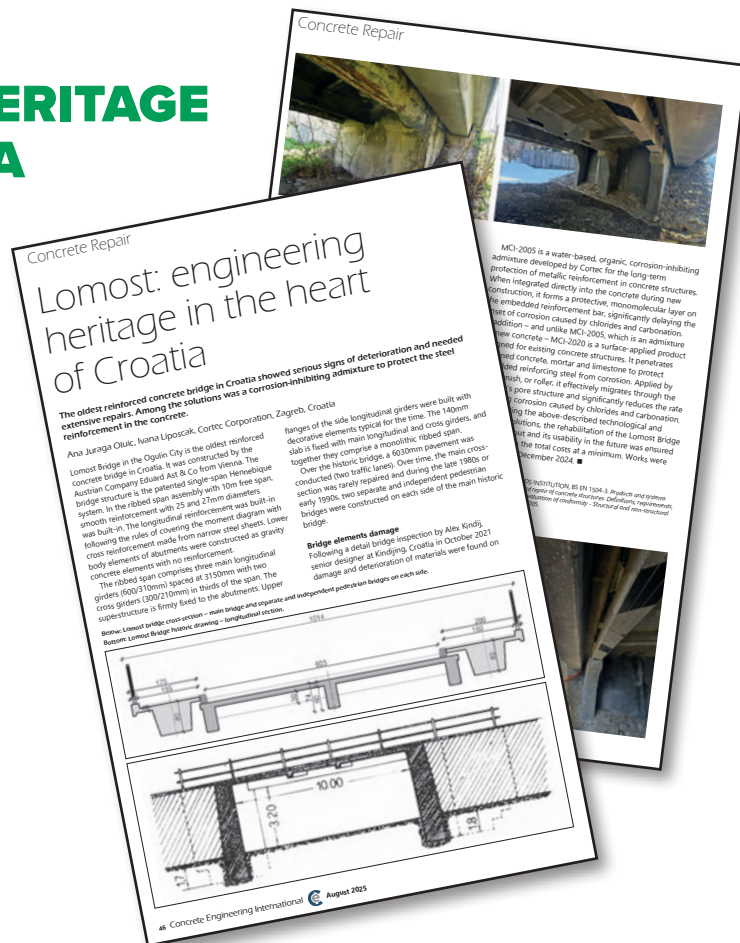
## LOMOST: ENGINEERING HERITAGE IN THE HEART OF CROATIA

Concrete Engineering International | August 2025

Can you name the oldest reinforced concrete bridge in Croatia? If you said Lomost Bridge in Ogulin City, you were right! The restoration of this historic bridge is the subject of a recent article in *Concrete Engineering International*. The article goes into details about the design of the bridge and explains how MCI® played an important role in rehabilitating the structure after years of deterioration had taken their toll. Better still, the use of MCI® helped keep repair costs down while supplying future corrosion protection to structural reinforcement.

**Learn more here:**

[www.cortecvci.com/whats\\_new/announcements/CEI-2025.pdf](http://www.cortecvci.com/whats_new/announcements/CEI-2025.pdf)



## FROM SPENT ANODES TO LOWER SPENDING: INTRODUCING VCIS FOR TANK BOTTOM PROTECTION IN MALAYSIA

Materials Performance | September 2025

For anyone interested in learning more about CorroLogic® for protection of aboveground storage tanks (ASTs), this is a great place to start. After years of field trials, the use of VCIs (Vapor Corrosion Inhibitors, like those in CorroLogic®) for this application has been enshrined in industry standards. VCIs can be used alone or in conjunction with cathodic protection (CP). This article looks at the first Malaysia application, when it served as a welcome alternative to replacing spent anodes. Read more in the article and save this one in your reference folder!

**Learn more here:**

[www.cortecvci.com/whats\\_new/announcements/Introducing-VCI-for-Tank-Bottom-Protection-in-Malaysia\\_MP-2025.pdf](http://www.cortecvci.com/whats_new/announcements/Introducing-VCI-for-Tank-Bottom-Protection-in-Malaysia_MP-2025.pdf)



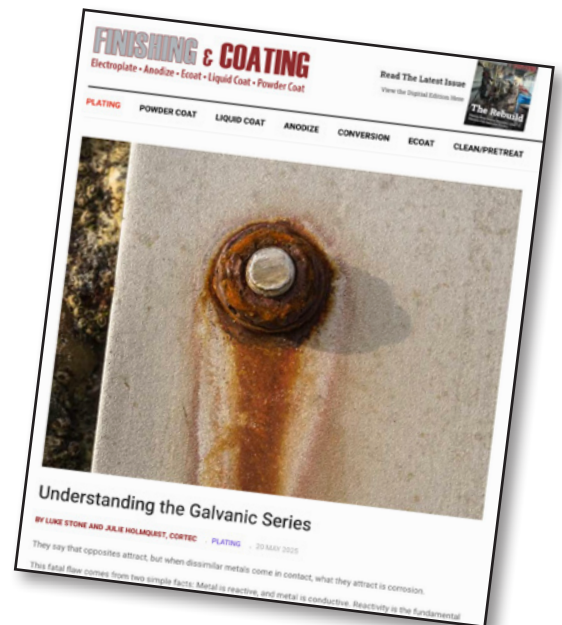


# UNDERSTANDING THE GALVANIC SERIES

Finishing & Coating | May 2025

What happens when dissimilar metals come in contact with each other? Unfortunately, the answer is too often corrosion. This article takes a look at the galvanic series, which helps us understand the relative nobility of metals and how likely they are to react with one another when they are found together in a corrosive environment. Learn more about how to recognize the problem and implement a solution to avoid galvanic corrosion:

<https://finishingandcoating.com/index.php/plating/2448-understanding-the-galvanic-series>

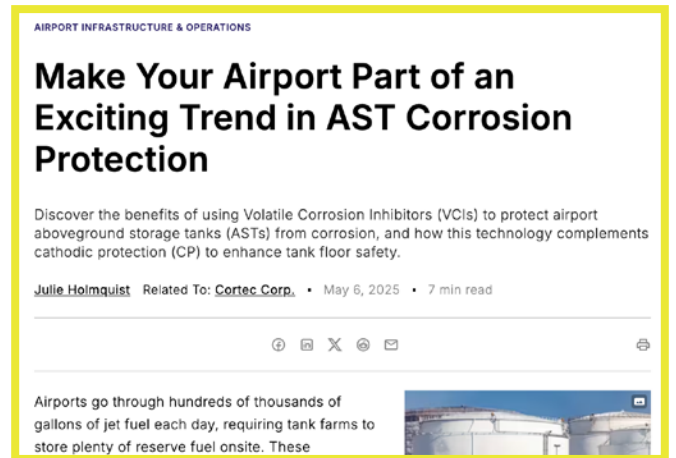


# MAKE YOUR AIRPORT PART OF AN EXCITING TREND IN AST CORROSION PROTECTION

Aviation Pros | May 2024

The sheer volume of jet fuel used every day for air travel means that airports are a prime location for aboveground storage tanks (ASTs), traditionally protected from corrosion on tank bottoms using cathodic protection (CP). This article encourages management to consider the advantages of VCIs for tank bottom protection. Used alone or in conjunction with CP, VCIs can be applied at any stage of a tank's life cycle and offer protection in difficult to reach areas. Learn more about using VCI for aviation fuel tanks here:

[www.aviationpros.com/airports/article/55287796/cortec-corporation-make-your-airport-part-of-an-exciting-trend-in-ast-corrosion-protection](http://www.aviationpros.com/airports/article/55287796/cortec-corporation-make-your-airport-part-of-an-exciting-trend-in-ast-corrosion-protection)



# FOUR NATURE-BASED PATHS TO THE LAWN OF YOUR DREAMS

Pro Landscaper USA | April 2024

This article gives a nod to our biosolutions subsidiary, Bionetix® International, by looking at nature-based ways to enrich soil, thin out thatch, and activate plant growth. Rather than using synthetic fertilizers that offer a fast boost of macro-nutrients with negative environmental side effects, it's better to select macro- and micro-nutrients from natural sources and add beneficial microorganisms to enhance the soil microbiome. Take a closer look at this holistic, long-term approach here:

[https://issuu.com/eljays44/docs/pro\\_landscaper\\_usa\\_april\\_2025/47](https://issuu.com/eljays44/docs/pro_landscaper_usa_april_2025/47)





# Upcoming Events

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## ASIA SALES MEETING

October 8<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Honolulu, Hawaii

[www.cortecvci.com/2025-asia-pacific-sales-strategy-meeting](http://www.cortecvci.com/2025-asia-pacific-sales-strategy-meeting)



## HEAT EXCHANGER WORLD AMERICAS

October 15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • Booth #2011

NRG Center • Houston, Texas

[www.heat-exchanger-world-americas.com](http://www.heat-exchanger-world-americas.com)



## ICRI 2025 FALL CONVENTION

October 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Intercontinental Hotel • Chicago, IL

[www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org)



## ACI FALL CONVENTION

October 26<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • Booth #401

Baltimore Marriott Inner Hotel • Baltimore, MD

[www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org)



## AWT 2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

November 12<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 • Booth #121

The Broadmoor • Colorado Springs, Colorado

[www.awt.org/events/annual-convention](http://www.awt.org/events/annual-convention)



## BIONETIX® & LATIN AMERICA SALES MEETING

November 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Miami, Florida

[www.cortecvci.com/2025-bionetix-international-sales-meeting](http://www.cortecvci.com/2025-bionetix-international-sales-meeting)



## NITSM 2025

December 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott • The Woodlands, Texas

[www.nistm.org](http://www.nistm.org)



## WORLD OF CONCRETE 2026

January 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 • Booth #S11614

Las Vegas Convention Center • Las Vegas, Nevada

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