

# NEWSLETTER

## Seeing the bigger picture in the fight against corrosion



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Dear corrosionists,

There is a very true saying, "you can't see the forest for the trees". I remembered it when recently asked a couple of simple questions by a representative from an EFC Member Society. My main responsibility as the EFC President is to identify where EFC needs to grow and initiate corresponding processes. However, most of my time is taken up by signing documents, negotiating minor organisational changes, solving tiny daily problems, and discussing personal issues. Not much space is left to take a bird's eye view of EFC. So, I found it very refreshing when I was asked to answer these particular questions, which you can find, together with my answers within this issue of the EFC Newsletter.

Let me highlight just one aspect linked to the future of corrosion. I am a strong optimist here. The paradigm is slowly but surely changing. Society is not only requesting rapid and immediate solutions, but also sustainable ones. It is more and more important to consider the entire life

cycle of products and beyond, including their recyclability. You cannot do it without corrosion scientists and engineers. We need to make sure that all design and material selection decisions are made from this perspective, which obviously means there's going to be an increased demand for well-educated and trained corrosion experts. I do not think that tools of artificial intelligence will replace us any time soon.

In fact, they can help us if they are cleverly integrated into the decision-making process; still, the role of experienced and educated individuals is indispensable. There is a lot of work ahead of us. We need to develop new complex materials with advanced properties and reduced environmental impact, make sure that they will survive long enough, and they are easily recyclable after the end of the use. I am thus not afraid of running into a bored corrosionist any soon.

Enjoy reading the EFC Newsletter.

Yours, Tomáš Prošek

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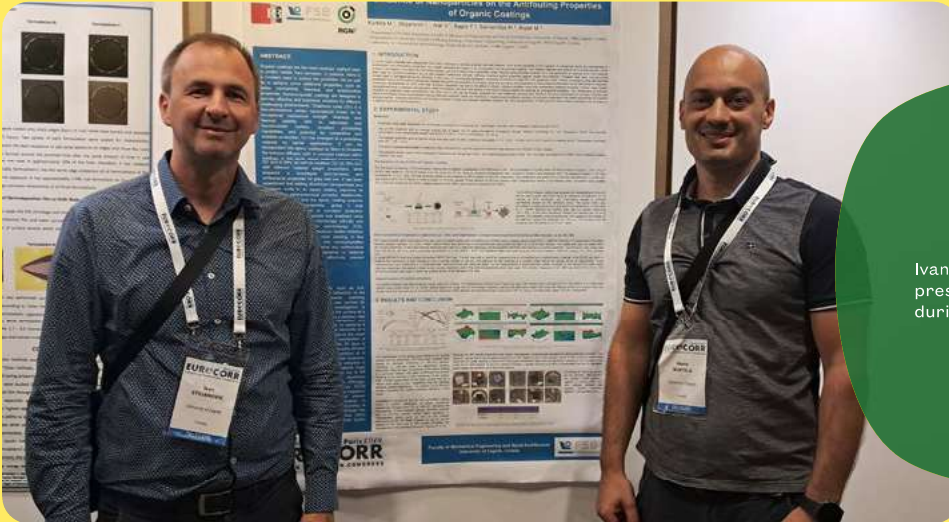
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# Croatian Member Society take in Paris at EUROCORN

A delegation from Hrvatsko društvo za zaštitu materijala (HDZAMA), the Croatian Society for Materials Protection travelled to Paris



The Cortec Corporation booth (top) is always a Croatian meeting point at EUROCORN. From left: Sanja Martinez and Ivana Šoić (Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology and ReCorrTech), Ivana Lipoščak (Cortec Corporation), Krešimir Kekez (PA-EL), Ivana Radić Boršić (Cortec Corporation). Ivana Radić Boršić (left), presents her research on biobased acrylic coating. And representatives of three EFC member societies enjoyed the fine French cuisine and wine at Chez Marthe. From left: Jan Stoullil, Association of Czech and Slovak Corrosion Engineers (AKI), Torfinn Havn, Norwegian Corrosion Society, and Ivan Stojanović, Croatian Society for Materials Protection



Ivan Stojanović (left) and Marin Kurtela present their study on organic coatings during the poster session in Paris



Happy faces after successful presentations (above). From left: Ivan Stojanović and Marin Kurtela (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture), Stjepan Pavliša, and Krešimir Kekez (PA-EL Company). And (right), every EUROCORR brings a new case study. Krešimir Kekez, an active member from PA-EL Company presents his paper on cathodic protection

