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Meeting of the Board of Administrators of the European Federation of Corrosion, Aachen, Germany, August 29, 1999

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Germany
Conference-Room 2

Date and time of meeting: August 29, 1999, 13.00 h

Chairman: Mr P. L. Bonora (EFC President)

Secretary: Ms P. Bridou (Paris Office)

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS
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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE EFC BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Item 01 Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Bonora, President of the EFC, who welcomed the delegates present (see attendance list).

Item 02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from the following members of BoA:

Ms B. Jost, DECHEMA, Frankfurt, Germany;
Mr B. Linder, Swedish Corrosion Institute, Stockholm, Sweden;
Mr B. A. Rickinson, The Institute of Materials, London, UK.

Item 1 Approval of the Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting of BoA

- 1.1** The proposed agenda was approved subject to two changes. Mr McIntyre, EFC Scientific Secretary, requested the inclusion under Item 11, Any Other Business of a new Item 11.1: Release of EFC WP Membership Lists to Third Parties. Mr Booker, Honorary Treasurer, proposed that, in view of the current financial situation of the EFC that Item 8, Finance, should be taken as the next item on the agenda. These changes were agreed.
- 1.2** The minutes of the London meeting, (7 May 1999), were approved as a correct record.

Item 8 Finance: Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr Booker presented the Financial Report (see BoA Working Papers Appendix 4 (page 22), and 1999 GA Working Papers Appendix 4 (page 16) and GA Minutes Appendix 1 (amended Financial Report)).

8.1 Financial statement for 1998

This had been discussed at the previous meeting of the BoA. The Income/Expenditure account shows a significant deficit of 7217 Euros, reducing the reserves to 8150 Euros. This was mainly due to:

- loss in subscription income;
- poor recruitment to WP Individual Membership;
- problems in recovering overdue contributions from Member Societies.

8.2 Report from the Finance Task Group

The objectives were to make recommendations to the BOA to approve:

- increases in the contribution rates;
- a budget for 2000 and beyond;
- improved proposals for managing EUROCORN budgets.

Mr Booker outlined the consideration given to particular elements of the budget, especially the historical review of the formulas used for setting the various contribution rates (Appendix 4/3 of the BoA Working Papers). The present simple 2-tier system (East and West European MS) was due for review after 3 years anyway. It was agreed that, on the basis of assessing the specific degree of commitment to corrosion among the MS, there was a case for rearranging the present 2-tier division (East and West European MS) into a 3-tier grouping, to be associated with an increased contribution rate (Appendix 4/7 of the BoA Working Papers). The revised rates would be 1500 Euros for Tier 1, 1000 Euros for Tier 2, and 150 Euros for Tier 3, producing a contribution income of 26,350, up from 16,000 Euros, if the proposal was adopted.

On this issue the recommendation was that the BoA approves for adoption by the General Assembly the increase in the MS contribution rates as set out in Appendix 4/7 of the BoA Working Papers.

In the ensuing wide ranging discussion the following points emerged:

- (a) Mr Berge recognised the problems associated with this difficult exercise, but, unless there is strong opposition, the recommendation should be accepted. The 10% rate for Eastern Europe hopefully represented a transitional situation. Mr Kreysa thought that eventual entry into the EMS should make it possible to expect a higher contribution.

(b) Ms Lunde explained that NFK was a specialist but small organisation with limited funds, in contrast to the Swedish Corrosion Institute. It seemed that Tier 2 would be more appropriate and representations would be made. In regard to the EUROCORR levy 4,500 Euro should be considered the bare minimum and NFK are hoping to make up the difference after Trondheim. A very successful EUROCORR could bring in more.

(c) Mr Booker emphasised that the EUROCORR organisers should provide the BoA with a short written report, as indicated in the Agreement, when the levy is transferred, together with a debriefing statement that could be useful for future guidance. Mr de Wit agreed that this would be helpful.

(d) Mr Pourbaix agreed that the more committed societies should pay more. While agreeing to support the proposal at the GA he expressed reservations about individual membership which should be reviewed. It is a small sum and expensive to collect. More encouragement should be given to joining a MS. Mr Harrop shared this view.

(e) Mr Bonora emphasised that the WPs represented the EFC's fight against corrosion. He drew comparisons with the organisation of ISE conferences (1200 delegates) with income from organisers of individual sessions. He considered that "Something was not working with the EFC", but thought that personal membership performed a useful role. Mr Kreysa had not experienced cases of MS members being lost because individual membership (IM) was cheaper. The actual IM income appeared to represent a very small proportion of the EFC budget.

(f) Mr Harrop stressed the importance of the BoA looking forward beyond 2000 with a 5-year rolling plan incorporating WP participation. This would appeal more to industry if asked for support and would provide the BoA with a well-defined strategy on which to base a financial plan. This is necessary in order to justify any increases in contribution rates. It was agreed that it is not the Treasurer's responsibility to try to do this on a year-to-year basis.

(g) Mr Kreysa referred to a "European Passport Scheme" operated by the EFChemEng through its MS offering their members reduced rates for events. This might be relevant to EFC activities.

In concluding the discussion at this point the budget for 2000 was then approved and Mr Bonora, from the chair, formally proposed, with the Board's agreement, that the BoA recommend for adoption by the General Assembly:

- (i) The new 3 tier increases in the contribution rates for Member Societies and
- (ii) The proposed budget for 2000

Furthermore, it was agreed that the minimum levy to the EFC from a EUROCORR event should be 4500 Euro.

Mr Booker explained that the meeting of the Finance Task Group had been most valuable, but time had not allowed a 5 year forward look. This should be a priority for next year's meeting. It would be desirable to review aims & objectives before fixing a budget.

It was agreed that Mr Harrop, as Vice-President, should join the Group.

8.3 Revised 1999 Budget Statement

Mr Booker tabled a recent update on the 1999 finances. Some beneficial changes in the Income/Expenditure budget had been confirmed:

- The IoM (London) had agreed to print and distribute the Newsletter free of charge with the inclusion of the IoM publications list (including EFC books), saving 3000 Euro;
- WP expenditure had only reached 6500, saving 1000 Euro;
- CEBELCOR & DECHEMA had each offered a voluntary additional contribution of 1000 Euro.
- The EUROCORR '98 levy from NCC had come in at 5700 Euro, a very successful outcome.

The updated budget proposals are given in Appendix 1.

Item 2 Report on STAC Activities

Ms Lunde, Chairman of STAC, reported that good progress was being maintained by the EFC Working Parties, all of whom had contributed to the Aachen EUROCORR Congress.

In particular, Ms Lunde drew attention to recent successes by EFC Working Parties in obtaining EU support for their activities. WP9 (Marine Corrosion) has obtained 650,000 Euros under Framework V for tests on stainless steels in sea water. This money will go to the nine organisations which are participating in the collaborative project. In addition, WP12 (Computer Information Systems) has received 50,000 Euros from DG XII in connection with the BRITE-EuRAM thematic network "OCEAN".

There was discussion of the need for EFC to agree how to handle EU support in future. The President, Mr Bonora, suggested that proposals from EFC WPs should include some administrative work to be undertaken by EFC officials in return for 5-10% of the budget. He reported that WP14 (Coatings) had recently submitted two proposals for EU funding, one concerned with polymer coatings and the other with thermally sprayed coatings. The latter proposal had already been approved. Discussions about support were in progress and Mr Bonora undertook to seek money for EFC administrative work from it.

Action: Mr Bonora

An action was placed on the Scientific Secretary and the incoming President to draft guidelines concerning future EFC applications for EU support, identifying who should act as signatories.

Action: Mr Berge and Mr McIntyre

Ms Lunde reported that STAC had also discussed the need for guidelines for the organisation of future EUROCORR events. The Scientific Secretary had agreed to draft proposals, taking into account experience from EUROCORR '99. These would include a form to be completed after each event as part of the debriefing process stating how many delegates had attended and how the EUROCORR Levy had been calculated. It had been agreed that a minimum levy of 4,500 Euro would be fair.

Mr Berge identified the need for each WP to develop a five-year plan stating its short, medium and long term aims. Ms Lunde agreed that a clear commitment about the future direction of projects would be helpful to industry. She stressed the need for more time to be set aside in meetings of STAC for the discussion of future plans.

Finally, it was announced that STAC had re-elected Ms Lunde for a further three-year term in office.

Item 3 EFC Working Party on Automotive Corrosion

Mr de Wit, who had proposed the formation of a new WFC WP on Automotive Corrosion reported that its inaugural meeting would be held during EUROCORR '99, on Monday, August 30th. He was optimistic about the success of this meeting, which was to be convened by Mr Blekkenhorst.

Item 4 Role of the EFC in Certification

M. Bonora, confirmed the general interest in this matter, particularly in connection with cathodic protection and coatings. Progress was being made in both of these areas in parallel. He referred to meetings that had involved many participants, including FROSIO, APCE, I. Corr. and others. He expressed willingness to continue to coordinate meetings of the EFC Certification Task Force, which had been established under his leadership. The 3 WPs most directly involved in the task force are:

WP 7 Education;
WP14 Coatings;
WP16 Cathodic Protection

Mr Berge emphasised the need for the task force to develop plans for the future and Mr Bonora agreed to coordinate this activity.

Action: Mr Bonora

Item 5 Liaisons with other organisations

5.1 *PCE (Protective Coatings Europe)*

Mr Bonora referred to the world-wide circulation of PCE to 22000 subscribers. A benefit to EFC of sponsorship of PCE is the levy paid by PCE for every EFC registrant to its events.

5.2 CEOCOR (European Committee on the Study of Corrosion and Protection of Pipes)

Mr Pourbaix had represented EFC at the last meeting of CEOCOR in Leyden and he reported that CEOCOR had been positive about informal exchanges of information and other forms of collaboration with EFC.

5.3 FATIPEC

M. Bonora mentioned that during FATIPEC 2000, Torino, Italy, 19-22 September, an anti-corrosive coating session will be held with the co-sponsorship of WP 14 (Coatings).

As approved at the last BoA meeting in London, an EFC Event Number will be allocated to this meeting.

Item 6 EUROCORR Series

6.1 EUROCORR '98 - Mr de Wit indicated that there had been 380 fee-paying participants among the total of 500 delegates at EUROCORR '98 in Utrecht. Despite a disappointing financial outcome, due to more than the expected number of delegates requesting hard copies of the

proceedings (which had to be photocopied on the spot at NCC expense), the event had contributed 5700 Euros to the EFC budget via the EUROCORR Levy.

- 6.2 **EUROCORR '99** - Mr Meier reported that 450 participants were expected. The proceedings of the congress were to be distributed on a CD-ROM which was demonstrated by Mr Kreysa. The software has been contracted to an external organisation which had proved costly. DECHEMA intended to develop its own software for this purpose and would share it with EFC for use in connection with future EUROCORR events.
- 6.3 **EUROCORR 2000** – Mr Harrop announced he would be making a presentation to the WP Chairman on Tuesday 31st August and to all delegates at the closing session of EUROCORR. He indicated that some illustrations of Queen Mary and Westfield College, the venue for the event, to be held in London on 10-14 September 2000, would be presented. The low cost of accommodation available there was emphasised.
- 6.4 **EUROCORR 2001** – Mr Bonora reported that this will take place at Lake Garda in September 2001. The task force proposed by Mr Isecke at the last meeting of BoA had met in London on 28th June to discuss guidelines for organising this and future EUROCORR events, as shown in Appendix 3 of the Working Papers.
- 6.5 **EUROCORR 2002 and beyond** – The question of the venue for EUROCORR 2002 was still open since the ICC would not be deciding the location of the 2002 ICC congress until the end of September in Cape Town. Mr de Wit stated that he would be attending that meeting.

It was felt that if the ICC was to be held within Europe, it may be possible to organise a joint EUROCORR/ICC event. Alternatively, it may be appropriate for the EFC to host a smaller and more focused meeting during 2002.

Item 7 Membership of the EFC

The Scientific Secretary reported that he had received an expression of interest in joining the EFC from the Corrosion Group of the Institute of Precision Mechanics in Warsaw. However, a formal application to join had not yet been received so it was not possible for the BoA to propose its approval to the General Assembly.

Item 9 EFC Activities

9.1 Scientific Secretary's Report

Mr McIntyre highlighted some items from his written report which had been included as Appendix 5 in the Working Papers. These included the provision of assistance in soliciting support from the Member Societies for the proposed WP on Automotive Corrosion. Eleven countries had so far offered their support to the proposal.

He reported that there had been strong support from WP members for the proposed formation of an electronic EFC Newsgroup on Corrosion, to be included on the Institute of Materials website in the first instance. This would provide an opportunity to publicise EFC more widely via an electronic version of the Newsletter, with updates as appropriate. All EFC Member Societies would be free to publicise their events, and individual WP members would also be able to make use of the facility.

9.2 Publications

Mr McIntyre referred to the production of another new title in the EFC Series. EFC 27, the proceedings of the Workshop on Cyclic Oxidation Testing held in Frankfurt during February 1999 would be available for purchase in Aachen during EUROCORR '99. Two more books in preparation included the proceedings of the joint EFC/ISE Symposium on Coatings to be held in Pavia during September 1999 (EFC 28) and the proceedings of the 4th EFC Workshop on Microbial Corrosion held in Lisbon in June (EFC 29).

9.3 Newsletter

Mr McIntyre reported that the 9th issue of the EFC Newsletter had been produced in July 1999 and 1000 copies had been distributed to the Member Societies and to Working Party members. It would also appear in the September issue of Materials and Corrosion and on the web.

Item 10 Administrative Matters

10.1 Calendar of EFC Events

Mr McIntyre stated that the EFC Calendar, included as Appendix 7 in the Working Papers, provided details of eight forthcoming events.

Item 11 Any other Business

It was suggested that the minutes and the Working Papers of BoA and GA be distributed by e-mail excepted for those who prefer to receive them by hard copy or by fax. Mr Berge recommended that the minutes be kept concise and

that the hard copy version be shortened by double-sided printing without the book binding.

11.1 Release of WP Membership Lists to Third Parties

Mr McIntyre reported that he had received an approach from Turid Singsass of CorrOcean (see Appendix 2). She wanted details of the names and addresses of members of six EFC Wps for publicity purposes. Following consultation with Ms Lunde, this request had been refused. The members of BoA agreed unanimously that EFC address lists must not be released to commercial bodies.

Item 12 Date and Place of next BoA meeting

It was agreed that the next BoA meeting would be held at the Société de Chimie Industrielle in **Paris**, on **7th April 2000**, (Friday), **room 354**, at a time to be announced later.

APPENDICES

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION

REVISED BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1999

	1998		1999		Actual
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Revised	25.8.99
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	Euros	Euros	Euros	Euros	Euros
Scientific Secretary					
Fees	10000	10118	10000	10000	5813
Paris office		1065			
Travel & postage etc	2000	2109	2000	2000	43
Administration charge	6500	7100	7500	7500	
Newsletter	3000	3329	3000	0	0
Honorary officers expenses	2000	1329	2000	2000	-
European Corrosion Medal	0	0	1000	1000	1000
Support for Working Parties	7500	5347	7500	6500	6500
Account management & audit fees	750	0	0	0	
Bank charges	200	256	200	200	100
	<u>33150</u>	<u>30653</u>	<u>33200</u>	<u>29200</u>	<u>13456</u>
<u>INCOME</u>					
Subscriptions: Western Europe	18400	18600	15600	15600	6900
Eastern Europe	900		500	500	193
Additional voluntary contributions				2000	2000
Newsletter sales	(700)	421	0	400	-
EUROCORR levy from previous year	4500	3559	4500	5700	5700
Royalties	1500	1832	3000	2000	-
Individual membership	4000	726	4000	1000	-
	<u>30000</u>	<u>25138</u>	<u>27600</u>	<u>27200</u>	<u>14793</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3150)	(5515)	(5600)	(2000)	
Proceeds from transfer of funds from the ECEF				3780	

From: Turid Singaas [turid@corrocean.no]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 1999 3:38 PM
To: paul_mcintyre@materials.org.uk
Subject: Participant list

Hello, I am working with CorroOcean's participation at EuroCorr in Aachen in September this year. In connection with our participation we want to send some information to some people regarding new products and our exhibition participation at EuroCorr. Is it possible to get an address list from you of the members of the European Federation of Corrosion? It would be of great help to us if possible.

Looking forward to your reply. Thanks in advance.

For CorroOcean ASA
Turid Singaas