EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Virtual Meeting

Monday 24 March 2025

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MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Administrators

of the

European Federation of Corrosion

Venue of meeting: **Virtual Meeting**

Date and time of meeting: **Monday 24 March 2025** - **14:00**

Chair: **Dr. Gareth Hinds -** ***EFC President***

Secretary: **Mrs. Mariana Berthet -** ***Paris Office***

Decisions Taken:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes of the last meeting.
2. Approval of the EUROCORR 2024 report.
3. Agreement on the principle of reducing EFC office costs.
4. Approval of the application from 3X Engineering and noting the resignation of Akzo Nobel.
5. Approval of the legal resolutions for the President, Vice President, and Past President and granting power of attorney to Corpoconsult Srl, Avenue Louise 200, Box 21, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, represented by its administrators, David Richelle or Pascal Decoo, each acting separately, to carry out any formalities that may be necessary for the publication of these decisions in the Annexes of the *Moniteur Belge*, including signing the publication forms and filing them with the *Greffe du Tribunal de l'Entreprise de Bruxelles* (Registry of the Brussels Business Court).
6. Agreement on the eligibility of students to join the international branch without a discount.
7. Approval of the new contract for Mr. Pascal Collet.
8. Approval of the financial results for 2024, forecast for 2025, and provisional budget for 2026.
9. Approval of the increase in membership fees in 2026.
10. Support for the EFC President's priorities for the next two years.

Action Points:

1. **Dr. Gareth Hinds** and **Dr. Patrick Keil** to attend the meeting in Paris with **Dr. Philippe Marcus** on April 16, 2025 to discuss EFC office costs.
2. **Mrs. Mariana Berthet** to communicate the legal resolutions to the lawyer and check with BoA members that their names in legal documents are accurate.
3. **Mr. Pascal Collet** to continue discussions with the professor in Qatar regarding affiliate membership.
4. **Mrs. Julija Bugajeva** to file the 2024 tax return based on the presented results.
5. **Dr. Gareth Hinds** to discuss the proposed membership fee increase with Member Society representatives.
6. **Mr. Dan Mobbs** to include trackers in clickable links for the EFC newsletters.
7. **Mrs. Mariana Berthet** to send a doodle form to BoA members to select a date for the EUROCORR 2028 Host Selection Meeting.
8. **Mrs. Julija Bugajeva** to add to the future annual budget an estimated 1130€ for 10 Microsoft 365 licenses.
9. **Dr. Patrick Keil** to circulate the modified version of the Ukraine statement published on the EFC webpage for approval by BoA members by email.

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ATTENDANCE LIST

BoA Members:
Mrs. Claude **DURET-THUAL** (France) - Elected Member
Prof. Lorenzo **FEDRIZZI** (Italy) - Elected Member
Assoc. Prof. Yaiza **GONZALEZ-GARCIA** (The Netherlands) **-** Elected Member
Mr. Bartłomiej **GUZIK** (Poland) **-** Elected Member
Dr. Patrick Karl-Heinz **KEIL** (Germany) **– Vice-President**
Prof. Milan **KOURIL** (Czech Republic) **-** Elected Member
Dr. Marta **MOHEDANO SÁNCHEZ** (Spain) **-** Elected Member – Social Media
Dr. Tomáš **PROŠEK** (Czech Republic) **– Past-President** – EUROCORR 2028
Prof. Johan **TIDBLAD** (Sweden) - Elected Member

Ex Officio Representative
Mrs. Julija **BUGAJEVA** (United Kingdom) - Honorary Treasurer - EUROCORR 2026

Frankfurt Office (Germany)
Dr. Andreas **FÖRSTER** (Germany) **-** Founder Member Society

London Office (United Kingdom):
Dr. Valerian Gareth **HINDS** (United Kingdom) **- President** - Founder Member Society - EUROCORR 2026

Paris Office (France):
Mrs. Mariana **BERTHET** (France)
Prof. Philippe **MARCUS** (France) **-** Founder Member Society – EUROCORR 2024

Invited:
Mr. Pascal **COLLET** (France) – COO
Dr. Torfinn **HAVN** (Norway) - EUROCORR 2025
Mr. Dan **MOBBS** (United Kingdom) **-** EFC Newsletter
Dr. Noémie **OTT** (Switzerland) - Young EFC President
Dr. Stefan **RITTER** (Switzerland) **-** STAC Chair

Excused
Dr. Roman **BENDER** (Germany) - Scientific Secretary - Frankfurt Office
Mrs. Ines **HONNDORF** (Germany) - Frankfurt Office
Prof. Dr. Ir. Herman **TERRYN** (Belgium) **-** Founder Member Society

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ONLINE MEETING OF THE EFC BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS (BOA)

Meeting Documents:

The Working Papers of the meeting, along with all updated reports, can be found in the following shared folder: SHARED BoA WP 20250324

Item 1 Opening of the Meeting (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, President of the EFC and Chair of the meeting, welcomed BoA members.

Item 2 Apologies for Absence (MB)

In accordance with the attendance list provided in the previous pages, Mrs. Mariana Berthet, Paris Office, announced apologies received for absence.

- Dr. Roman Bender (Scientific Secretary, Germany)
- Mrs. Ines Honndorf (Frankfurt Office, Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Ir. Herman Terryn (Belgium) **-** Founder Member Society

Item 3 Approval of the Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting (GH)

The proposed agenda was approved with no objections.

The minutes of the previous Extraordinary BoA Virtual Meeting that took place online on December 3rd 2024, were approved without any corrections or comments.

Item 4 Administrative Matters

4-1 Applications for EFC Membership (FO)

Mrs. Mariana Berthet presented the information sent by Mrs. Ines Honndorf, Frankfurt Office, regarding the application from 3X Engineering (**see shared files, Item 4-1)** and the resignation of Akzo Nobel, for financial reasons. The application was approved, and the resignation was noted.

4-2 Belgian Matters & BoA Members nominations (MB)

Mrs. Mariana Berthet discussed the legal requirements for the President, Vice President, and Past President to be taken into account for the UBO register and Moniteur Belge **(see shared files, Item 4-2)**. She reminded BoA members of the need to use their full legal names for all official documents, including minutes of meetings, to be sent to the law firm Corpoconsult, in Brussels. The resolutions were approved.

BoA members were reminded that the call for nominations for the next term of office (1 January 2026 – 31 December 2028) was issued on February 25, 2025 by the Frankfurt Office.

4-3 EFC International Branch (PC)

The EFC COO, Mr. Pascal Collet, presented the activities and developments of the International Branch, including the application from students in Qatar (see shared files, Item 4-3). The eligibility of students was discussed, and it was agreed that they could join without a discount.

4-4 EFC-COO contract (GH)

The EFC President, Dr. Gareth Hinds, presented the proposed terms of a new two-year COO contract for approval by the BoA (**see shared files, Item 4-4)** which was approved by the BoA.

Item 5 Financial Issues (JB)

An EFC Financial Report was presented by the EFC Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva**, see shared files, Item 5.**

5-1 Accounts for 2024

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, presented the provisional accounts for the year 2024, **see Annex 1 of Item 5.**

The BoA approved the provisional accounts for 2024.

5-2 Forecast for 2025

The EFC budget for 2025 was agreed by the General Assembly during its Ordinary Virtual Meeting on 20 June 2024. As the 2025 accounts are projected to show a deficit, the BoA is concerned about this development, is tracking it closely, and has initiated measures, such as reducing the costs of the offices.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, showed the expected changes to 2025 income and expenditure, **see Annex 2 of Item 5**.

The BoA approved the forecast for 2025.

5-3 Budget for 2026

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, presented proposals for the budget for 2026, **see Annex 2 of Item 5**.

The budget for 2026 was approved with the inclusion of a reserve for office cost restructuring.

5-4 Current Subscription Position

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, presented the status of subscriptions paid by EFC Member Societies (year-to-date), **see Annex 3 of Item 5**.

5-5 Adoption of Financial Report

The BoA approved the Financial Report presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva.

5-6 2026 Membership Fees

A proposed increase in Membership Fees for 2026 was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, and whether to put it forward to GA for approval, **see shared files, Item 5-5.** The proposal to increase was discussed and voted upon. The increase was approved with a vote of six to three. Taking into account the discussion and the fact that the vote was not unanimous, Dr. Gareth Hinds agreed to discuss the proposed increase with Member Society representatives ahead of the vote at the General Assembly in June.

Item 6 EFC Activities

6-1 Evolution of EFC and EUROCORR in the coming years (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds presented his priorities as EFC President for the next two years, focusing on maintaining the attractiveness of EUROCORR, improving financial sustainability, and building a sense of community. The BoA supported these priorities.

6-2 Report on COO Activities and EFC Business Development (PC)

Mr. Pascal Collet, the EFC COO, presented a report on his activities covering the period September 2024 to March 2025, and a plan for the next period, **see shared files, Item 6-2.**

The BoA approved the EFC COO report.

6-3 Report on STAC Activities (SR)

The STAC Chair, Dr. Stefan Ritter, reported on STAC activities (**see shared files, Item 6-3)** including the announcement of the following award recipients:

- **European Corrosion Medal**: Prof. Ingrid Milošev, Jožef Stefan Institute, SLO
- **Honorary Fellow Award:** Mrs. Pascale Bridou Buffet, Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie, FR
- **EFC Young Scientist Grant***: Jonatan Gomez Granados*, Complutense of Madrid (UCM), ES*; Klára Kuchťáková*, University of Chemistry & Techn. Prague, CZ; *Marina Furbino Martins*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BE.

The report was approved by the BoA

6-4 Report of the Scientific Secretary (RB)

Dr. Roman Bender’s report can be found in the EFC BoA shared folder, **see Item 6-4.**

6-5 Report on Activities of Young EFC (NO)

A report of the Young EFC network activities, covering the period September 2024 to February 2025, was presented by Dr. Noémie Ott, **see shared files, Item 6-5**.

The BoA approved the report on Young EFC Activities.

6-6 Report on Social Media Activities (MM)

Dr. Marta Mohedano presented a report on Social Media Activities covering the period September 2024 to February 2025, **see shared files, Item 6-6**.

The BoA approved the report on Social Media Activities.

6-7 EFC Book Series and Journals (RB)

Dr. Roman Bender’s report can be found in the EFC BoA shared folder **(see Item 6-4+6-7).**

6-8 EFC Newsletter (DM)

Mr. Dan Mobbs presented a report on the current situation regarding the EFC Newsletter, **see shared files, Item 6-8.** It included the updates and changes to the EFC newsletters, as well as the inclusion of adverts and interviews. The report was approved by the BoA.

Item 7 EUROCORR Series: 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028

7-1 EUROCORR 2024, Paris (France) - Final Report on Results (PhM)

Prof. Philippe Marcus reported on the results of EUROCORR 2024, which was held in Paris, France, at Palais des Congrès, from **1 to 5 September 2024**. The general theme was "**A step forward in societal awareness of material degradation issues**".

The EUROCORR Report Form 2 can be found on the **shared files, Item 7-1.**

7-2 EUROCORR 2025, Stavanger (Norway) - Progress with Arrangements (TH)

EUROCORR 2025 will be held in Stavanger, Norway at the Siddis Center – Stavanger Forum, from **7 to 11 September 2025**. The general theme will be "**Joining Forces for smart and sustainable solutions to fighting corrosion in society**".

Dr. Torfinn Havn reported on progress with arrangements for EUROCORR 2025, **see shared files, Item 7-2.**

7-3 EUROCORR 2026, Dublin (Ireland) - Report on Preliminary Arrangements (JB, GH)

EUROCORR 2026 will be held in Dublin, Ireland on **6 to 10 September 2026.** The general theme proposed is "**Corrosion challenges for clean technologies**".

Dr. Gareth Hinds briefly reported on preliminary arrangements.

7-4 EUROCORR & ICC 2027, Prague (Czech Republic) - Initial Progress Report (TP)

A report on the initial progress in the organisation of EUROCORR 2027 was presented by Dr. Tomáš Prošek, **see shared files, Item 7-4.**

All reports were well received and good progress is being made for each event.

7-5 EUROCORR 2028 - Meeting Selection of the Host

The Call for Bids for EUROCORR 2028 was sent to the EFC Member Societies by the Frankfurt Office on 4 February 2025 with a deadline of application fixed on **June 2, 2025.**

The Selection Meeting of the Host for EUROCORR 2028 is pending; a doodle form will be sent to BoA members to select a date.

Item 8 International Activities

8-1 AMPP International (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds provided some context regarding AMPP's increased efforts to establish a presence in Europe, including setting up local chapters and organising conferences. Concerns were raised about potential competition with EFC's activities, particularly regarding a proposed general corrosion conference in 2026 that might breach the long-standing agreement with AMPP. The board emphasised the importance of strengthening relationships with member societies and partners, maintaining internal communication, and addressing these challenges strategically. Additionally, AMPP's interest in board membership nominations was noted, with plans for further dialogue to address these developments.

8-2 WCO (World Corrosion Organization) (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, EFC President and outgoing WCO President, provided a brief update on WCO activities, announcing a successor for his role as President, with the nomination set for the AMPP Conference in Nashville.

8-3 Activities in China (TP)

The EFC Past President, Dr. Tomáš Prošek, reported on progress regarding the cooperation with CSCP. He remarked that the conference, held biennially, is planned for 2026 with strong EFC participation and support, and Dr. Patrick Keil is actively engaging with CSCP representatives to ensure collaboration.

Item 9 EFC Office Costs (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, EFC President, provided an update on the agreement with the EFC Secretariats regarding administrative costs for 2025 **(see shared files, Item 9-i).** He discussed the need to reduce these costs and the upcoming meeting in Paris on April 16th to discuss this matter further. The principle of reducing costs was agreed upon by the BoA.

Item 10 New EFC Database Project (PC)

The EFC COO, Pascal Collet, reported on the implementation of the new EFC database, and its current situation, **see shared files, Item 10.** The new IT system is based on Microsoft 365; it is set up to centralise office information, with plans to integrate a V Tiger platform database through Mr. Pascal Collet and IT consultant Mr. Christophe Clement for full compatibility and functionality.

Item 11 Any other Business

The EFC Vice-President, Dr. Patrick Keil, expressed the need to update the Ukraine statement that is currently on the EFC Website. The BoA agreed. Dr. Patrick Keil will propose a modification and he will send it by email to BoA members for approval.

Item 12 Date and Place of next BoA

The next Ordinary BoA Meeting will take place in conjunction with EUROCORR 2025 on **Sunday 7 September 2025,** from **14:00** to **18:00** on **meeting Room Jæren 1 and 2, (EXPO Building, 2nd Floor),** Stavanger, Norway.