

REPORT ON EUROCARR 2008

Over 800 delegates came to this EUROCARR, which took place on 7 – 11 September 2008 in the EICC - Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, United Kingdom. It turned out to be the best attended in the series. The delegates represented 59 countries, among which the top five places were occupied by United Kingdom (198), Germany (116), France (80), Norway (39) and USA (38).

The conference was organised on behalf of the EFC as Event Number 299 by DECHEMA e.V., Institute of Corrosion, Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, NACE UK and the Institute of Metal Finishing.

For EUROCARR 2008, the focus was on “Managing Corrosion for Sustainability”, which has been recycled from last year’s UK Corrosion conference. More importantly, it reflects the interests of the key petroleum service sector in the local economy around Aberdeen (just up the road from Edinburgh), a world-leading centre in asset management services. It also encapsulates the critical role of corrosion science, technology and engineering in extending the useful life of materials.

The Opening Ceremony began with an introductory welcome given by Professor Stuart Lyon, the chairman of the conference, who acted as the master of ceremonies during the Opening Ceremony. He introduced Professor Michael Schütze, EFC President, who added his welcome.

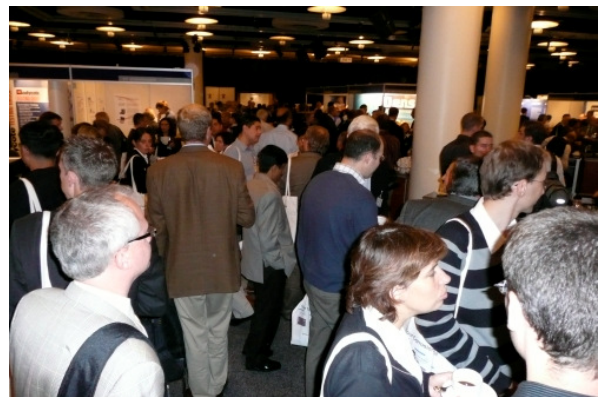
During the ceremony the EFC Cavallaro medal was awarded to Professor Philippe Marcus, EFC Vice-President, of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Paris, who gave an impressive talk covering corrosion problems at the nanoscale and the increasing importance solving them in the future. The Plenary Lecture was given by Michael Schütze. He emphasised the future needs of worldwide corrosion research in his captivating talk on „Progress on Corrosion Protection as a Requirement for Technical Progress”. The essential intention of his talk was the challenge to increase public and in particular political awareness for continued and even increased efforts in the field of corrosion research and the development of corrosion protection techniques. Furthermore he pointed out, that corrosion is an issue that addresses all countries of the world at every level of industrialisation. For this reason a much stronger international collaboration is imperative.



Professor Marcus (right) receiving the Cavallaro Medal from Professor Zucchi

This was also the incitation of the WCO-Workshop entitled “Needs for Corrosion Research to Solve Global Future Problems”. Which was one of seven different workshops taking place during the conference. Some 305 oral presentations were listed in the programme, together with 109 posters distributed over twenty four scientific sessions, two of which were joint sessions.

The conference was completed by an exhibition with the remarkable number of thirty exhibitors. During the breaks, the exhibition hall was well visited with many interesting talks at the stands. Therewith the exhibition fits perfect in the overall picture of the EUROCARR 2008 as the prosperous flagship event within the European corrosion community.



The exhibition hall during a break

The complete satisfaction of all attendees is a kudos to the organisational team and a great incentive for the next EUROCARR which will take place in the beautiful city of Nice in France hosted by CEFRAFOR, ENSCP and FFC/SCI.