EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Meeting

Sunday 27 August 2023

WORKING PAPERS

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Meeting of the Board of Administrators

of the

European Federation of Corrosion

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Venue of meeting:	**SQUARE - Brussels Meeting Centre** **Glass Entrance** **Mont des Arts/Kunstberg** **B-1000 Brussels** **Room: Studio 201 A/B**
Date and time of meeting:	**Sunday 27 August 2023** - **14:00**
Chairman:	**Dr. Tomáš PROŠEK -** ***EFC President***
Secretary:	**Mrs. Pascale Bridou Buffet -** ***Paris Office***

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS
27 AUGUST 2023 - 14:00

PROPOSED AGENDA

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Item 2 Apologies for Absence (PBB)

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

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WORKING PAPERS OF MEETING OF THE EFC BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS (BOA)

Item 1 Opening of the Meeting (TP)

Dr. Tomáš Prošek, President of the EFC and Chairman of the meeting, will welcome delegates.

Item 2 Apologies for Absence (PBB)

Mrs. Pascale Bridou Buffet, Paris Office, will announce apologies received for absence.

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

3-1 BoA members will be asked to approve the proposed agenda or to raise any issues not covered in the present agenda.

3-2 BoA members will be asked to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual BoA Meeting that took place online on 7 June 2023.

Item 4 Report on STAC Activities including Designation of Members of the EFC Award 2024 Juries (SR)

Mr. Stefan Ritter, Chairman of STAC, will summarise the main progress, initiatives and activities of the STAC.

He will also announce the Members of the EFC Awards Juries for 2024 nominated by the STAC for the EFC Medal, the Cavallaro Medal, the Kurt Schwabe Prize, the Honorary Fellow Award, the EFC Young Scientist Grant, the EUROCORR Travel Grant and the EFC Poster Prize.

In addition, BoA Members will be invited to nominate the BoA Jury Members for the Honorary Fellow Award.

Item 5 Financial issues: Update of budget for 2024 (JB)

The Honorary Treasurer, Ms. Julija Bugajeva, will present an update of the EFC Budget for 2024.

Item 6 Administrative Matters

6-1 Applications for EFC Membership (FO)

The Frankfurt Office will report on new application(s) to join the EFC and/or resignation(s), if any.

6-2 EFC Statutes and Bye-Laws (PC)

Mr. Pascal Collet, EFC COO, will present an update of the EFC Statutes to follow the new Belgian Code of Companies and Associations ("CCA") that must be brought by 1 January 2024 at the latest, see **Appendices 1 and 2**.

Due to the update of the EFC Statutes, Mr. Pascal Collet will also present an update of the EFC Bye-Laws for the concerned items, see **Appendices 1 and 3**.

Item 7 EFC activities

7-1 Report on Activities of Young EFC (NO)

A report of the Young EFC network activities, covering activities since the last 28 March 2023 virtual online BoA meeting will be presented by Dr. Noémie Ott, see **Appendix 4**.

The BoA will be invited to approve this report.

7-2 Business Plan for 2024-2027 (PC)

Mr. Pascal Collet, EFC COO, will present the Business Plan he suggests for the period 2024-2027, see **Appendix 5** to improve the EFC revenues and the new activities and services that could be proposed to EFC Members Societies.

Item 8 International activities (GH)

The EFC Vice-President, Dr. Gareth Hinds, will report on progress on cooperation with AMPP (former NACE) and activities of the World Corrosion Organization (WCO).

He also will announce the recipient of the 2023 Corrosion Awareness Honour.

Item 9 EUROCORR Series: 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

9-1 EUROCORR 2023 - Brussels (Belgium) - Report on preliminary Results (HT)

EUROCORR 2023 takes place in Brussels, Belgium, at SQUARE (Brussels Meeting Centre) from **27 to 31 August 2023**. The general theme is "**Driving corrosion prediction and protection towards a circular economy**".

Prof. Hermann Terryn will report on the preliminary results of EUROCORR 2023 based on the EUROCORR 2023 Report Form 1 provided in **Appendix 6**.

9-2 EUROCORR 2024, Paris (France) - Progress with Arrangements (PhM)

EUROCORR 2024 will be held in the heart of **Paris**, France, at Palais des Congrès, from **1 to 5 September 2024**. The general theme will be "**A step forward in societal awareness of material degradation issues**".

Prof. Philippe Marcus will report on progress with arrangements for EUROCORR 2024.

9-3 EUROCORR 2025, Stavanger (Norway) - Report on Preliminary Arrangements (TH)

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

A report on preliminary arrangements in the organisation of EUROCORR 2025 will be presented.

9-4 EUROCORR 2026: Bids Presentation and Selection of the Host (TP)

At the deadline of 31 May 2023, two bid(s) for EUROCORR 2026 have been received by the EFC Frankfurt Office.

The bidders will be invited to present their proposals to the BoA Members for decision:

- Bid from Czech Republic (Prague), see **Appendix 7**
- Bid from UK (Dublin), see **Appendix 8**

Appendix 9 provides an Evaluation of the bids realised by a Selection Committee composed with a representative of the Paris and Frankfurt Offices, the STAC Chairman as well as the EFC Past-President.

Item 10 Any other Business

BoA Members will be invited to raise any other matters.

Item 11 Date and Place of next BoA

The next BoA meeting will be held in Spring 2024, at a date to be proposed by the EFC President, Dr. Tomáš Prošek.

A P P E N D I C E S

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TF Statutes & Bye-Laws - Report
Working paper of the BoA dated August 27th, 2023

Team: Jörg Vogelsang, Gareth Hinds, Pascale Bridou Buffet, Bartlomiej Guzik, Yaiza Gonzalez Garcia, Mariana Berthet, Pascal Collet

. Statutes - proposed changes.

- Reorganization of the articles for greater consistency proposed by the Belgium lawyer Corpoconsult
- Introduction of the Law of March 23rd, 2019, introducing the Code of Companies & Association (Article 1)
- Removal of the EFC registration address, replaced by a place in the Bilingual Brussels-Capital region or in the French-speaking Region (Article 2)
- Replacement of “Honorary members” by “Honorary Fellows” (Articles 5 & 9)
- Addition of the sentence “The Association shall always have a minimum of three members” (Article 5)
- Question: currently, it says “the Association shall always have a minimum of three members” - Members or member societies? (Article 5)
- Removal of the sentence “The General Assembly shall approve the manner in which all funds of the Association are managed and the disposal of any assets and funds remaining, having honoured all outstanding debts, in the event of dissolution of the Association” as not relevant in this Article 13 (membership fee).
- Minutes of the GA are kept in a register at the Paris office of the Association (instead of the registration office in Brussels, as not physically accessible) (Article 18) - NEW
- Nomination rules of the STAC Chair (Article 22) - NEW
- Addition of the possibility of the appointment of an auditor for the annual accounts check (Article 28). Note that this audit is not mandatory by law as long as the Association does not exceed at least two of the following three criteria: average annual number of FTE employees > 50 / average turnover (excluding VAT) > 9,000 k€ / balance sheet total > 4,500 k€
- Addition of an article related to the Bye-Laws (Article 29)

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TF Statutes & Bye-Laws - Report (Continued)

. Bye-Laws - proposed changes.

- Introduction of the Law of March 23rd, 2019 introducing the Code of Companies & Association (Article 1.2)

- Removal of the sentence “The EFC President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the STAC Chair must live and work in Europe and be a member of a European Member Society” as redundancy with the Article 22 of the Statutes (Article 2)

- Introduction of “Honorary Fellows” replacing “Honorary Members” (Article 4.4)

- Introduction of “Honorary Fellows” regarding the rights (Article 5.2)

- Introduction of “Honorary Fellows” regarding the resignation (Article 5.5)

- Introduction of the special price for the first-year subscription fee if the approval does not give the advantages of the discounts associated to EUROCORR (Article 9.1)

- Notification of the date and venue for a meeting of the GA reduced to six weeks (previously 3 months) (Article 10.3.7)

- Addition of the representative of the country of registration in law (Article 11.1.3)

- Representation of a member of the BoA by a fellow administrator instead of a person nominated from the country of the member - alignment with the terms of the Statutes (Article 11.5.5)

- Quorum defined by presence or representation of at least half of the administrators - alignment with the terms in the Statutes (Article 11.5.6)

- Nomination of the STAC Chair by the BoA is added (Article 12.3.3)

- Addition of the invitation or nomination of interested individuals to participate to working parties (Article 14.2.7)

- Addition of the responsibility to decide the dismissal of WP members by the Chair (and Vice-Chair) (Article 14.4.5)

- Removal of COO’s membership of the BoA (Article 17.3)

- Reduction in the response time from 3 months to 6 weeks by the Scientific Secretariat for applications for the EFC label for courses (Article 20.8)

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Statutes Update Proposal

Revision adopted by the General Assembly of the EFC at its meeting on ~~4 September 2017 in Prague (Czech Republic).~~

I. NAME, SEAT, PURPOSE, DURATION

Article 1
The association is formed as an international non-profit association, governed by the provisions of Book 10 of the Law of March 23, 2019 introducing the Code of Companies and Association, as amended (the "**Law**").
The Association shall be known:

"Fédération Européenne de la Corrosion"
"European Federation of Corrosion"
"Europäische Föderation Korrosion"

abbreviated as EFC (hereinafter referred to as the "**Association**"). The full name and abbreviated name may be used interchangeably.

Article 2. The seat of the Association is established in the Brussels-Capital region. It may be transferred to any other place in the Bilingual Brussels-Capital region or in the French-speaking Region by unanimous decision of the-Board of Administrators. This transfer must be published in the Appendices to the Belgian Official Gazette.

Article 3. The aim of the Association, registered as an international non-profit organisation, is mainly to contribute to the general progress of corrosion science and materials protection. It shall pursue this aim by encouraging cooperation in Europe between scientific and technical societies and organisations which are engaged in these subjects in an important way and in collaboration with similar associations throughout the world.

Article 4
The Association is established for an unlimited period.

II. MEMBERS, CATEGORIES, DEFINITIONS

Article 5. The Association is composed of the following categories of members: Member Societies (European and International), Members, Honorary Fellows, Branches and Affiliate Members.
The Association shall always have a minimum of three members.

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Article 6. Member Societies (European)

Article 6.1. European membership is open to European scientific and technical societies and organisations that act to enhance progress, best practice and education in the science and technology of corrosion and its prevention for the socio-economic benefits of mankind and the good condition of the environment. Here, "European" means belonging to one of the full member states of the Council of Europe.

These societies and organisations must be in full compliance with the objectives of **Article 3** of these statutes, must be non-profit organisations, and must have legal status.

Article 6.2. All applications for membership must be addressed in writing to one of the offices of the General Secretariat of the Association, which shall submit them to the Board of Administrators. On the basis of a report drawn up by the latter, the General Assembly decides sovereignly on the admission or rejection of the application for membership.

Article 7. Member Societies (International)

Article 7.1. On the recommendation of three European Member Societies up to date with their membership fees, scientific and technical societies and organisations located in a country which is not a member state of the Council of Europe, and which act to enhance the progress, best practice and education of the science and technology of corrosion and its prevention for the socio-economic benefit of mankind and the good state of the environment, may become International Members. Such societies and organisations must fully adhere to the aims and objects of the Association, must be non-profit, and must have legal personality.

Article 7.2. Any application for membership must be addressed in writing together with the recommendation of three European Member Societies to one of the offices of the General Secretariat of the Association, which shall submit it to the Board of Administrators. On the basis of the report by the latter, the General Assembly decides sovereignly on the admission or rejection of the application for membership.

Article 8: Members
Natural persons belonging to Member Societies (European and International) and Branches are considered as Members of the Association.

Article 9: Honorary Fellows

The General Assembly may confer the status of Honorary Fellows on any natural person who, in the opinion of the Board of Administrators, has made a special contribution to the achievement of the aims of the Association.

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Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

Article 10: Affiliate Members

Article 10.1. Organizations that support the aims and objects of the Association may become Affiliate Members of the Association, upon payment of an appropriate annual fee. Two classes of Affiliate Members exist: one for Companies and one for Universities and Research Organisations.

Article 10.2. All applications for Affiliate Membership must be accompanied by the applicant's details and addressed in writing to one of the offices of the General Secretariat of the Association, which shall submit them to the Board of Administrators. On the basis of a report drawn up by the latter, the General Assembly shall take a final decision on the admission or rejection of the application for membership.

Article 11: Branches
The Branches are structures, which may bring together individuals and/or institutions, which act to strengthen the progress, best practices and education of the science and technology of corrosion and its prevention for the socio-economic benefit of mankind and the good condition of the environment. Branches must fully adhere to the aims and purposes of the Association and must be non-profit. Branches are admitted by invitation subjected and are subject to the recommendation of the Board of Administrators and the approval of the General Assembly.

III- RESIGNATION AND EXCLUSION

Article 12
Member Societies, Members, Honorary Fellows, Affiliate Members or Branches are free to resign from the Association at any time by registered mail or by any means of written communication (including e-mail) with acknowledgement of receipt to one of the three offices of the General Secretariat.

For Member Societies and Affiliate Members who are up to date with dues, the resignation shall become effective at the end of the fiscal year in which the written notification is notified. For Member Societies and Affiliate Members not in good standing, the resignation shall become–effective in the fiscal year indicated by the Board of Administrators.

Any Member Society or Affiliate Member that fails to comply with its obligations under these articles of Association and the Bye-Laws may be excluded from the Association. It is the responsibility of the Board of Administrators, after hearing the defence of the body concerned, to make report to the General Assembly, which alone has the power to decide on the matter.

IV. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Article 13
The amount of the annual fee for Member Societies and Affiliate Members is approved by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Board of Administrators.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

V. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 14
The General Assembly shall have full rights specifically conferred upon it by law or by the present statutes.
The following matters are within the exclusive competence of the General Assembly:

- the admission and exclusion of Member Societies and Affiliate Members;
- the Granting of the status of Honorary Fellows;
- the election, dismissal or replacement of administrators;
- the adoption of the budget, the adoption of a fee system, the creation of special funds, if any,
- the approval of the accounts;
- the modifications to the structure of the General Secretariat;
- the adoption of Bye-laws;
- the modification of the Statutes;
- the dissolution of the Association, the destination of the net assets of the Association in case of dissolution and the appointment of one or more liquidators;
- the transformation of the Association into another form of enterprise;
- the election of a President, a Vice-President and a Treasurer;
- the discharge to be granted to the Directors, the Secretariat General and/or the Auditor;

Article 15: Composition. Voting rights. Proxies.
The General Assembly is composed of all Member Societies that have paid their membership fees. Each member Society has one vote. Each Member Societies may be represented at the General Assembly by a fellow Member Society in good standing acting as proxy. However, a single Member Society may not hold more than three proxy votes. Votes may be cast by correspondence.
Honorary Fellows and Affiliate Members may take part in the meetings of the General Assembly and shall have an advisory vote but shall not have the right to vote on any matter~~s~~ relating to the affairs of the Association.

Article 16
The General Assembly shall meet by right once a year at a place and time determined by mutual agreement by the Board of Administrators.

The meeting of the General Assembly responsible for approving the annual accounts and the budget is held within six months of the end of the financial year.
The General Assembly is convened by the General Secretariat, by mail or by any other means of written communication (including e-mail) at least 30 days before the meeting.
The General Assembly may also be convened in an extraordinary meeting whenever the Board of Administrators determines that it is necessary. In this case, the meeting is held at a place designated by the Board of Administrators.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

The General Assembly, unless otherwise stipulated by the Law or by the Articles of the Association, shall only deliberate validly if half of Member Societies are present or represented. If this condition is not met, a new General Assembly shall be convened within three months, and shall deliberate validly, regardless of the number of Member Societies present or represented.

Decisions of the General Assembly may also be validly taken by written resolutions, provided that each Member Society has been informed at least thirty days in advance of the decisions to be taken. The decisions shall be effective on the date mentioned in the written resolutions and shall be deemed to have been taken at the registered office of the Association. Any Member Society which has not returned its copy of the written resolutions within the time limit shall be deemed to agree and vote in favour of each of the decisions referred to in the written resolutions.

Article 17
In all cases, resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast, and shall then be made known to all the Member Societies.
The exceptions to this are:
- the dismissal of an Administrator, which requires a two-thirds majority of the Member Societies present or represented,
- changes to the Association's Articles of Association or dissolution of the Association, in which case Articles 19 and 29 of these Articles of Association shall apply to determine the necessary attendance and voting majority.

No business shall be transacted on any substantial item not included in the official agenda of the meeting and not detailed in the working papers of the meeting.

Article 18
The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be recorded in minutes drawn up by the General Secretariat and communicated to the Member Societies.
The minutes are kept in a register of minutes at the Paris registered office of the Association, where all Members, Associate Members and Administrators can consult them.

Article 19
Any proposal to amend the articles of Association must be made by the Board of Administrators or by at least four Member Societies, representing different countries.

The Board of Administrators must inform the members of the Association at least six weeks in advance of the date of the General Assembly meeting which will decide on the said proposal.

A change of the Articles of Association or an action tending to dissolve the Association can only be approved by a General Assembly of at least two-thirds of Member Societies present or represented. Such a resolution can then only be passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
If the General Assembly does not gather two thirds of the Society Members of the Association, a new General Assembly shall be convened within thirty days.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

In the event that it is known to be difficult to organize a new meeting within a reasonable period of time, the decisions of the General Assembly in question may also be validly taken by written resolutions, as described in Article 16. The above-mentioned requirement of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall apply.

Article 20
The General Assembly is chaired by the President or an alternate from either the Immediate Past President or Vice-President.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

Article 21
The Association shall be administered and managed by a Board of Administrators hereafter abbreviated to "BoA", composed of a President and Vice-President, who represent the highest executive power of the Association, the Immediate Past President and twelve administrators, all of whom shall have full voting rights,
And assisted by a Treasurer and a Scientific Secretary who shall be ex officio members of the BoA and shall have no voting rights. The twelve administrators are chosen from among the Member Societies of the Association that are up to date with dues as follows:

a. Four administrators, one appointed by each of the three countries that provide the General Secretariat (France, Germany and the United Kingdom) and one appointed by the country where the Association is legally registered (Belgium);
b. A minimum of three administrators elected from among the members of the European Member Societies from countries other than those appointing the four administrators referred to in (a);
c. Upon satisfaction of item (b), five administrators elected from among all the Member Societies of the Association, i.e. European and International Member Societies.

The four nominated administrators under a. are subject to approval by the General Assembly. The eight elected administrators are elected by the General Assembly.

Each Member Society of the Association may propose a candidate for this election, satisfying the composition of the BoA with only one administrator per a Member Society serving on the BoA at any one time.

The General Assembly shall endeavour to maintain a balance between representatives of industry and academic representatives on the BoA.

All elected administrators shall serve on the BoA for a period of three years in the first instance. At the end of this term, the administrators may be re-elected or appointed once for a maximum of 3 years. Thereafter, they are not eligible for election to the BoA until another three-year period has elapsed.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

The outgoing President serves on the BoA as Immediate Past President for a period equal to the term of office of the incoming President. Thereafter outgoing President shall leave the BoA and shall not be eligible for election to the BoA until another three-year period has elapsed.

Unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, the exercise of the mandate of administrator~~s~~ is not subject to remuneration.

Article 22
The President, the Vice-President and the Treasurer are elected by the General Assembly on the proposal by the Board of Administrators. The functions of the President and the Vice-President begin on the first of January following the General Assembly that elected them.
The STAC Chair will be nominated by the BoA and elected from among its voting members and will retain voting rights.

The Scientific Secretary is appointed by the BoA in consultation with the Chairman of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC).

The President and Vice-President are elected from among the members of the BoA or the STAC. The President shall serve for a period of two years with the possibility of chairing two consecutive of the General Assembly and with the right to be re-elected for a further period of one or two years.
The President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee must live and work in Europe and must be members of a European Member Society.

The President is assisted in his functions by the Past President and the Vice-President.

The meetings of the BoA shall be chaired by the President or, if he/she is prevented from doing so, by the Past President or by the Vice-President.

Article 23
The BoA must meet at least once a year.

An administrator may be represented by a fellow administrator who may not hold more than one proxy.

The Board may validly deliberate if at least half of the administrators are present in person, by telephone, by videoconference or validly represented. If this attendance quorum is not reached, a new meeting must be convened with the same agenda.

Article 24
The decisions of the BoA are taken by the majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the President will first try to find an amicable solution during the meeting leading to a majority vote. If this fails, the resolution shall be deemed not to have been adopted and must be revised before being presented to the BoA.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

The resolutions are recorded in the minutes of the meeting drawn up by the General Secretariat and communicated to the members of the BoA.

Decisions may also be taken by written resolution, providing that each administrator has been informed at least 10 days in advance of the decisions to be taken. Decisions shall take effect on the date mentioned on the written resolutions and shall be deemed to have been taken at the seat of the Association. Any administrator who has not returned his or her copy of the written resolutions within the time limit provided for shall be deemed to signify his or her agreement and to vote in favour of each of the decisions referred to in the written resolutions.

Article 25

The BoA has, among other responsibilities, the duty to periodically review the Association' Statutes, to propose to the General Assembly Bye-Laws and to institute, or approve the creation of, study groups/task forces and working parties.

VII. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 26:

The work of the Association is carried out by a General Secretariat and is shared between the three offices of the following members:

- DECHEMA e.V., Frankfurt
- CEFRACOR, Paris
- The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, London

The General Secretariat administers the following affairs of the Association:

- affiliations,
- finances,
- publications,
- awards,
- EUROCORR Congress
- Meetings, working papers and minutes of the BoA and the General Assembly

VIII. REPRESENTATION

Article 27

The Association is validly represented vis-à-vis third parties and concerning all judicial and extrajudicial acts (including the power of signature) by (i) the BoA, or (ii) two administrators acting jointly. None of the above-mentioned persons need justify their powers to third parties.

In addition, the Association is also validly represented vis-à-vis third parties (including the power of signature) by one or more proxies duly appointed by (i) the BoA, or (ii) two Administrators acting jointly.

Statutes Update Proposal (Continued)

Article 28: Financial Year - Annual Accounts - Budget
The financial year begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31st, of each calendar year.
Each year, the BoA submits to the General Assembly, for approval, the accounts of the previous financial year and the budget for the following financial year.
The General Assembly also decides on the discharge to be granted to the Administrators, the Secretary General and the auditor, if any, for the performance of their duties during the past financial year.
If required, by the Law of March 23, 2019 or deemed necessary, the General Assembly appoints an auditor, chosen from among the members of the Institute of Company Auditors, for a period of three years.

IX - BYE-LAWS

Article 29: Bye-laws
Bye-laws may be presented by the BoA to the General Assembly. Modifications of these rules may be made by a meeting of the BoA deciding by a simple majority of the members present or represented.

X - DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 30: Dissolution - Liquidation
The General Assembly may decide to dissolve the Association. If it deems it necessary, the General Assembly shall also decide on the appointment of one or more liquidators and the scope of their powers. In the absence of the appointment of one or more liquidators, the Administrators are jointly responsible for the liquidation.
The decision to dissolve the Asssociation can only be adopted if at least two thirds of the Members are present or represented and if the decision is adopted by a favourable vote of two thirds of the votes of the Members present or represented at the meeting of the General Assembly. If the quorum is not reached, the General Assembly shall be postponed and reconvened within three months and shall deliberate validly regardless the number of Members present or represented.
Upon dissolution of the Association and after payment of all debts and obligations of any kind of the Association, the General Assembly decides on the destination of the net assets of the Association.

XI - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 31
All communications or notifications made under these articles of Assiociation shall be validly made by mail or by any other means of written communication (including e-mail).

Article 32
All matters not provided in these articles of Incorporation or in the Bye-laws shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of the Law establishing the Code of Companies and Associations of March 23, 2019.

Bye-Laws Update Proposal

BYE-LAWS OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION (EFC)

Revision (Month) 2023

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Bye-Laws Update Proposal (Continued)

1 THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EFC AND INTENTION OF THE BYE-LAWS

1.1 The Objectives of the EFC are given in Article 3 of the Statutes.

1.2 The Bye-Laws are intended to provide the EFC with working rules that conform to the letter and spirit of the Statutes that are lodged in Belgium (Law of March 23, 2019) last modification of the Statutes published in the official Belgian gazette on 30 November 2017 (date to be changed)).

Bye-Laws Update Proposal (Continued)

2 WORKING PRINCIPLES OF THE EFC

The work of the EFC is based on collaboration between its Member Societies. Nothing done by or in the name of the EFC shall detract from the autonomy of any Member Society. Thus, all the technical and scientific activities of the EFC are carried out by, or in close cooperation with, the Member Societies or their representatives.

As a general rule, all matters of a financial, constitutional or legal nature are considered by a Board of Administrators (BoA, para. 11); all matters of a scientific and technical nature are considered by a Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC, para.12), with both bodies being accountable to a General Assembly (para. 10) composed of delegates from Member Societies.

A President, Vice-President and Treasurer (Article 15 of the Statutes) are elected by the General Assembly on a proposal from the Board of Administrators or STAC (see Statutes Art 22) (see para. 11.1).

(already in statutes)

Bye-Laws Update Proposal (Continued)

3 WORKING METHODS OF THE EFC

The EFC seeks to achieve its objectives by any or all of the following means:

3.1 providing opportunities for the exchange of views on corrosion and corrosion control;

3.2 providing sources of information and education on corrosion and corrosion control;

3.3 promoting the documentation of information and its access on corrosion and corrosion control;

3.4 providing, when appropriate, assistance to Member Societies, Affiliate Members and Branches;

3.5 cooperating with other appropriate organisations or institutions, within or outside Europe;

3.6 establishing Working Parties (para. 14) and, as necessary, Task Forces (para. 15) to survey and report on specific areas of corrosion science and technology;

3.7 encouraging meetings for the discussion of the science and technology of corrosion; normally, meetings of this type will be organised by the national Member Society or Societies: meetings may also be organised on specific topics by an appropriate Working Party, often with the encouragement and support of industry, and in such cases the national society or societies should be informed to ensure that there is no clash of interests;

3.8 preparing a Calendar of Events that lists all corrosion-related events together with meetings organised by, or supported by, Member Societies that will attract an EFC event number (see para. 19);

3.9 preparing Newsletters in printed and/or electronic form and press releases to disseminate information about work in the fields of corrosion and corrosion prevention and the activities of Member Societies and of the EFC generally;

3.10 encouraging Member Societies to issue invitations to members of other EFC Member Societies to attend functions and meetings held by them on favourable terms;

3.11 entering into cooperation agreements with other like-minded bodies (e.g. AMPP, CSCP, ACA, etc.);

3.12 participating in worldwide corrosion organisations (e.g. WCO, ICC, etc.);

3.13 establishing branches in and outside Europe, where no societies/organisations in the field of corrosion protection exist;

3.14 maintaining up-to-date website and social media sites.

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4 DEFINITION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

The EFC is composed of the following categories of members:

4.1 Member Societies (European)

European Member Societies are defined in Article 6.1 of the EFC Statutes, and the process of their admission is defined in Article 6.2.

4.2 Member Societies (International)

International Member Societies are defined in Article 7.1 of the EFC Statutes, and the process of their admission is defined in Article 7.2

4.3 Individual Members

Individual Members are defined in Article 8 of the EFC Statutes.

4.4 Honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellows are defined in Article 9 of the EFC Statutes.

4.5 Affiliate Members

Affiliate Members are defined in Article 10.1 of the EFC Statutes, and the process of their admission is defined in Article 10.2

4.6 Branches

Branches are defined in Article 11 of the EFC Statutes. In addition:

4.6.1 Branches are established in and outside Europe, where no societies/organisations in the field of corrosion protection exist.

4.6.2 The objective of branches is to encourage the formation of societies/organisations in the field of corrosion protection, where they do not exist.

4.6.3 A minimum of 5 members is required to initiate the formation of a Branch.

4.6.4 Branches may be hosted either by the EFC or by a structure in or outside Europe.

4.6.5 Each Branch has its own business model, and its own level of membership fees for individuals and institutions. The business model and the level of membership fees are subject to Board of Administrators recommendation and General Assembly approval.

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5 FULL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

5.1 Rights of Member Societies (European & International)

Member Societies are entitled to:

5.1.1 be represented in the General Assembly (see para. 10);

5.1.2 receive agenda, working papers and minutes of meetings of the General Assembly;

5.1.3 propose candidates to the Board of Administrators (para. 11) and appoint delegates to EFC Working Parties (para. 14);

5.1.4 have the benefit of participation of their individual members in EFC Working Parties as a matter of right;

5.1.5 provide the Secretariat of a Working Party;

5.1.6 volunteer to host a EUROCORR event (para. 21) but noting that this event must be held in a European country (European Member Societies only);

5.1.7 propose the formation of an EFC Working Party (para. 14);

5.1.8 register meetings as EFC events, subject to approval of the EFC (para. 19);

5.1.9 apply for an EFC Approved Course Label, subject to approval of the EFC Course Endorsement Committee (European Member Societies only);

5.1.10 receive current information via the EFC Newsletter;

5.1.11 propose nominees for awards presented by, or in conjunction with, the EFC.

N.B. The rights of Member Societies, as defined in para. 5.1, are maintained for so long as the Member Society is not in arrears in payment of its subscription for more than twelve months from the date of issue of the invoice by the EFC Treasurer (see para. 9.4).

5.2 Rights of Members and Honorary Fellows

Members, Honorary Fellows are entitled to:

5.2.1 have the benefit of reduced registration fees for EUROCORR;

5.2.2 have the benefit of participation in EFC Working Parties as a matter of right.

5.3 Rights of Affiliate Members

Affiliate Members are entitled to:

5.3.1 be represented in the General Assembly (see para. 10) without voting rights;

5.3.2 receive agenda, working papers and minutes of meetings of the General Assembly;

5.3.3 have the benefit of participation of their individual members in EFC Working Parties as a matter of right;

5.3.4 receive current information via the EFC Newsletter;

5.3.5 propose nominees for awards presented by, or in conjunction with, the EFC;

5.3.6 register events as EFC events, subject to approval of the EFC (para.19);

5.3.7 receive a discount on fees for EUROCORR booths.

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N.B. The rights of AFFILIATE MEMBERS, as defined in para. 5.3, are maintained for so long as the Affiliate Member is not in arrears in payment of its subscription for more than twelve months from the date of issue of the invoice by the EFC Treasurer (see para. 9.4).

5.4 Rights of Branches

Branches are entitled to:

5.4.1 be represented in the General Assembly (see para. 10) without voting rights;

5.4.2 receive agenda, working papers and minutes of meetings of the General Assembly;

5.4.3 have the benefit of participation of their individual members in EFC Working Parties as a matter of right;

5.4.4 receive EFC related information via the EFC Newsletter.

N.B. The rights of Members of the BRANCHES, as defined in para. 5.4, are maintained for so long as the Members of Branches are not in arrears in payment of its subscription for more than twelve months from the date of issue of the invoice by the EFC Treasurer (see para. 9.4).

5.5 Resignation right

According to Article 12 of the Statutes, any Member Society, Member, Honorary Fellow, Affiliate Member or Branch are free to resign from the Association at any time by registered mail or by any means of written communication (including e-mail) with acknowledgement of receipt to one of the three offices of the General Secretariat.

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6 DUTIES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES, AFFILIATE MEMBERS and BRANCHES

The duties of Member Societies, Affiliate Members and Branches are:

6.1 to inform the Paris Secretariat of the EFC of the intention, or otherwise, to be represented at the General Assembly with the name of the delegate;

6.2 to ensure that their individual members are aware of the activities of the EFC including the opportunities for membership of Working Parties without further payment;

6.3 to make nominations for places on the EFC Board of Administrators, except for Affiliate Members and Branches;

6.4 to inform the EFC, through the Scientific Secretary, of activities such as symposia, special meetings, etc., in their countries, that would be of interest to other Member Societies, Affiliate Members, and Branches (e.g. through reports for the EFC Newsletter);

6.5 to ensure, wherever possible, that delegates to EFC committees, Working Parties, etc., receive financial support, in whole or in part, for attendance at these committees;

6.6 to pay to the EFC on receipt of the invoice from the EFC Treasurer an annual membership subscription as agreed by the General Assembly (see para. 9.1 and, for non-payment, para. 9.4);

6.7 the Branches, when admitted as members, designate one of their own members who takes part in the meetings.

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7 SECRETARIATS

The administration of the EFC is carried out by the founding countries: Belgium, Germany, France, UK.

7.1 General Secretariat

The General Secretariat consists of three Offices at the following organisations:

- DECHEMA e.V., (Gesellschaft für Chemische Technik und Biotechnologie e.V.), Frankfurt am Main, GERMANY (referred to as the Frankfurt Office);
- The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, London, UK (referred to as the London Office);
- CEFRACOR, Paris, FRANCE (referred to as the Paris Office).

Administrative tasks are undertaken by these Offices as follows:

- Frankfurt Office: Membership of the EFC and maintenance of membership records of the Board of Administrators, Science and Technology Advisory Committee, and Working Parties, and notification of elections and appointments to these, EFC website, EFC Calendar of Events, Newsletters, EUROCORR Congress Secretariat.
- Paris Office: EFC Awards and arrangements for meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Administrators, Belgian matters.
- London Office: Financial matters of the EFC.

7.2 Registered Office

The Registered Office in Belgium, mentioned in the Statutes, has responsibility for maintaining liaison between the EFC and the Belgian Administration in a timely manner.

The responsibilities of the Registered Office are, assisted by an EFC Officer:

7.2.1 to register the annual financial statement with the competent Commercial Court in Belgium (see para. 9.3);

7.2.2 to publish the composition of the Board of Administrators in the official Belgian gazette, when the composition of the Board of Administrators has changed;

7.2.3 to publish the Statutes of the EFC in the official Belgian journal gazette, when the Statutes have been updated;

7.2.4 to publish the new registered address of the EFC in the official Belgian journal gazette, when the address of the legal seat has been transfered;

7.2.5 to maintain liaison with the Belgian authorities when necessary.

7.3 There is provision to change the Secretariats, if need be. This will require the approval of the General Assembly.

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8 LANGUAGES

The official languages of the EFC shall be the languages of the Offices of the General Secretariat.

The working language of the EFC shall be English.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Membership fees

The amount of the annual fee for Member Societies, and Affiliate Members and members of the Branches is approved by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Board of Administrators (Article 13 of the Statutes)

If the date of its approval gives the opportunity to the new members to have advantages of the discounts associated to EUROCORR, a full-year subscription fee is due. Otherwise, the first-year subscription fee is one-third of the annual one."

Invoices for annual subscriptions will be issued to the Member Societies, Affiliate Members and members of the Branches by the Treasurer of the EFC in April each year and should be paid on receipt.

9.2 Budget

A budget will be prepared by the EFC Treasurer for review by the Board of Administrators, and then submitted to the General Assembly for approval. This budget will be implemented from January 1st of the year following the approval of the General Assembly. The budget will be included in the working papers for the General Assembly meeting and circulated to members of the General Assembly prior to the meeting.

9.3 Annual Financial Statements

The EFC financial year end is December 31st. Annual financial statements will be prepared by the EFC Treasurer for review by the Board of Administrators and then submitted to the General Assembly for approval. Financial statements will be included in the working papers of the General Assembly and circulated to members of the General Assembly prior to the meeting. Following the General Assembly approval, annual financial statements will be signed by two EFC Administrators and submitted to the official Belgian gazette by the Belgium office representative.

9.4 Non-Payment of Subscriptions

A Member Society or Affiliate Member or Branch shall be deemed to have left the EFC when the annual subscription is in arrears of more than twelve months from the date of issue of the invoice. However, an enquiry will normally be made to the Member Society/Affiliate Member/ Branch by the Frankfurt Office - as responsible for membership matters - before action is taken to exclude a Member Society/Affiliate Member/ Branch.

A Member Society/Affiliate Member/Branch whose membership has lapsed through non-payment of their subscriptions may rejoin the EFC on approval of the General Assembly.

9.5 Special Funds

The Board of Administrators may authorise the acquisition of funds to carry out special tasks that fall within the remit of the EFC.

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9.6 Financial Contributions

The EFC and/or its Working Parties may accept financial contributions from other bodies, including industry, for general support. Such contributions will be recognised in the annual financial statement. Where contributions are made for specific activities, for example, for a Working Party task or meeting, the publicity or report of this activity shall be described as being of EFC origin with acknowledgement of the contribution from the other party.

9.7 Honorary Service

All members of the General Assembly, the Board of Administrators, and the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, serve in an entirely honorary capacity. The President and the Treasurer of the EFC serve in an honorary capacity, but are entitled to claim travel and subsistence funds for tasks entrusted to them by the General Assembly.

Members of the Board of Administrators and the STAC Chair may, in exceptional circumstances (for example, where there are no funds available from a Member Society or employer), apply to the EFC Treasurer for some financial assistance towards the costs of attending a Board meeting.

9.8 Bank accounts

The EFC operates a bank account in Belgium. All payments made from the EFC bank account must be approved by email by EFC President and electronically signed off by two authorised representatives, one of which is the EFC Treasurer.

A good practice is to have 3 signatures for the Belgium account: the EFC Treasurer, the Belgian representative and the Vice-President.

9.9 VAT

The EFC is registered for VAT in Belgium. Quarterly VAT reports are prepared by the VAT advisor in Belgium and submitted to the Belgian authorities based on the information provided by the VAT accountant and the EFC Treasurer.

10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly considers the present and future activities of the EFC, provides policy guidance to the Board of Administrators and the General Secretariat, approves the budget for the forthcoming year, and takes decisions on important matters affecting the EFC.

The General Assembly, unless provision to the contrary is stipulated by law or in the statutes, may validly deliberate only if half of its Member Societies are present or represented. If this condition is not met, a new General Assembly shall be convened within three months, and shall deliberate validly, regardless of the number of Member Societies present or represented.

For specific circumstances, as listed in the article 10.3.10, requiring a two-thirds majority, a new General Assembly shall be convened within thirty days. In the event that it is known to be difficult to organize a new meeting within a reasonable period of time, the decisions of the General Assembly in question may also be validly taken by written resolutions. The above-mentioned requirement of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall apply.

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10.1 Composition of the General Assembly

Two groups of people are entitled to attend meetings of the General Assembly, as follows:

10.1.1 Representatives of Member Societies: the representatives shall preferably be specialists in the field of corrosion. Only one nominated member of each Member Society is entitled to vote;

10.1.2 Representatives of Affiliate Members and of EFC Branches, members of the Board of Administrators, Chair of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, Chairs of EFC Working Parties, and Honorary Fellows of the EFC may attend the General Assembly but without voting rights except when present as a nominated representative as described in 10.1.1 above.

The Chair of the General Assembly will be the President of the EFC (see Article 20 ~~22~~ of the Statutes).

10.2 Duties of the General Assembly

The duties of the General Assembly are to:

10.2.1 take decisions on all matters of principle concerning the work of the EFC;

10.2.2 consider the long-term development of corrosion research and corrosion control and suggest fields of work to which particular attention should be directed;

10.2.3 appoint the members of the Board of Administrators following the results of a call for nominations made to the Member Societies (see para. 11.1);

10.2.4 approve the appointments, if the nominations are considered to be appropriate, of the following officers of the EFC as put forward by the Board of Administrators:

10.2.4.1 the President;

10.2.4.2 the Vice-President;

10.2.4.3 the Treasurer;

10.2.4.4 the Scientific Secretary;

10.2.4.5 the COO;

10.2.5 receive and approve reports from the Board of Administrators and the Science and Technology Advisory Committee on their activities and decisions;

10.2.6 approve, on the recommendation of the Board of Administrators, the level of subscriptions of Member Societies and Affiliate Members;

10.2.7 approve a budget for income and expenditure for the calendar year following the year in which the General Assembly is held;

10.2.8 approve annual financial statements for the year preceding the year in which the General Assembly is held;

10.2.9 discharge administrators of their responsibility;

10.2.10 decide on applications for new Member Societies and Affiliate Members and the creation of EFC branches on the recommendation of the Board of Administrators;

10.2.11 decide on modifications to the Statutes and Bye-Laws of the EFC as and when required.

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10.3 Working Procedures of the General Assembly

10.3.1 The General Assembly shall meet by right once a year and within six months of the end of the previous financial year to fulfil requirements of the Belgian authorities.

10.3.2 If the same representative is appointed by more than one Member Society that representative may exercise each Society's vote on its behalf: the number of votes that the representative may cast is limited to three.

10.3.3 Proxy voting on behalf of any Member Society is acceptable on the basis of a written authority from the Member Society concerned which must be delivered to the President before the start of the General Assembly meeting.

10.3.4 For physical meetings, voting, when necessary, will be by a show of hands unless in case the representative of a Member Society requests a secret ballot, in which case it will be held; two scrutineers selected from non-voting delegates should be appointed with the approval of the voting delegates; (matters on which a vote could be requested will normally be emphasised in the working papers for the General Assembly meeting so that Member Societies can instruct their voting representative in advance). For online meetings, on the basis of the intentions of participation collected by the Paris Office, the EFC President will nominate 2 scrutineers few days before the meeting so that the Paris Office can share the appropriate documents used for the vote. At the moment of the vote(s) with a secret ballot, the President will ask the GA to approve the proposed scrutineers.

10.3.5 The minutes of the General Assembly meeting will be taken by a member of one of the three Offices of the General Secretariat and will record the discussions leading to recommendations and decisions reached at the meeting; the minutes will be presented in the English language.

10.3.6 Those persons responsible for implementing decisions reached at the General Assembly should be identified in the minutes.

10.3.7 The date and venue for a meeting of the General Assembly will be notified by the Paris Office of the General Secretariat to the Secretaries of Member Societies - or to those appointed by a Society to respond to EFC business - at least six weeks in advance of the meeting.

10.3.8 The working papers for the General Assembly meeting will be prepared and issued by the Paris Office of the General Secretariat at least thirty days before the meeting.

10.3.9 Notice of intention to be present at the General Assembly should be sent to the Paris Office not less than two weeks before the meeting (failure to comply with this request will not prevent attendance at the meeting, the purpose is to enable preparation of an attendance list and to ensure the quorum).

10.3.10 In all cases, resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast, and shall be made known to all the Member Societies. The exceptions to this are:

- The dismissal of an Administrator, which requires a two-thirds majority of the Member Societies present or represented.
- Changes to the Association's articles or dissolution of the Association, which requires a two-thirds majority of the Member Societies present or represented.

10.3.11 The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be recorded in minutes drawn up by the General Secretariat and communicated to the Member Societies. The minutes are kept in a register of minutes at the Paris office of the Association, where all Members, Associate Members and Administrators can consult them.

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11 THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

The composition and responsibilities of the Board of Administrators are defined in Articles 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of the Statutes.

11.1 Membership of the Board of Administrators

In addition to the President, the Vice-President and the Immediate Past President, all three with voting rights, five groups of people are entitled to attend meetings of the Board of Administrators, as follows:

11.1.1 One member representing each of the General Secretariat offices (France, Germany and UK) and one from the country of registration in law (Belgium) of the EFC, together with eight other elected members, three representing Member Societies drawn from amongst European Members in countries other than the four administrators referred to above and five drawn from amongst the EFC members at large, i.e. European and International Members. These twelve members are entitled to vote.

For the founding countries (France, Germany, UK, Belgium) and if there is more than one Member Society, the process of nomination should include a joint consultation between Member Societies of the country in question before the nomination.

The Frankfurt Office will issue a call for nominations at least six months before the date of the General Assembly at which the election will be made. The nominations will be submitted by the Frankfurt Office to the President of the EFC who should ensure that at least seven different countries are represented. The President should seek further nominations from Member Societies, if necessary, to ensure that this requirement is met. The President may not withhold any nomination.

The list of nominations shall be sent by the Frankfurt Office to the Paris Office for inclusion in the working papers for the General Assembly.

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The Board of Administrators will nominate and elect the President and Vice-President of the EFC from among its members and those of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee. Members of the Board of Administrators elected to these offices remain members after appointment; these appointments do not result in vacancies on the Board, the membership of which does not normally exceed fifteen persons.

11.1.2 The Chair of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, the Scientific Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, the EFC Treasurer and one representative of Young EFC are invited to attend meetings of the Board of Administrators in an ex officio capacity without the right to vote.

11.1.3 A representative from each of the three Offices of the General Secretariat, and a representative of the country of registration in law (Belgium) shall take part in the meetings of the Board of Administrators without the right to vote.

11.1.4 A minutes secretary (see para. 11.5.7).

11.1.5 Further members may be co-opted into the Board of Administrators under exceptional circumstances by decision of the elected members and approval of the General Assembly. Co-opted members have no voting rights unless elected to the post of President or Vice-President and Past President.

11.2 The term of office of elected members of the Board of Administrators is three years. At the expiry of their term of office, administrators are eligible for re-election for one further term of office (Article 14 of the Statutes).

11.3 On resignation, a member of the Board of Administrators will be replaced by a person nominated by a Member Society in the country of the resigned member and without further approval by the General Assembly to serve for the balance of the term.

11.4 Duties of the Board of Administrators are to:

11.4.1 prepare proposals for the General Assembly;

11.4.2 ensure that resolutions of the General Assembly are carried out;

11.4.3 take any necessary decision on behalf of the EFC between the meetings of the General Assembly in accordance with the Statutes and Bye-Laws;

11.4.4 supply the General Assembly with a report of its activities and decisions;

11.4.5 liaise with the Science and Technology Advisory Committee on the establishment of new EFC Working Parties;

11.4.6 decide, on the basis of submissions received, on the host country for EUROCORR at least three years in advance of the proposed date and inform the General Assembly;

11.4.7 review a budget of income and expenditure and annual financial statement prepared by the EFC Treasurer for submission to the General Assembly;

11.4.8 approve a budget for travel and subsistence expenditure to be incurred by the contracted and Honorary Officers of the EFC;

11.4.9 propose from among its members and those of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee a President and a Vice-President of the EFC; the proposal to be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval;

11.4.10 appoint the EFC Chief Operating Officer, maintain a work contract, set targets and approve bonuses when the targets are fulfilled, para. 17;

11.4.11 propose the Scientific Secretary, taking into account the wishes of the STAC; the proposal to be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval.

11.5 Working Procedures of the Board of Administrators

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11.5.1 The Board of Administrators may be referred to as the BoA.

11.5.2 The BoA shall be chaired by the EFC President.

11.5.3 A meeting of the BoA will be notified to its members at least six weeks in advance.

11.5.4 A provisional agenda and working papers will be prepared and distributed to members by the Paris Office, preferably not less than one month before the date of the meeting.

11.5.5 A member of the BoA may be represented by a fellow administrator; the nominee can exercise only one proxy vote.

11.5.6 The Board may validly deliberate if at least half of the administrators are present in person, by telephone, by videoconference or validly represented.

11.5.7 Minutes of the BoA meetings will be taken by a member of the Paris Office, or by some other person at the request of the Paris Office.

11.5.8 The minutes will be circulated only to members of the BoA or their nominated alternates and others present at the meeting and should identify those members of the BoA to be responsible for the actions arising from the meeting.

11.5.9 Generally, the meetings of the BoA will be hosted at the location of the year's EUROCORR. Liaison with the host will be the responsibility of the Paris Office (see also 11.5.4 above).

11.5.10 The BoA must meet at least once per year, whether convened by the General Secretariat or at the request of at least four of its members in good standing. Under normal business arrangements, the meetings of BoA will be held twice a year with one of the meetings being held during the annual EUROCORR Congress and the other one on a date and place decided by the BoA.

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12 THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Science and Technology Advisory Committee shall advise the EFC on scientific, technological and educational matters and the implementation of decisions concerning these.

12.1 Membership of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee

Three groups of people may attend meetings of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, as follows:

12.1.1 Chairs of EFC Working Parties are full members with voting rights. The Scientific Secretary and the Chairs of the STAC Task Forces are invited to attend meetings of STAC in an ex officio capacity without the right to vote.

12.1.2 The President and Vice-President of the EFC, the Chief Operating Officer, a representative of Young EFC as well as representatives of the EFC Secretariat may attend meetings but without voting rights.

12.1.3 Others who can contribute to the work of the EFC may attend meetings of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee by invitation of the STAC Chair but without voting rights.

12.2 Duties of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee

12.2.1 To establish Working Parties (see para. 14) in accord with the Objectives of the EFC (para. 1).

12.2.2 To receive and discuss reports from the Working Parties and STAC Task Forces, and to encourage cooperation between Working Parties.

12.2.3 To encourage Working Parties to publish their reports, guidelines and collections of scientific papers, preferably in the EFC book series.

12.2.4 To participate in the arrangements for the technical sessions at EUROCORR as members of the International Scientific Committee.

12.2.5 To elect from among its members the juries for the European Corrosion Medal, the Cavallaro Medal, the Kurt Schwabe Prize, the EUROCORR poster prize and part of the jury members for the EFC Honorary Fellow Award.

12.2.6 To give its agreement for any new EFC Award.

12.2.7 To select and prepare scientific and technical items for the Agenda of the General Assembly.

12.2.8 To report to the General Assembly, via the Scientific Secretary, on the activities of the STAC.

12.2.9 To report to the BoA, via the STAC Chair, on activities of the STAC and on any matters falling within the responsibility of the BoA.

12.2.10 To ratify the Chair and members of the EFC Course Endorsement Committee, see para. 20.

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12.3 Working Procedures of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee

12.3.1 The Science and Technology Advisory Committee may be referred to as the STAC.

12.3.2 The STAC shall meet at least once a year and preferably on the occasion of a EUROCORR meeting one day in advance. In all cases, the venue and local arrangements for the meeting will be the responsibility of a Member Society. The Member Society will bear any costs associated with the local arrangements for a STAC meeting, if the meeting is not going to take place virtually.

12.3.3 The Chair will be nominated by the BoA and elected from among its voting members and will retain voting rights. The term of office of the Chair shall be three years with the option of re-election for one further term.

12.3.4 The STAC will be assisted by a Scientific Secretary (para. 16) to be proposed by the BoA taking into account the wishes of the STAC and appointed by the General Assembly. (Involvement of the BoA is necessary as the Scientific Secretary is a paid official of the EFC and the BoA is responsible for expenditure associated with the work of the Scientific Secretary).

12.3.5 At least six weeks before a meeting of the STAC the Scientific Secretary will issue the invitation to those entitled to attend, i.e. as described in para. 12.1, with the date and venue as agreed at the previous meeting. Liaison with the hosting Member Society will be the responsibility of the Scientific Secretary.

12.3.6 The Scientific Secretary in consultation with the STAC Chair will prepare a draft Agenda and circulate this to those invited to attend. Working papers will be issued not later than three weeks before the meeting.

12.3.7 The Scientific Secretary will be responsible for taking the minutes of the meeting and for their subsequent distribution within three months from the meeting. In addition to circulation to all members of the STAC, one copy of the minutes shall be lodged with each of the three Offices of the General Secretariat.

12.3.8 The Chair, or appointed deputy, and 50 % of the members with voting rights constitute a quorum.

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13 THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The President's Advisory Committee may be referred to as the PAC.

13.1 Membership of the President's Advisory Committee

The following persons are entitled to attend PAC meetings:

13.1.1 The President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President.

13.1.2 Representatives of the General Secretariat Offices (France, Germany and the UK) and one representative from the country of representation in law (Belgium).

13.1.3 The Chair of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, the Scientific Secretary, the EFC Treasurer and the EFC Chief Operating Officer.

13.1.4 Other persons may be invited by the President to attend.

13.2 Duties of the President's Advisory Committee are to:

13.2.1 prepare proposals for the BoA;

13.2.2 ensure that resolutions of the BoA and GA are carried out;

13.2.3 review day to day running of the EFC, including and not limited to financial matters, issues arising with Member Societies, Working Parties, EFC Branches and interface with Belgian authorities;

13.2.4 prepare a budget of income and expenditure and annual financial statements for submission to the BoA;

13.2.5 propose level of membership subscription fees, EUROCORR levy and other fees for submission to the BoA;

13.2.6 prepare and propose the EFC strategy.

13.3 Working Procedures of the President's Advisory Committee

13.3.1 The PAC shall be chaired by the EFC President or by an EFC Officer nominated by the President.

13.3.2 The meeting of the PAC will be scheduled in alignment with the PAC members in advance.

13.3.3 A provisional agenda will be distributed to members by the COO with consent of the President, or by some other person at the request of the President, not less than one week before the meeting.

13.3.4 Minutes of the PAC meeting will be taken by the COO or by some other person at the request of the President.

13.3.5 The minutes will be circulated only to the members of PAC or their nominated alternatives and others present at the meeting within 2 weeks, and should identify those members of the PAC responsible for the actions arising from the meeting.

13.3.6 Physical meetings of the PAC will be hosted by one of the offices of the General Secretariat or at an alternative location chosen by the EFC President.

13.3.7 Periodicity of the meetings is at the discretion of the EFC President. It is recommended to hold at least two PAC meetings a year approximately two months before each BoA meeting.

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14 WORKING PARTIES

14.1 Principles

14.1.1 Working Parties (WPs) are formed with the aim of achieving collaboration on any aspect of corrosion or corrosion control.

14.1.2 WPs are the principal means of conducting the technical and scientific work of the EFC.

14.1.3 Member Societies have an automatic right to appoint delegates to WPs.

14.1.4 WPs may be established to work in the following areas, although the list is not exclusive:

- Study and critical assessment of the literature in the field of interest of the WP with a view to updating and publication;
- Preparation of State of the Art reports;
- Preparation of Guidelines documents as a basis for recommendations for good practice and for submission to Standards writing bodies;
- Drawing up recommendations for the education and training of corrosion experts at various levels;
- Preparation of training courses;
- Organisation of symposia on subjects of importance to the WP;
- Conducting field surveys on corrosion topics or laboratory corrosion tests across various European countries;
- Providing technical support to standardisation bodies, and to CEN in particular.

14.2 Formation of a Working Party

14.2.1 A Working Party may be formed on the proposal of the General Assembly, the BoA, the STAC, a Member Society or industry. WPs should not be started in topic areas where similar activities have already been well established on a European basis by a Member Society. A WP should be proposed only where the topic has significance in a European context. Topics associated with a particular country should, in general, be the responsibility of a Member Society in that country. That Member Society may, however, invite the EFC to establish an EFC WP. Alternatively, the topic, if of clearly defined objectives, could be investigated by a Task Force of the EFC (see para. 15).

14.2.2 A proposal for the formation of a Working Party must receive, on enquiry from the proposer or from the EFC Scientific Secretary, the written support of at least four Member Societies in good standing. This requirement is essential since Member Societies provide the major financial input for the operation of the EFC. It will apply even in cases where the initial proposal for formation of a Working Party comes from industry.

14.2.3 Proposals for the formation of a Working Party should be directed, in the first instance, to the Scientific Secretary who will, after making the appropriate enquiries, bring the proposal to the attention of the STAC. In summary, the following steps are required to establish an EFC Working Party. These steps should be taken in the order shown, but with the possibility of varying this as described below:

- A proposal, including scope and purpose;
- Approval of Member Societies;

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- Approval by STAC;
- Inaugural meeting;
- Final approval by the General Assembly.

14.2.4 A proposal for establishing a new EFC Working Party should be submitted to the Scientific Secretary not later than three months before the date of a STAC meeting. The proposal should contain the following information:

- The status of the proposer, i.e. one of the bodies mentioned in para. 14.2.1;
- The name, address, telephone, and e-mail details of the contact person;
- The name of the EFC Member Society of which the contact person mentioned above is a member;
- A short statement, of up to 100 words, of the suggested scope and objectives of the WP;
- An indication of interest already expressed (this could mention Member Societies, industry, other European Institutions, etc.);
- A proposal for the time, venue and convenor for an inaugural meeting of the WP.

14.2.5 For approval of Member Societies the Scientific Secretary will take the following actions:

- Inform all Member Societies by e-mail of the proposal with a request for a reply within six weeks indicating approval or objection; the e-mail should also invite Member Societies to nominate up to two delegates to attend the inaugural meeting of the Working Party;
- Include the proposal, together with any replies from Member Societies, in the working papers for the next STAC meeting at which the STAC will be invited to approve the establishment of the new WP. The convenor of the proposed WP should be invited to attend the STAC meeting and introduce the proposal.

14.2.6 The STAC will examine the proposal taking particular care to ensure that the proposed field of activities fits into the technical and scientific scope of the EFC and that cooperation in the fields covered by other EFC WP and Member Societies or by any existing international working group is encouraged.

14.2.7 Following agreement by the STAC, the convenor of the proposed WP will be invited to proceed with the inaugural meeting; invitations to this meeting must include Member Society delegates as nominated in 14.2.2 above. Interested individuals can be invited or nominated by the chair of the proposed WP or by member societies as observers. EXCEPTIONALLY, where the above timetable would incur a delay of several months before the inaugural meeting could be held, and where there is a pressing demand for work to start, the inaugural meeting may be held before the STAC meeting. In this case, it will be necessary for the proposer in conjunction with the EFC Scientific Secretary to make the enquiries set out in 14.2.2 so that Member Societies may have their views made known at the inaugural meeting.

14.2.8 At the inaugural meeting:

- ➢ A Chair will be appointed from among those present. The Chair must be a member of an EFC Member Society in good standing;
- ➢ A Vice-Chair and/or a Secretary shall be appointed after proposal of the Chair (if a Secretary is not appointed, it will be the responsibility of the Chair or Vice-Chair to

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carry out the tasks normally to be expected from a Secretary (see 14.4)). The Vice-Chair and the Secretary must also be members of an EFC Member Society;

- Terms of Reference and Objectives of the WP should be prepared;
- A provisional membership list should be prepared which should indicate the EFC Member Society to which each WP delegate belongs. It is the duty of the Chair to encourage WP delegates to join an EFC Member Society;
- The Chair should inform delegates to the WP that membership is free for all who belong to an EFC Member Society in good standing; other delegates, not belonging to an EFC Member Society, may, on the decision of the Chair, be charged an annual fee to defray some of the administrative costs of the WP.
- The Chair is responsible for ensuring that a written record (minutes) is kept by the Secretary or other appointed person, of proceedings of the inaugural and subsequent meetings of the WP and that these minutes are sent to all members of the WP and to the EFC Scientific Secretary;
- The requirements for a quorum at meetings of the WP should be decided by those present at the inaugural meeting.

14.2.9 The minutes of the inaugural meeting should then be included in the working papers for the next STAC meeting when the STAC will be invited to recommend the establishment of the WP to the General Assembly, taking into account any contrary views from Member Societies made at the inaugural meeting or to STAC.

14.2.10 On receipt of the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the WP, the Scientific Secretary will prepare a summary indicating the names of the officers, the Member Society nominations and all other proposed members for inclusion in the working papers of the next General Assembly which will be asked to approve the establishment of the new WP.

14.2.11 The Scientific Secretary will keep the STAC Chair informed of progress in establishing the new WP and the STAC Chair will, in turn, inform the BoA of progress.

14.2.12 The WP may begin its work following the inaugural meeting but will be recognised as an official Working Party of the EFC only after the EFC General Assembly has approved its establishment.

14.3 Duties of the Working Parties

14.3.1 To offer technical sessions as well as joint sessions with other Working Parties at EUROCORR and arrange their programme.

14.3.2 To publish their reports, guidelines and collections of scientific papers, preferably in an EFC series.

14.3.3 To organise workshops, symposia, summer schools, training courses or other events in their field of corrosion science and technology.

14.4 Duties of Chair, Secretary and delegates of Working Parties

14.4.1 Principles

In the distribution of tasks between the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, it should be borne in mind that there are Working Parties in which the Chair and/or Vice-Chair and Secretary have at their disposal a well organised secretariat either in one of the Member Societies or in the office of the company or enterprise to which they belong, and others in which the Chair or Vice-Chair and Secretary manage their own Secretariat (see also para 14.2.8).

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A final distribution of tasks between Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of a WP on the basis of the following suggestions should therefore be decided in each WP.

14.4.2 Duties of the Chair

The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the stated objectives of the Working Party are achieved in a timely and effective manner.

The term of office of Chair and Vice-Chair is three years. Re-election by WP members is possible.

The Chair participates in the meetings of the STAC and provides, on request in advance from the Scientific Secretary, a written progress report on the activities of the WP for inclusion in the working papers. The Chair may also, from time to time, be requested by the Scientific Secretary, to provide a summary of activities for inclusion in the EFC Newsletter.

The Chair calls the meetings of the WP on his own initiative or on the request of WP members; in general it should not be necessary for the WP to meet more than twice each year although sub-groups of the WP charged with particular tasks may meet on other occasions.

The Chair prepares and issues an Agenda for meetings and ensures that a suitable venue is available.

The Chair is responsible for ensuring that minutes of WP meetings are taken and that copies are sent to WP members and to the EFC Scientific Secretary.

The Chair is responsible for drawing up the programme for a session at EUROCORR in his work area when requested to do so by the Scientific Committee for the event.

The Chair is responsible for seeking qualified successors for Chair and Vice-Chair amongst the WP members. This ensures the future of each Working Party. A Chair or Vice-Chair should resign when entering retirement. Extension requires the consent of STAC Chair and President.

14.4.3 Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary, together with the Chair, is at the disposal of the WP for the clerical and administrative tasks involved.

The Secretary conducts the correspondence with WP members on behalf of the Chair, and produces the minutes of each meeting.

14.4.4 Duties of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair represents the Chair at the Chair's request (particularly for STAC or paper selection meetings where the Chair is not available).

The duties of the Vice-Chair include the duties of the Secretary when no Secretary is appointed.

14.4.5 Duties of Members

Members are expected to attend meetings of the WP on notification from the Chair or Secretary.

Members should participate in the technical and scientific activities of the WP by providing reports and, wherever possible, by participating in collaborative project work.

Members are required to give full support, notably by submission of high quality papers, to the annual EUROCORR conference of the EFC.

The Chair (and Vice-Chair) are responsible to decide to dismiss WP members who are violating the rules or are inactive.

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14.4.6 Voting at WP meetings

A vote may be taken at a WP meeting on any matter except of a scientific or technical nature.

A simple majority is sufficient to approve a resolution. However, a secret ballot may be taken if requested by any member.

14.4.7 Replacement of Chair

In the event of the resignation or dismissal of a WP Chair (for example at the request of STAC because of inactivity), a new Chair shall be proposed by the WP members and the decision communicated to the STAC Chair. If a new Chair is not proposed by the WP, the matter shall be referred to the STAC Chair who will:

- appoint a temporary Chair; (1)
- bring the matter to the attention of the STAC for resolution at its next meeting; (2)
- refer the matter to the BoA if (1) and (2) produce no satisfactory result.

14.4.8 Review and dissolution of a Working Party

The activities of the WP are to be thoroughly reviewed by the STAC. It is the duty of STAC to advise the BoA and the General Assembly of the results of this review, i.e. whether the WP should continue or be dissolved.

Reasons for the dissolution of a WP will be the following:

- achievement of the objective of the WP;
- no activity on the part of the WP for two successive years.

The final decision on whether to dissolve a WP is taken by the General Assembly on a proposal of the BoA made on the recommendation of the STAC or President/Vice-President.

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15 TASK FORCES

15.1 Task Forces may be established to carry out specific tasks that are not normally the responsibility of existing Working Parties or that have implications for the work of the EFC generally.

15.2 Task Forces may be set up by the BoA, STAC, PAC or Working Parties (to be referred to as the Parent Body). A Chair will be appointed by the Parent Body, and the members of the Task Force will be selected by that Chair. Neither the Chair nor the members of the Task Force are required to be members of the Parent Body.

15.3 The Chair of the Task Force will report to the Parent Body, as required.

15.4 A Task Force will be disbanded on completion of its work. For example, a STAC Task Force set up for the establishment of a new Working Party will be disbanded if the Working Party is not established.

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16 THE SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY

Duties of the Scientific Secretary are:

16.1 development and coordination of the activities of STAC in cooperation with the STAC Chair, Member Societies, Branches, the BoA, and the General Secretariat;

16.2 liaison with the Member Societies hosting STAC meetings and the issuing of the invitation (para 12.3);

16.3 preparation and issuing of the Agenda and working papers for STAC meetings and the preparation and distribution of their minutes;

16.4 preparation of papers and reports for the dissemination of corrosion information across national boundaries, notably, but not exclusively, through publication in an EFC series of reports, guidelines, etc. (Detailed editing of manuscripts for publication in the EFC series is the responsibility of the series publisher);

16.5 reinforcement, where desirable, of scientific and technical links with other bodies having interests similar to those of the EFC;

16.6 maintaining an awareness of, and collaborating, whenever possible, with National, European, and International Standardisation bodies;

16.7 maintaining close contact with EFC Working Parties through their Chairs;

16.8 presenting a report on the work of the Scientific Secretary to the STAC and the BoA at their meetings;

16.9 reporting to the General Assembly on the scientific and technical work of the EFC;

16.10 maintaining a Calendar of EFC and other important corrosion events;

16.11 approving and issuing EFC event numbers;

16.12 managing the process of the EFC Approved Course labelling;

16.13 supporting the regular update of the EFC Working Party web pages and the pages on EFC events and courses based on the content received.

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17 CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

17.1 The Chief Operating Officer (COO) is in charge of Business Development of the EFC, ensuring development of the EFC into a growing and financially strong international Association. The main responsibilities of the COO are:

17.1.1 Business Development;

17.1.2 implementation of EFC strategies;

17.1.3 ensuring sustainability of conference management, including sponsor and exhibitor management;

17.1.4 coordination of the General Secretariat;

17.1.5 liaison with other societies;

17.1.6 recruitment and retention of members;

17.1.7 central communication function within the EFC.

17.2 The COO is selected and appointed by the Board of Administrators, para. 11.4.10. Duties and remuneration scheme of the COO are detailed in the contract of the COO and are decided by the BoA. From 20 to 50 % of the COO remuneration is bonus-based and linked to achievement of specific financial and development targets.

17.3 The COO is a member of the PAC and a permanent member of the local organising committees of EUROCORR and any other EFC conferences. The COO reports to the BoA and works in close collaboration with the President and Vice-President.

17.4 The EFC may give the power to the Chief Operating Officer to represent the Association for signing contracts with third parties with the agreement of the President.

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18 YOUNG EFC

18.1 The objective of Young EFC

Young EFC is an initiative created in 2016 by the EFC that aims to support early career researchers and engineers in the field of corrosion and protection of materials.

18.2 Working principles of Young EFC

18.2.1 The work of Young EFC is based on collaboration between early career researchers and engineers, senior advisors, and the support of the board of the EFC.

18.2.2 Young EFC is organised by a Board constituted by members affiliated to one of the Member Societies that collaborates with the EFC.

18.3 Working methods of Young EFC - Rights and Duties of Young EFC

18.3.1 Young EFC Board members are invited as observers to STAC and BoA meetings of the EFC.

18.3.2 One member of Young EFC Board forms part of the jury of the EFC Poster Prize during EUROCORR.

18.3.3 Proposal and organisation of activities during EUROCORR are carried out in direct contact with the local Congress organisers and the President of the EFC.

18.4 Young EFC membership

18.4.1 The membership of Young EFC is open to all scientists and professionals linked to corrosion science and engineering topics. Nevertheless, the main target of Young EFC activities is early career researchers and professionals (under 35 years old, or with less than 10 years of professional experience). Young EFC accepts members from all over the world.

18.4.2 No fees are applied.

18.5 Finances of Young EFC

18.5.1 The BoA approves the annual budget of Young EFC.

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19 EFC EVENTS

A meeting, conference, symposium, non-regular educational course or other similar event may be described as a numbered EFC event providing the following requirements are met

19.1 Applications to have an event accepted as an EFC event must be addressed to the EFC Scientific Secretary;

19.2 The event must be concerned with a topic or topics that fall within the interests of the EFC;

19.3 The event must be organised by a Member Society, Working Party of the EFC, or an Affiliate Member: in the latter cases, the agreement of the national Member Society or Societies must be obtained (see also para. 3.8);

19.4 Events meeting the above requirements, but organised by other bodies, including industry, may be registered as an EFC event if written agreement is obtained from a Member Society in the country in which the event is to be held. In such cases, the Member Society must be invited to nominate a representative to the organising committee;

19.5 There should be no *unnecessary* restriction on the announcement of the event or on the attendance; there should be no *unnecessary* restriction on the subsequent reporting of the event although any requests from the organiser for speaker anonymity should be agreed in advance and respected;

19.6 Details of the event, dates, venue, language, organisers, publication route (if any), availability of abstracts or preprints, etc., should be entered on a form supplied by, and returned on completion to, the EFC Scientific Secretary;

19.7 Acceptance as an EFC event/course will ensure inclusion in the EFC Calendar of Events, publicity, and reporting in the EFC Newsletter;

19.8 Member Societies or Working Parties applying for EFC Event Numbers for meetings where there is an attendance charge may volunteer to offer a small discount to EFC members attending the event;

19.9 EFC Event Numbers should not be granted to events taking place within four weeks before or after EUROCORR.

NOTE: EFC event numbers are allocated in the order in which applications are received and are not related to the chronology of the events.

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20 EFC APPROVED COURSE LABEL

20.1 The purpose of the EFC Approved Course Label (hereafter the Label) is to support the education and training of corrosion professionals in limiting the detrimental impacts of corrosion on assets, the environment, and health.

20.2 The Label is granted to courses reviewed in detail and proposed by EFC Member Societies, who are responsible for the course content and delivery. The course must be focused on corrosion, corrosion prevention, or corrosion protection. The labelling scheme is reserved for courses owned, developed, and maintained by European Member Societies of the EFC, or supported by the European Member Societies.

20.3 It is not intended that the Labelling Scheme will deliver profits towards the wider activities of the EFC; it is intended to support education and training.

20.4 Any European Member Society of the EFC is entitled to apply for the Label. The application comprises submission of a questionnaire on the course governance. It shall be delivered by e-mail to the EFC Scientific Secretary.

20.5 The application is examined by the EFC Course Endorsement Committee (hereafter the Committee) composed of four respected volunteers and the EFC Scientific Secretary. Members of the Committee do not receive remuneration or expenses for the examination work. The Chair and members of the Committee will be ratified by the STAC at their first meeting after their nomination. The period of membership for the Committee will be three years, which may be extended.

20.6 The Committee will consider if the course outcomes, content, and governance are appropriate in view of the Label objectives. In case of doubt, the Committee can ask the applicant for additional information. This assessment is to be preceded by the Member Society assessment of the course, the course developer(s), and the tutor(s) before the application, which is expected to be more detailed than any assessment that is appropriate to be undertaken by the Committee.

20.7 The decision of the Committee is anticipated to be by agreement or will be by a majority vote of all voting members. Committee member(s) associated to a Member Society which applied for the labelling is (are) not entitled to vote. The EFC Scientific Secretary shall not be the Chair and shall not vote. The Chair shall hold a casting vote under the common convention of having a second vote to be applied only if the first vote by all members (including the Chair) results in a tie and further open discussion between the members cannot subsequently resolve the tie. The decision of the Committee is final.

20.8 The EFC Scientific Secretary shall inform the applicant about the outcome of the assessment within 6 weeks after the first delivery of the documents by the applicants to the Scientific Secretary.

20.9 The applicant can start using the Label on the day the labelling fee is paid.

20.10 Course Label approval shall be valid for 3 years; no annual fee is charged.

20.11 The EFC shall advertise the labelled courses on its web page and elsewhere at no additional charge to the applicant.

20.12 The applicant is obliged to inform the EFC Scientific Secretary of any substantial change recognised by the Member Society in the course governance or content (e.g., course structure, new or novel content, departure from the present basis of technology or learning) within 2 months after the change occurs. The Committee will decide whether a new examination of the application is necessary. It can decide to revoke the Label.

20.13 If there is no substantial change in the course governance and content, the applicant Member Society is not obliged to re-apply for the Label after its expiration. The Label may be renewed upon a simple written request addressed to the Committee via the EFC Scientific Secretary

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and, subject to agreement of the Committee, payment of a 3-year labelling fee. The Committee may determine to call for re-application if there are any doubts relating to the validity of the use of the Label or the course quality and outcomes.

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21 EUROCORR

EUROCORR (for which upper case letters should be used) is the title of the annual EFC corrosion conference.

The requirements for the venue, hosting and organisation of EUROCORR are as follows:

21.1 EUROCORR must be held in a European country and organised by an EFC Member Society or Societies. Where there is more than one Member Society in the country, it is desirable that all the Societies should be involved.

21.2 Bids for hosting EUROCORR must be submitted to the Frankfurt Office three years before the beginning of the year in which the event is to be held and not later than January 15. The BoA makes the final decision on the organiser of EUROCORR after consideration of all of the bids that have been received. Bids for hosting EUROCORR can only be accepted from Member Societies in good financial standing.

21.3 A bid to host EUROCORR should indicate the willingness of the organiser to enter into a form of agreement with the EFC.

21.4 EUROCORR should ideally commence on a date between September 1st and October 15th; the scientific programme should have a duration of 3, 4 or 5 days and efforts should be made to avoid clashes with other major corrosion conferences.

21.5 EFC Member Societies are requested not to hold conferences on any topic related to corrosion and its prevention between these dates; where long standing commitments exist, the matter should be discussed by the STAC with a view to reaching an acceptable compromise (also see para. 19.9).

21.6 All Working Party Chairs shall be invited to join the International Scientific Committee of EUROCORR.

21.7 The broad outlines of the technical programme should be discussed in the STAC, which will make appropriate recommendations to the organiser. A representative of the organising Member Society should be present at the STAC meeting.

21.8 The first announcement from the host society shall be made as soon as the date and venue have been established but preferably not more than two years before the event.

21.9 The second announcement of EUROCORR should not take place until the discussions (21.7 above) have taken place.

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1. Change in the board

Leonardo B. Coelho (VUB, Belgium) and Aytac Yilmaz (Ore energy, Netherlands) left the YEFC board in June 2023.

The YEFC board currently consists of Claudia Martinez (CorrosionRADAR, UK), Noémie Ott (OST, Switzerland), Can Özkan (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands) and Andressa Trentin (VTT, Finland). We benefit of the support of Marta Mohedano (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain).

In order to be able to continue organizing the different activities and to propose new ones, we are actively recruiting new board members, early career or young at heart corrosionists, all are welcome.

2. YEFC activities for Eurocorr2023 (Noémie Ott)

Annual Meeting

The **9th annual meeting of the Young EFC** will take place during Eurocorr2023 on Tuesday evening, August 29th at 18.00 in The Arc (Square, Brussels Meeting Center) followed by a get-together event.

YEFC plenary lecture competition

A **3M Plenary Lecture Competition** for early career researchers was organized to select the YEFC plenarist. After a first screening based on 1 min video, CV and motivation letter, three participants were selected for the second and last round. **Viacheslav (Slava) Shkirskiy** (ITODYS, Université Paris Cité, France) was selected as **YEFC plenarist** by a jury (YEFC board members + 7 external jury members) based on a 3 minute video presentation about his research.

As a recipient of the CNRS 2021 competition, Slava Shkirskiy currently works in the ITODYS laboratory at Université Paris Cité. His plenary lecture on "**Unsupervised Discovery of Corrosion Mechanisms by Optical Microscopies**" will take place on Wednesday morning, August 30th.

Best oral presentation awards

Two **oral presentation prizes**, recognizing outstanding communication skills of early career corrosionists, will be awarded during Eurocorr2023. A preselection of max. 10 candidates will be done before Eurocorr2023, based on a 3-minute (3M) video. The awards are donated by the Materials Institute of UMONS (Belgium).

Details about eligibility and application process can be found here:

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3. Corrosion Awareness Day (Leonardo B. Coelho & Andressa Trentin)

April 24th has been designated as **Corrosion Awareness Day** by the World Corrosion Organization (WCO). This initiative supports and encourages activities, aiming at raising awareness about the impact of corrosion in our societies and industries. This year again, more than 20 activities were organized worldwide. Among the activities registered, there were **corrosion-themed photo competitions** organized for instance at Corrosion@Manchester (University of Manchester, UK) and at Max-Planck-Institute for Iron Research (Germany). There were also **lectures**, like "Building TRUST against RUST" at NITK (India) or "Chemistry Behind Corrosion" at the University of the Punjab (Pakistan) as well as **workshops** on the basics of corrosion testing (Saudi Aramco Research & Development Center, Saudi Arabia) and Beyond Visual Inspection: The Power of Electrochemical Corrosion Testing (Metrohm Autolab, Netherlands) or **seminars**, such as "Discussing data-driven analysis of pitting corrosion at SURF" (VUB, Belgium), Swiss Corrosion Science Day 2023 (Switzerland) and 4th online seminar on nuclear corrosion (Switzerland).

4. Get to know the corrosion fighters (Claudia Martinez)

This series of short interviews aims at giving more visibility to the winners of the EFC awards and attracting young researchers and engineers in the field of corrosion, as well as encouraging young people to apply for EFC prizes.

The short interviews are posted regularly on LinkedIn and on the EFC website.

5. YEFC webinar for scientific writing in partnership with Elsevier (Marta Mohedano)

The **webinar series for scientific writing** is organized in partnership with Elsevier. We are **very grateful to the editors of Corrosion Science**: Prof. Arjan Mol and Prof. Dawei Zhang to support this initiative and sharing their knowledge and experience.

The last webinar, held on April 12th, focused on "**how to share and promote your article?**" with Marlene Silva (Elsevier-Publisher Materials Science) as guest speaker.

The topics of future webinars are under discussion.

All presentations are available upon request to the YEFC members who could not join.

6. Online EFC career webinar (Noémie Ott)

The online EFC career webinar provides an overview about the diversity of careers within the corrosion community and helping to demystify some career pathways.

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After two webinars dedicated to academic pathways, we turn towards **industrial career pathways for the next webinars**. On March 17th, we had a very inspiring interactive session with **Elizabeth Szala** (Aluminum Duffel, Belgium) and **Carolina Schneiker** (RISE, Sweden) about their career paths but also the future perspectives of the automotive corrosion field.
We also welcomed **Peter Visser** (Akzo Nobel Car Refinishes B.V., Netherlands) on June 7th for a fantastic webinar about his career path in the field of corrosion protection and his passion for paint.
Note that the previous recordings are available on the YEFC website and on the YEFC YouTube channel.

7. Science communication (Noémie Ott & Can Özkan)

This new initiative aims at offering science communication education and training to the YEFC community. We laid three focuses:

1. How to become a better communicator (oral presentation and proper use of visual aids)?
2. How to design and present a poster?
3. Improve self-promotion (use of social media, ...)

The SciComm series has been launched on April 6th. **Mike Morrison** introduced and discussed new ways to design and master **scientific poster**. There were about 50 participants and the video has been watched more than 100 times within one month.
We also offered on May 12th and June 15th, two online professional **workshops on "the Art of Impactful Science Communication" with Barry Fitzgerald.** In the first webinar, Barry introduced tips and tricks to better communicate about work on different stages. The second event focused on pitch presentations, in particular 3 min presentations. It had limited number of participants to favor interactions and personalized feedback. These two workshops were sponsored by Metrohm Schweiz AG and Anton Paar TriTec SA.
The last event of the season was held on June 29th. In "**Social Media for Academia and Professional Growth**", **Andrew Akbashev** discussed various ways to make an impact on professional communities through social media. There were closet o 50 participants. The recording are available on the YEFC website, on the YEFC and Andrew's YouTube channels.

8. Other activities

- Invited talk to present and promote the YEFC activities on April 19th, 2023 at PRAKTIKOR 2023 (Ostróda, Poland), organized by PSK.

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- Advisor in the CORmentor program (CORRECT program, UWO, Canada). The YEFC is happy to promote the CORmentor program that supports corrosion students, early career professionals and established professionals, embarking on a major career change. More information under Western University (uwo.ca).
- Rebranding the YEFC website
- Organizing of feedback/survey to address the needs of the YEFC community
- Participation in the EFC virtual meetings
- Contribution to EFC summer school organization
- Contribution to the EFC newsletter, summarizing the YEFC activities
- Active diffusion of news and advertisement of events (conferences, doctoral schools) with the YEFC network
- Promoting the use of the EFC Hub
- Regular YEFC board meetings

9. Budget

	Income	Expense	Item
BUDGET 2023			
Income	€ 5,500		4000 € allocated by BoA + 1500 € underspend of last year
	€ 300		Sponsorship SciComm event - Metrohm Schweiz AG
	€ 300		Sponsorship SciComm event - Anton Paar TriTec SA
expense		€ 790	Eurocorr2023 - Registration fees for one YEFC board member
planed		€ 1,800	Eurocorr2023 - YEFC Annual meeting together event
planed		€ 450	Eurocorr2023 - flyer, goodies
planed		€ 600	EFC summer school event
expense		€ 208	PRAKTIKOR - YEFC activities promotion
expense		€ 1,600	Science communication workshops (Barry Fitzergerald)
Remaining Budget 2023		**€ 652**	

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COO proposed Business Plan

Working paper of the BoA dated August, 27th, 2023

. Situation

Appointment of a new COO early April, 2023, mostly in charge of Business Development of the EFC, ensuring its development into a growing and financially strong international Association.
This report makes proposals in terms of growth regarding the revenue and the activities to reinforce and develop the missions of the EFC for its own benefit and that of its members.

. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the here below tables, are summarized key figures of the Business Plan 2024-2027. They are based on:

- proposals of growth, focused on the membership, EUROCORR congress, the diversification of activities and events, additional revenue in advertising & sponsoring
- extended services regarding education and certification programmes

with an attention on the interactive and efficient communication between the EFC, its members and the community in Europe and beyond, to make the EFC, an HUB of services.

	2023 forecast	2024 budget	2025 BP	2026 BP	2027 BP
Membership subscriptions	58 000,00 €	71 300,00 €	80 600,00 €	93 900,00 €	106 550,00 €
EUROCORR & other conference levy	60 000,00 €	71 000,00 €	77 000,00 €	103 000,00 €	114 000,00 €
CSCP Grant for Young Scientist Award	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €
Training course labelling	600,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 500,00 €	2 000,00 €	2 500,00 €
Advertising income	- €	15 000,00 €	18 000,00 €	21 000,00 €	24 000,00 €
Publishing income	3 500,00 €	3 500,00 €	4 500,00 €	5 500,00 €	6 500,00 €
Sponsoring income	- €	6 500,00 €	8 000,00 €	9 000,00 €	10 000,00 €
Certification income	- €	- €	3 000,00 €	6 000,00 €	10 500,00 €
TOTAL - Income	123 600,00 €	169 800,00 €	194 100,00 €	241 900,00 €	275 550,00 €

For the expenditures, a 3% inflation rate per annum (from 2025) has been applied for the membership services, administrative costs and COO position. A 10% increase has been applied the “Young EFC activities” item.

Two scenarii have considered to determine the operating surplus:

- Scenario “2023” with the revised costs announced by both offices for the current year
- Scenario “2022” with the known costs applied by the German and French offices in 2022

which are:

	2023 forecast	2024 budget	2025 BP	2026 BP	2027 BP
Operating surplus / (deficit) - scenario "2023"	(41 445,00) €	(20 200,00) €	(1 376,00) €	40 743,00 €	68 495,00 €
Operating surplus / (deficit) - scenario "2022"	N/A	3 200,00 €	22 726,00 €	65 568,00 €	94 065,00 €

Alternative scenario could be assessed depending on some possibly approved adjustments in terms of organization and tasks by the BoA.

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COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

. GROWTH
The proposals are set out below:

- **MEMBERSHIP**

New affiliate members need to be attracted by promoting the EFC activities (WP, EUROCORR, …). Research institutes are probably the entities most likely to be interested in becoming affiliated members, given the EFC's current activities.
New potential Society members in Latin America, Asia and Africa remain to be evaluated.
In the 2024 budget, it was proposed to add 15 k€ (based on 5 additional new members in 2023 and 6 new members in early 2024). Then a guess of 7 new members in 2025, 10 in 2026 and 2027, compensated by an erosion of 1-2 members per year, would bring an additional revenue (8,000 - 12,000 € per annum), so summarized:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Membership subscription	70,000	78,000	90,000	102,000

Creation of an "international EFC" branch, composed of "international" persons, active in countries, outside the EFC "playground", such as Latin America, Africa, South-East Asia, Japan, South Korea, …
An analysis shows that there are around 200 "international" delegates attending the EUROCORR congress ("international" meaning from countries where there are no EFC society members and excluding the USA and Canada, where AMPP has a strong presence). Those people may be interested in participating more actively in the EFC activities (WP) and be EFC "ambassadors" in their country, by helping to identify and connect with possible local corrosion societies if any (to become later an international Society member). As it's not possible for those individuals to be EFC individual members, the proposal is to create an "international EFC" branch in which those people could be members by paying a subscription fee. This proposal could generate additional revenue for the EFC. Taking in account a 130 € annual subscription fee & the registration of 10 new individuals in 2024, with growing subscription during the following years (20 in 2025, 30 in 2026, 35 in 2027), we would get the following figures:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
International branch	1,300	2,600	3,900	4,550

These figures are consolidated in the item" Membership subscriptions".

- **EUROCORR**

The EUROCORR levy is 70,000 € in the B2024. The rules to determine the EUROCORR levy will change as from 2025, generating more revenue at constant parameters.
Beside this, to enhance the appeal of the conference and boost attendance (delegates & exhibitors), several initiatives are proposed:

- creation of joint sessions with EFC international society members. From discussion with them, both CSCP and ACA are enthusiastic about this idea. It would make EUROCORR more internationally recognized (more delegates, with possibly more exhibitors)
- Roundtables to be included in the conference programme to facilitate exchanges between all the delegates and to give inputs, as Keynote speakers could do as well, and attract the industry.

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COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

- Opportunity for the sponsors to present a technical paper during one of the conference programme sessions (own decision of the LOC to propose this possibility in their sponsorship package)
- Implementation of the Loyalty Programme for the exhibitors (proposal of the LP 2023 Task Force - summarized here below in italics)

We propose the following benefits summarized in the table below, by considering different benefits if the companies are Affiliate Members of the EFC:

Benefits	*Affiliate member*	*Non-Affiliate member*
One-day free pass (for their guests)	*3*	*2*
Visibility	*Marketing of the LP members by the LOC through the promotion campaign of the EUROCORR congress (e-newsletters, social media, …) + roll-ups (minimum 3) listing the companies, displayed during the EUROCORR (*)*	
Space / room for private (business) meeting	*Yes (**)*	
Discount on the exhibitor price list	*25 % (***)*	*10 %*
Selection of the booth location (****)	*Yes*	

(*): the design and production of the roll-ups (ca. 500 €) to be supported by the EFC
(**): applicable as from EUROCORR 2027 (consequences of this benefit to be added in a revised version of the EUROCORR Manual for future EUROCORR bids). For the EUROCORR 2024, 2025 and 2026, to plan a negotiation case by case between the EFC and the LOC to propose this benefit. Those rooms (with table and chairs for a maximum capacity of 8 people) would be provided by the LOC, without any specific additional services. The number of those rooms should not exceed 3. The management of the room occupancy is required for slot allocation and has to be managed by the LOC together with the EFC (COO). Depending on the availability, those rooms could be possibly rented by the LOC to other companies, but the priority for the occupancy should be always given to the LP members.
(***): This discount rate is already being applied for the affiliate members (confirmed during the BoA in Krakow, Poland in September, 2018). Reminder: in the existing LP programme, the discount for the non-affiliate members is 16%
(****): This benefit is only valid for companies, having registered as an exhibitor (or sponsor) up to December 31st of the previous year (example: Dec 31st, 2023 for EUROCORR 2024). The proposed priority order for the selection of the booth location is:

- *Sponsor of the event*
- *Affiliate membership (with date of registration if needed)*
- *Number of entries as exhibitor*
- *Year of first participation as an exhibitor*

With regard to affiliated members, the loyalty programme only applies to members who are up to date with their annual subscription to the EFC.

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COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

The following assumptions have been done to prepare this business plan:
- EUROCORR 2024: 1,000 delegates - average fee: 800 € / 40 exhibitors -> 70 k€
- EUROCORR 2025: 1,000 delegates - average fee: 900 € /. 40 exhibitors -> 75 k€
- EUROCORR 2026: 1,050 delegates - -> ca. 100 k€ (2026 bid figures)
- EUROCORR 2027: 1,150 delegates - average fee: 1,000 € / 50 exhibitors -> 110 k€

with the here below associated EUROCORR levy:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
EUROCORR levy	70,000	75,000	100,000	110,000

Beside the EUROCORR congress, a first ICCPA organized jointly with CSCP took place few years ago, and the next edition is planned in 2024 (bringing a revenue of 4,000 € for the EFC), and then every two-year. A CSCP / EFC conference series could be considered, bringing more revenue for the EFC. Not taken account in the figures of the BP: only 4,000 € for the even-numbered years.

The first joint conference with ACA will take place in November, 2023. The agreement with ACA does not bring any revenue for the EFC.

- **INDUSTRY**

Creation of a webinar with a dedicated theme, mixing better academics and the industry. The content of this one-day event (as a start) with a combination of lectures from academics (a selection from the previous EUROCORR congress) and from the industry (the relevant WP chair (s) could be in charge of the abstracts selection)).
The purpose of this webinar is to have a better mix / connection between academics and the industry and a platform to communicate about the quality of the EUROCORR conference programme. This event would be sponsored by the industry, to cover at least all the organization costs. Depending on the success and interest of participants, this event could evolve into a multi-day format, potentially in person.
This event could be planned on the Corrosion Awareness Day on April 24th, or nearer.

Regarding the implementation and the associated costs, the first event could be organized every year from 2024. So far, a small surplus of the income (vs expenditure) of 1,000 € (in 2024) with an incremental surplus increase of 1,000 € per year is considered for this project, making more this event as a stage to promote the EFC and its activities and strengthen the link between academics and industry.

These figures are consolidated in the item ”EUROCORR & other conference levy”.

- **ADVERTISING & SPONSORING REVENUES**

Regarding the advertising revenue, it already started with an initiative in June to find advertisers for the EFC Newsletter with the objective to cover at least the costs associated to the production of the EFC Newsletter, at a level of ca. 15,000 € per year. We have got the commitment of an affiliate member to communicate in the August issue this year and a new one in the November issue. Hereafter are summarized the projections for the period:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Advertising income	15,000	18,000	21,000	24,000

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COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

Regarding the sponsoring, the idea is to find partners interesting in sponsoring:

- The existing Grants & prizes, composed of
  - Young Scientist Grant: 4,000 € (1,500 € being already sponsored by CSCP)
  - EUROCORR travel Grant: up to ca. 3,600 €
  - EFC poster prize: 500 €
- Possible new awards, being created to promote the EFC and its potential community. Creating new awards / prizes is a new opportunity to communicate about the EFC, its strategy and priorities. Based on defined EFC objectives, those awards could be:
  - Award to the best paper from an international delegate
  - Education award (EFC label course)
  - Mid-career corrosionist award
  - Innovation award (for the industry)
  - …

With the objective to have all the expenses related to the grants / awards / prizes covered by the sponsoring partners or through an EFC foundation, which could cover more support initiatives. Discussions have been initiated with Elsevier to discuss their interests for such sponsorship.

Here below are summarized the increasing income, considering new possible awards:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Sponsoring income	6,500	8,000	9,000	10,000

. MISSIONS

The proposals are set out below:

- **HUB OF SERVICES**

Creation of a webinar as a communication platform about European Commission projects to make aware (if needed) the society members and affiliate members and discuss large research consortium when calls happen.

To develop closer relationship with the EC and other organizations, such as the ERC (European Research Council, set up in 2007 by the European Union which "funds top researchers in Europe, helping them pursue great ideas at frontiers of knowledge", the ERC being part of Horizon 2020). There are other associations to consider to team-up, such as "Hydrogen Research Europe », an international, non-profit association composed of universities and Research & Technology Organisations.

It's a premature webinar idea but initiatives must be taken to allow our members to have easy access to the European projects, such as further investigations with the European Commission and affiliate organisations.

Certification - to propose the I-Corr coating inspection certification. Today, there are ca. 10,000 AMPP coating inspectors worldwide, the most recognized certification in this field. Frosio and I-Corr are less recognized. Taking advantages of this recognized existing certification of the EFC British Society Member, the aim is to propose it to the EFC Society members under a "local" format in their national language, as it's not in conflict with existing certifications provided by the EFC Society Members.

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COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

Discussions with I-Corr have been initiated about their interests to have the EFC as a new course provider (feed-back by early August). If positive, it could be proposed to the Society Members case-by-case for implementation. This "local" development will take some time (Adjustment of the documents due to the language, nomination of a tutor (with an I-CORR level 3) per country) and 2024 would be a useful year for these preparations, with a gradual start to certification in 2025. Considering an EFC "corporate" fee of 150 € per candidate, and the certification of 20, 40 and 70 inspectors, respectively in 2025, 2026 and 2027, the following figures are calculated:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Certification fee	0	3,000	6,000	10,500

<u>New horizons</u>
Ability for the EFC to monitor the trends, such as machine learning, data science technology, … by creating dedicated Task Forces? Such "corporate" topics are potentially important for all the EFC members and those TF would allow to connect the EFC with new people, associations and companies.

- **EDUCATION**

Education is one of the main missions of the EFC as "disseminate the highest level of scientific knowledge by organizing globally recognized events" is one of the strategic goals of the 2019-2023 EFC Strategic Plan. So, it's very important to

- <u>boost the existing education related products / services</u>
  - Green Books - there are about 70 books available at two partner publishing houses (CRC Press and Elsevier). The total revenue in 2022 was 3691€ (mostly (90%) from e-versions). More proactive promotion must be done to grow this revenue. It started by preparing an article for the next August issue of the EFC Newsletter and will continue during EUROCORR 2023 (list of EFC Green books with break-down by Working party will be available on the EFC booth and communicated to the STAC Chair for the WP chairs during the different sessions). Discussions started with Elsevier to make those books more visible on their website: Elsevier will set up a series launch page on Science Direct and all titles should then be linked to the series. In the first version of the 2024 Budget, 3500 € was proposed. However, the objective of all those actions is to increase the revenue by at least 50% giving the following figure:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Publishing income	3500	4,500	5,500	6,500

  - <u>EFC label courses - More proactive communication</u> to the EFC members about this possibility to get this label and associated advantages is needed. In order to encourage the members to apply for such label and to boost it, an EDUCATION award for the "best EFC label course of the year" could be implemented (sponsored award) - see section "ADVERTISING AND SPONSORING REVENUES". No revenue in 2022 for the "training course labelling" with no revenue so far in the 2024 budget. Proposal to revise the budget with 1,000 €. Otherwise, the revenue proposal for the next years are as follows:

In Euros	B2024	BP2025	BP2026	BP2027
Training course labelling	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500

COO proposed Business Plan (Continued)

- EFC events - More proactive communication is also required by the members and vice versa. Actions were already initiated to convince local Society members (Switzerland, Slovenia, Belgium) to register their events as an EFC one. Close relationship between the COO and the "corresponding" contact at the members is a MUST. Another initiative was taken end of June to communicate by email to all the "corresponding" contact at each EFC member, about the upcoming EFC events, listed on the website. Such regular emails will be sent to the EFC community.

- Develop new options, such as
  - a Pan European corrosion training? Today, corrosion training sessions are organized by different Society members with different formats (from one day to 5 times 3 days) and models (free of charge / fee). So far, from discussion with the members, it was not expressed. Is there a need?
  - unification of the syllabus of the corrosion studies by the EFC, proposed by the affiliate member Gdansk University. It will be further discussed with them on July 26th.

- **COMMUNICATION**

Proactive communication towards the EFC members is required and is a MUST - It has been previously mentioned in this report.
Social media is a strong asset - as discussed with the Social Media Team, it is necessary to structure a team of contributors to support the social media activities (on progress). For interactive and efficient communication between the EFC and its members, the EFC has to follow the Linkedin page of the different Society members and vice versa to comment and repost (on progress).

Pascal Collet
July 31st, 2023

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EUROCORR 2023 Report Form 1

(TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE EVENT)

DATES OF EVENT	27-31 August 2023	**VENUE**	SQUARE - Brussels Meeting Centre

OVERALL THEME OF THE CONFERENCE:

"Driving corrosion prediction and protection towards a circular economy."

ANTICIPATED NUMBERS OF DELEGATES:

CATEGORY	**REGISTRATION FEES** (including 21% VAT)	**TARGET NUMBERS**
Early / late registration:	Early (until 5. 6.)	Late (from 6. 6. to 24. 8.)
Committee Members, etc. (Invited)	€ 0/ 42 pax	€ 0
Invited Speakers	€ 0/ 5 pax	€ 0
Member Delegates	€ 790/ 147 pax	€ 890/ 29 pax
Non-Member Delegates	€ 890/ 202 pax	€ 990/ 62 pax
Students	€ 390/ 140 pax	€ 440/ 22 pax
Day ticket - Member Delegates	€ 400/ 1 pax	€ 440/ 2 pax
Day ticket - Non-Member Delegates	€ 490/ 2 pax	€ 590/ 1 pax
Exhibitors (Exhibitors have exhibitors registrations Included in the exhibition package)	€ 400/ 0 pax	€ 400/ 0 pax
	Total:	€ 450 230 Incl. 21% VAT

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE FEES:

Admission to all sessions, the company and poster exhibition, the list of participants, etc.
(to be complete)

Full Registration

- Congress materials
- Admission to the Scientific sessions
- Admission to the Exhibition and Poster area
- Refreshment
- Welcome Reception on Sunday, 27 August 2023
- Exhibition Opening and Poster Party on Monday, 28 August 2023

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One-day Registration

- Congress materials
- Admission to the Scientific sessions of the selected day
- Admission to the Exhibition and Poster area of the selected day
- Refreshment

Students

- Congress materials
- Admission to the Scientific sessions
- Admission to the Exhibition and Poster area
- Welcome Reception on Sunday, 27 August 2023
- Exhibition Opening and Poster Party on Monday, 28 August 2023
- Refreshment

Accompanying Person

- Welcome Reception on Sunday, 27 August 2023
- Congress Dinner on Wednesday, 30 August 2023

NUMBERS OF PAPERS:		
	ORAL PRESENTATIONS:	**693**
	POSTERS:	**152**
	TOTAL	**845**
TOTAL NUMBER OF TOPICS		**25 WP Sessions** **+ 17 Joint Sessions and Workshops**
NUMBER OF PARALLEL SESSIONS		**13**

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EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI

INTRODUCTION

The Association of Czech and Slovak Corrosion Engineers (AKI) in collaboration with Guarant International offer to host Eurocorr 2026 in beautiful city of Prague.

AKI is a non-profit organisation established by corrosion protection and surface treatment experts in 1990. Members of AKI are companies, researchers, corrosion engineers, corrosion protection practitioners and further persons active or interested in the field of corrosion protection. AKI is the main promoter of corrosion research and engineering in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia.

Based on the positive experience with organizing succesful Eurocorr in 2017 we would like to host this event again. We should emphasize the strong support of highly professional PCO Guarant International and the City of Prague.

September is a pleasant period for visiting Prague and enjoy it´s unique historic spirit together with the opportunity to share common scientific focus.

Thank you for considering our bid and hopefully see you in Prague!

EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI (Continued)

Background of the organising EFC Member Society/Societies:

Name: Association of Czech and Slovak Corrosion Engineers (AKI)
Address: Technická 5, Prague, 166 28, Czech Republic

Examples of events organised in the past:

Corrosion and Surface Treatment in Industry 2018, Viglas Castle, Slovakia: International symposium where scientists, industrial operators meets with politicians (member of EP, EC, EDA) **100 participants**
https://m.facebook.com/events/250537925527064/250537935527063/

Eurocorr + International Corrosion Congress + Process Safety Congress 2017 – joint international congress in Prague
https://eurocorr.org/Archive/EUROCORR+2017.html **1400 participants**

AKI – annual local conference with participation of Czech and Slovak corrosion experts and students
https://www.aki-koroze.cz/konference.php?chlang=true **100 participants**

1st International Conference Corrosion and Material Protection 2007, EFC event no. 294 (SVUOM, ltd. and AKI coorganization) **150 participants**

63rd Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry in Prague, Czech Republic; Institute of Chemical Technology Prague – co-organizer of Symposium 9: Corrosion Science and Engineering **1700 participants**
https://www.ise-online.org/ise-conferences/annmeet/folder/63rd_Annual_meeting_program.pdf

EFC Task force 2 workshop: Industrial heat exchanger problems: NDT Inspection; Prague, 2004, as EFC event no. 276 **25 participants**

Indoor Air Quality in Museums and Archives 2012, London: coorganization of the workshop Real Time Monitoring of Air Corrosivity Using AirCorr **20 participants**

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

In addition to the scientific areas covered by the Working Parties, we plan to organize following activities:

- session/workshop on "Sustainable Energy Sector and Corrosion Issues"
- session/workshop on "Hydrogen Embrittlement of Non-Ferrous Alloys"
- roundtable on digitalisation, cleantech with politicians from European Parliament, European Commisssion, regions "Corrosion Facing Megatrends or Megatrends Facing Corrosion"

We plan to organize special activities for students:

- Award price for the best student posters
- Roundtable of Young EFC and politicians (members of EU parliament, European Commission)

EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI (Continued)

Details of the planned EUROCORR

Venue: O2 Universum (https://www.o2universum.cz/en/)

Dates / Duration: September 13 – 17, 2026 (5 days Sun-Thu)

Expected number of participants: 900

Participant profile (%)

Academics: 25 %

Industrialists: 40 %

Students: 28 %

Complimentary:

Committee: 5 %

Registration fee profile (€):

Member EFC: 900/1030 €

Non-Member EFC: 1030/1100 €

1-Day: 450 €

2 % Students: 450/550 €

Committee: 0 € complimentary (50 pax) + 4 speakers

Keynote speakers 500 € (20 Pax)

Others: 260 €

Registration fees cover coffee breaks and lunches.

Preliminary Budget

Income

Fees	....	604 000 EUR
Sponsoring	....	58 000 EUR
Exhibition	....	154 000 EUR
TOTAL	....	816 000 EUR

Costs

Venue	....	231 000 EUR
Technical Equipment	....	97 000 EUR
Catering + Social Events	....	141 000 EUR
Meetings	....	8 000 EUR
Event Secretariat	....	20 000 EUR
Abstract Secretariat	....	27 000 EUR
LOC + PCO	....	156 000 EUR
EFC Levy + Exhibitors Fee Share	....	86 000 EUR
Taxes + Bank Charges + Accounting	....	18 000 EUR
Others (VIP travel costs; Advertisement)	....	32 000 EUR
TOTAL	....	816 000 EUR

EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI (Continued)

Organisational structure

Cooperation with the EUROCORR Congress Secretariat:

AKI, EUROCORR Congress Secretariat, EFC Working parties – Close cooperation on scientific and social programme building.

AKI – decision making regarding the responsibilities of the PCO (complete logistic management including registration and budget administration).

ASSOCIATION OF CZECH AND SLOVAK CORROSION ENGINEERS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION

GUARANT INTERNATIONAL

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O2 universum

http://www.o2universum.cz/en/?page=

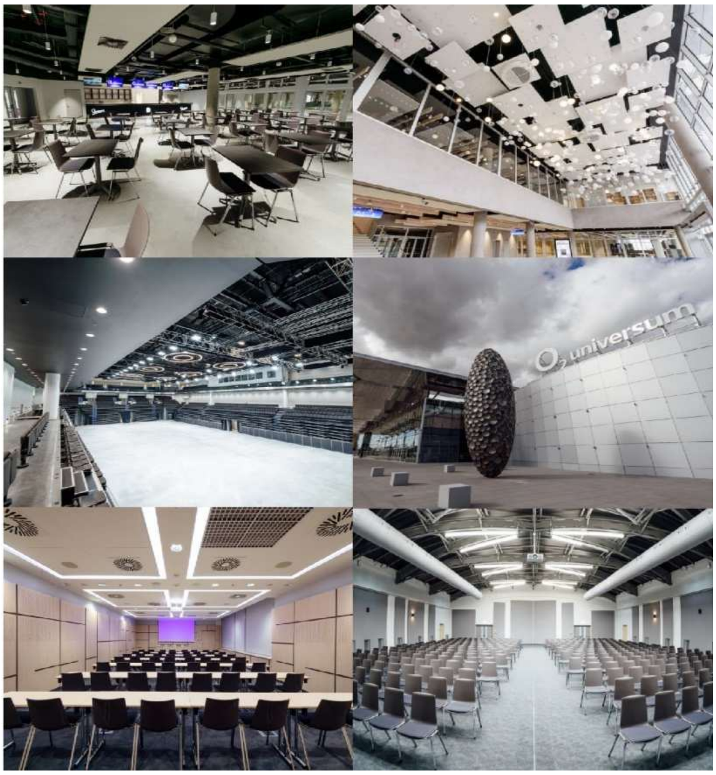
Exhibition space up to **16 000 sqm**

44 halls and meeting rooms

Max. capacity of **10 000 participants** (Interconnected with O_2 arena multifunctional venue with capacity up to **17 000 participants, 5 000 sqm** Exhibition space)

Close to the historical centre (4 metro stations)

Right at the subway station "Českomoravská" (line B)



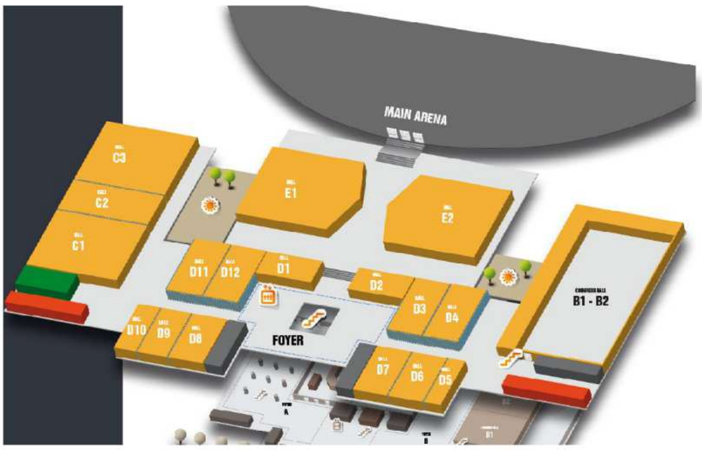
Capacity and Equipment of the Venue
for Eurocorr

Capacity of the main lecture theatre: 1500 (joint Hall B1 and B2)

Number and capacities of secondary lecture theatres:
2x 432 pax (Hall C1 and C3)
4x 154 pax (Hall D3, D4, D11 and D12)
4x 128 pax (Hall D6, D7, D8 and D9)
2x 81 pax (Hall D1 and D2)
2x 50 pax (Hall D5 and D10)

Capacity for the exhibition and poster area: 3900 m2

Expected number of exhibitors: 44



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THE WELCOME RECEPTION and POSTER PARTY

At the Congress Venue

- Directly in the meeting location
- An elegant venue (Background music)
- Welcome speeches (introduction)
- An exclusive and experienced caterer

  Light refreshments (canapes, finger foods, salads, sweet breads)

EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI (Continued)

Congress Dinner

„OBČANSKÁ PLOVÁRNA"

- Unique place with a unique atmosphere in the centre of Prague on the banks of the Vltava River
- The oldest preserved river bath in Prague with a rich history and tradition
- Občanská plovárna has stood on the banks of the Vltava under the same name for 180 years
- The exceptional premises of this historic place in an exclusive location have undergone extensive and sensitive reconstruction over the last year
- Občanská plovárna continues the best of the history of this exceptional place for relaxation and gourmet experiences

- It is possible to go for a boat ride directly from gala dinner venue
- There is also possibility to organize a charity run around the stunning city of Prague for congress participants

https://www.obcanskaplovarna.cz/

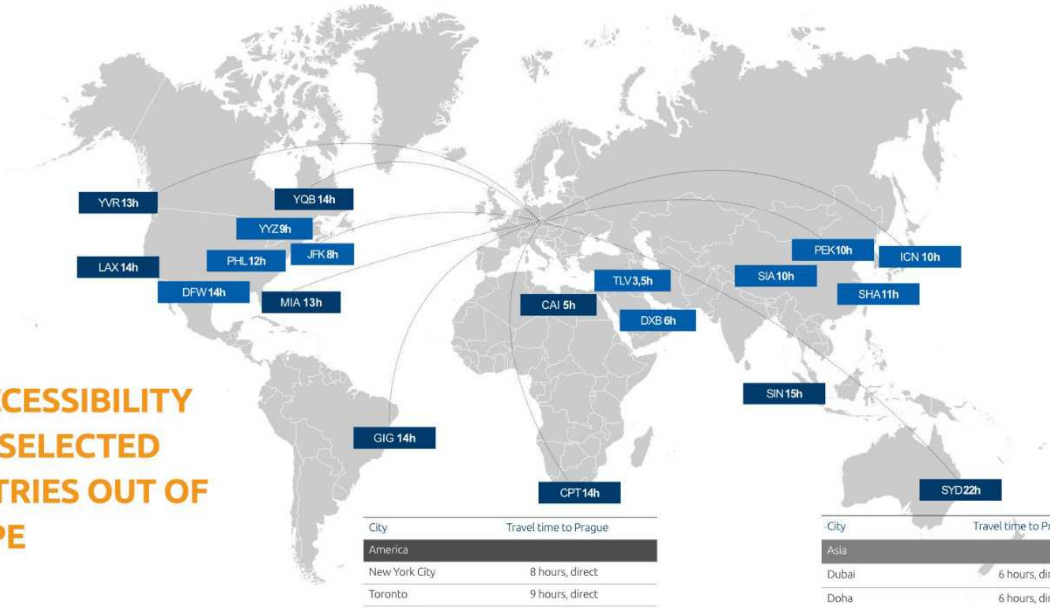
EUROCORR 2026: Prague - Bid from Czech Republic - AKI (Continued)

AIR ACCESSIBILITY FROM COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

43 countries in 3 hours!

67 scheduler airlines
in **44** countries
157 direct destinations
16 million passengers

Prague Airport won the award for **the best European airport** in the field of customer satisfaction.
(Airport Service Quality Award 2019 by: Airports Council International (ACI))



AIR ACCESSIBILITY FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES OUT OF EUROPE

City	Travel time to Prague
Australia	
Sydney	22 hours
Africa	
Cape Town	14 hours
Cairo	5 hours

City	Travel time to Prague
America	
New York City	8 hours, direct
Toronto	9 hours, direct
Philadelphia	10 hours, direct
Dallas	14 hours
Rio de Janeiro	14 hours
Los Angeles	14 hours
Miami	13 hours
Vancouver	13 hours
Quebec	14 hours

City	Travel time to Prague
Asia	
Dubai	6 hours, direct
Doha	6 hours, direct
Tel Aviv	3,5 hours, direct
Beijing	10 hours, direct
Shanghai	11 hours, direct
Xi´an	10 hours, direct
Singapore	15 hours
Seoul	10 hours, direct

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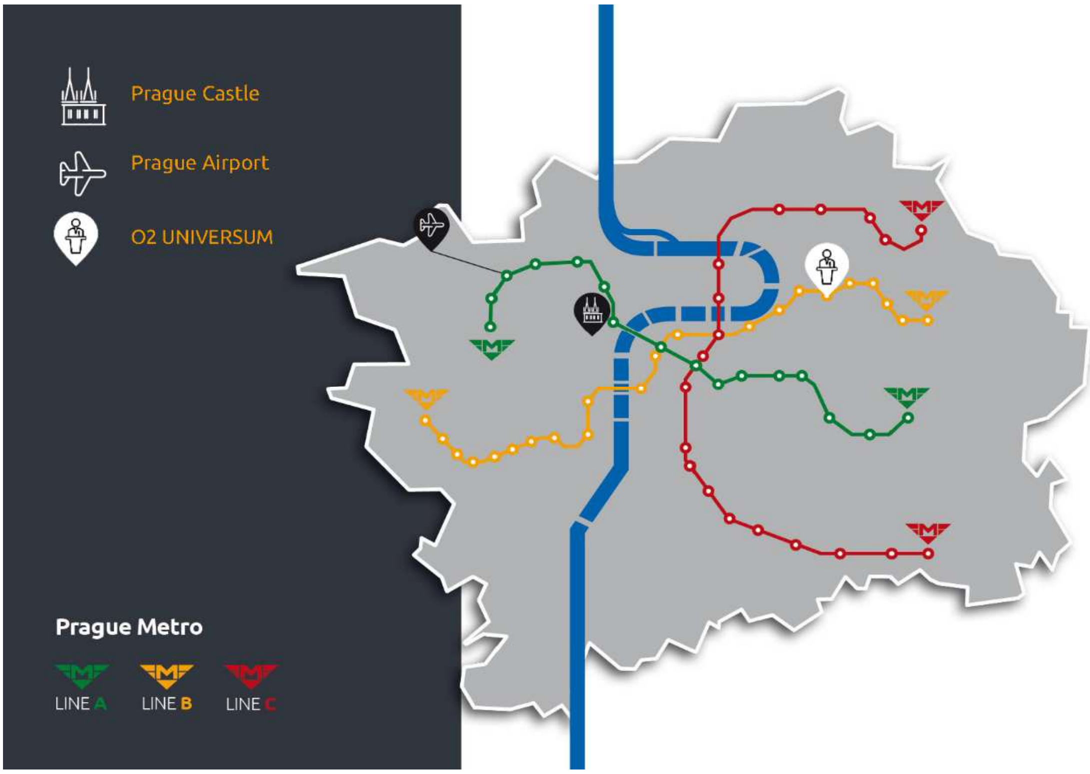

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THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic is an excellent example of European diversity.

In one small area a number of completely diverse regions come together and are all easily accessible to one another.

There are thermal springs in the west, mountains peppered with remarkable cliff towns in the north, a wistful landscape of fishponds in the south and sunny vineyards in the southeast.

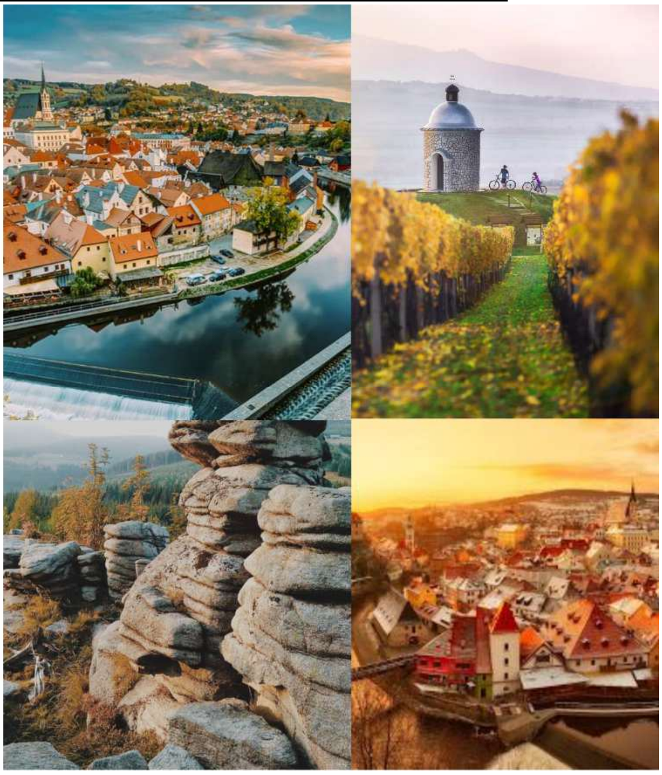
On top of this, the country is full of historic towns, unique castles and chateaux, spas with centuries of tradition as well as thousands of kilometres of excellently marked hiking and cycling trails, not to mention the great opportunities for business meetings.

11 – 17 °C in September

Central European Time
GMT + 1 hour

1 EUR = 23,7 CZK
1 USD = 22,0 CZK
1 GBP = 27,2 CZK

Source: Czech National Bank, 29th May 2023



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10 REASONS WHY PRAGUE

Prague's Attractiveness
Prague can offer its visitors UNESCO World heritage sites, 103 theatres and 184 galleries.

Prague is a Safe City
According to the Global Peace Index (2022), the Czech Republic falls among the TOP 10 countries and is ranked the 8th safest country in the World.

Hundreds of Years of Academic Tradition
The year 2019 marks more than 670 years of academic tradition since the foundation of Charles University in Prague in 1348.

Potential for Best Attendance
In 2022 Prague ranked 7th among the most popular congress cities in the World (ICCA Statistics).

Short-distance Concept
The short distances make congresses in Prague convenient for all participating delegates.

An Excellent Location and Accessible City
There are 43 countries within a 3-hour flight.

Among the top 20 Best Experience Destination in the World
According to the renowned travel portal, Tripadvisor.com (2021), Prague ranks as the 19th best experience destination in the World.

Friendly Accommodation Prices
According to the annual analysis of the Trivago Hotel Price Index 2022, Prague has one of the lowest accommodation prices in Europe.

The Best Value Destination
The annual study of British firm, Post Office, declared Prague the winner of the "Best Value" category out of all listed destinations.

Scientific Community
Strong scientific teams, institutes and universities

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LOCAL SUPPORT

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Wow Prague Convention Bureau

Financial Support

Possible financial support from City of Prague for EUROCORR 2026 up to **€80 000 (€16 per delegate)**

Transport

Public transportation passes are available **FOR FREE**
Public transportation passes are available to all delegates of events that meet the following criteria:

- Duration of at least two nights
- Minimum number of 500 delegate
- At least 20% international delegates

Mayor's Residence

Rental of the Mayor's Residence for FREE

- Capacity up to 150 delegates
- Convenient for social events for the EUROCORR 2026 leaders, VIPs and congress guests, i.e. speakers dinner, faculty dinner, etc.

Information Booth

Information Booth of Prague City Tourism for FREE

- Prague City Tourism offers an information booth at the congress

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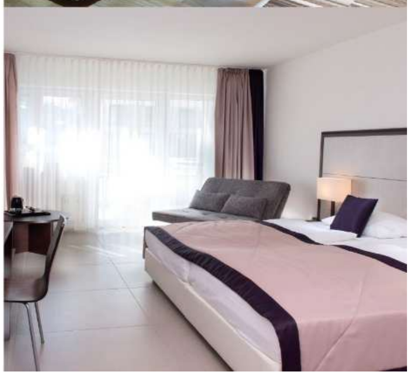
ACCOMMODATION NEAR O2 UNIVERSUM

Hotels	Rooms	O_2 universum Distance
Not categorized		
Hilton Prague	791	4 subway stations
Category *****		
Art Deco Imperial Hotel	126	4 subway stations
Hilton Prague Old Town	303	5 subway stations
Hotel Kings Court Prague	137	5 subway stations
Category ****		
Stages Hotel Prague	300	next to the venue
Clarion Congress Hotel Prague	559	walking distance
Wellnes Hotel Step	208	5 min by tram
Hotel Relax Inn	40	13 min by tram
Hotel Artemis	50	2 subway stations
Hotel Olympik	315	2 subway stations
Pentahotel	227	3 subway stations
Hotel Mucha	39	4 subway stations
Botanique Hotel Prague	67	4 subway stations
Category***		
Hotel Carol	65	walking distance
Hotel Pivovar	26	walking distance
Olympik Tristar	280	1 subway station
BB Hotel Prague - City	160	4 subway stations
Hotel AXA	125	4 subway stations
Ibis Prague Old Town	228	5 subway stations

Accommodation of students for reduced rates in hostels and economic hotels near the proposed venue:
Hotel Aréna, 300 m / 4 minutes by walk, 68 - 70 EUR
Hotel Sunshine, 1 subway station, 30 - 45 EUR



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MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANISATIONS

IAPCO – The International Association of Professional Congress Organisers

Bratislava Tourist Board

Czech Event Association

ESAE – European Society of Association Executives

AMC Institute – Association Management Companies Institute

ICCA – International Congress and Convention Association

PCB – Prague Convention Bureau

Slovak Convention Bureau

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EUROCORR 2026

Pro forma for bidding organisations

BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANISING EFC MEMBER SOCIETY/SOCIETIES

Note: *Where there is more than one Member Society in the country, it is desirable that all the Societies should be involved.*

Name(s):	**Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3)** **Institute of Corrosion (ICorr)**
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EXAMPLES OF EVENTS ORGANISED IN THE PAST:

Name of event:	Number of participants:
1. **World Titanium Conference 2023** Forum of the world's titanium community 12-16 June 2023, Edinburgh, UK IOM3 | World Titanium Conference 2023	**Est. 450-500**
2. **RubberCon 2023** Conference on use of elastomers and elastomeric materials and their applications 9-11 May 2023, Edinburgh, UK IOM3 | RubberCon 2023	**300**
3. **PVC 2021** The World's Leading Forum on Vinyl 10-12 May 2021, virtual IOM3 | PVC 2021	**460**
4. **IRC 2019**	**600**

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International Rubber Conference 3-5 September 2019, London, UK	
5. **EUROCORR 2008** Annual Congress of the European Federation of Corrosion 7-11 September 2008, Edinburgh, UK	**800**
6. **EUROMAT 2009** European Congress & Exhibition on Advanced Materials & Processes 7-10 September 2009, Glasgow, UK	**1100**
7. **ICCM-17 2009** 17th Annual Conference on Composite Materials 27-29 July 2009, Edinburgh, UK	**1300**

Please attach information material (flyers, proceedings or the like).

OTHER EXPERTISE:

Both IOM3 and ICorr have extensive experience in organisation of large national and international conferences and have jointly hosted EUROCORR in the UK on five previous occasions since 1977 (the last time being in Edinburgh in 2008)

DETAILS OF THE PLANNED EUROCORR

VENUE: The Convention Centre Dublin (CCD), Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, D01 T1W6, Ireland The Convention Centre Dublin (theccd.ie)

DATES / DURATION:

The congress should be held between 1 September and 15 October with duration of 4-5 days. Please make sure that the proposed dates do not overlap with any major corrosion or electrochemistry event of ISE, ESC, NACE, etc. (e.g. the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry-ISE in 2022).

20-24 September 2026

EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

1,200

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration fees (€)	early	regular	on site

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Member EFC:	1,100	1,200	1,300
Non-Member EFC:	1,250	1,360	1,500
Students:	550	600	650
One Day:	650	700	750

(Note that complimentary registrations usually include a minimum of 50 persons)

Note:

- *Proposed registration fees are subject to inflationary increase.*
- *Proposed fees above include VAT at 23%.*

WILL LUNCH BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEES?

Yes	**X**	**No**	

BUDGET

PLEASE SUPPLY AN INDICATION OF THE FINANCES.

Please note that EFC shall receive a levy of:

- *12.5 % of total fees paid by delegates;*
- *25% of fees paid by new exhibitors and sponsors brought by EFC;*
- *15% of fees paid by exhibitors and sponsors participating in the EFC Loyalty programme;*
- *0% of fees paid by exhibitors and sponsors brought by the local host.*

subject to a minimum of 50,000 euros + VAT, this levy being forecast in the budget of the EUROCORR. A first deposit of 10,000 euros + VAT will become due as soon as the EUROCORR agreement has been signed, and a second deposit of 10,000 euros + VAT will become due after the deadline for early registration;

Please also read the document on EUROCORR provision for expenses to be covered by the host (circulated with the call for bids).

Proposed budget based on 1040 delegates (break-even result)

Income	**€**
Registration fees	824,000
Sponsorship & exhibition fees	151,000
Total	**975,000**
Expenditure	
Venue hire	305,000
Catering	341,000
Social programme	100,000
Other costs	117,000
EFC levy	112,000
Total	**975,000**

VENUE

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Please note the following requirements for the congress venue (including technical equipment):

- *Main lecture theatre for opening ceremony and plenaries with capacity of at least 80% of the expected number of participants.*
- *2 rooms with capacity of 250 seats,*
- *6 rooms with capacity of 100 seats,*
- *6 rooms with capacity of 50 seats,*
- *each equipped with computer and beamer for at least 14 parallel sessions in total.*
- *Connected area sufficient for a large exhibition (at least 70 exhibitors), the poster session (approx. 300 posters) and with nearby facilities to hold coffee breaks and lunch breaks (if applicable) and the poster party. The required size of this area (min. 1,000 m^2) depends on the agreed target numbers and/or expected number of participants/ exhibitors/ posters.*
- *Capacity to hold extra meetings during EUROCORR including*
  - *STAC (AM) and BoA (PM) meetings (30 seats each) on the day of the opening of EUROCORR*
  - *EFC Working Party business meetings*
  - *Next EUROCORR International Scientific Committee meeting (30 seats)*
  - *YoungEFC meeting (up to 60 seats)*
  - *Small EFC meetings with other organisations, e.g. NACE, ACA, CSCP, ICC, WCO (approx. 10 seats each) and other meetings of these organisations on request.*

Capacity of the main lecture theatre:	**1,995**
Number and capacities of secondary lecture theatres:	**Large theatres** Liffey A (200) Liffey B (200) Liffey Hall 1 (200) Liffey Hall 2 (200) Wicklow Hall 2A (200) Wicklow Hall 2B (200) Liffey Meeting room 1 (100) Liffey Meeting room 2 (100) Liffey Meeting room 3 (100) Wicklow Hall 1 (100) Wicklow Hall 2 (100) EcoCem (100) **Smaller Theatres** Wicklow Meeting Room 2 (90) Wicklow Meeting Room 3 (80) Wicklow Meeting Room 5 (80) Wicklow Meeting Room 4 (70)
Capacity for the exhibition and poster area:	**4,371 m sq**
Expected number of exhibitors: (targeted number: minimum 40 exhibitors)	**50**

Please also read the document on EUROCORR provision for expenses to be covered by the host (circulated with the call for bids), which details information on meetings to be held during or in conjunction with EUROCORR.

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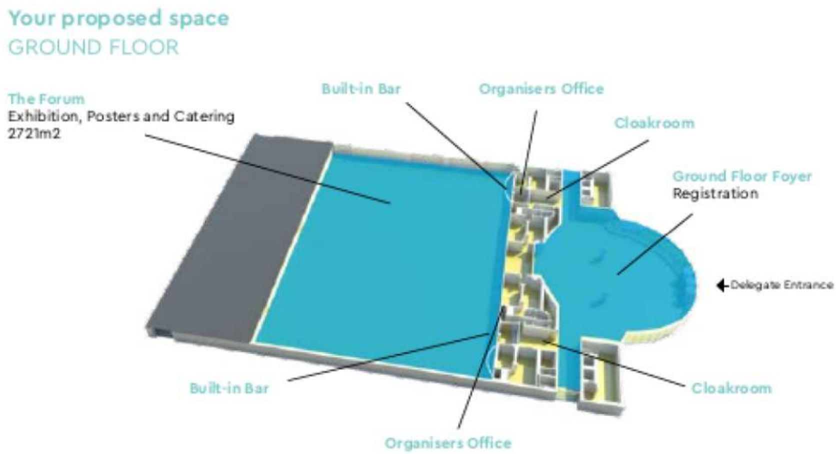
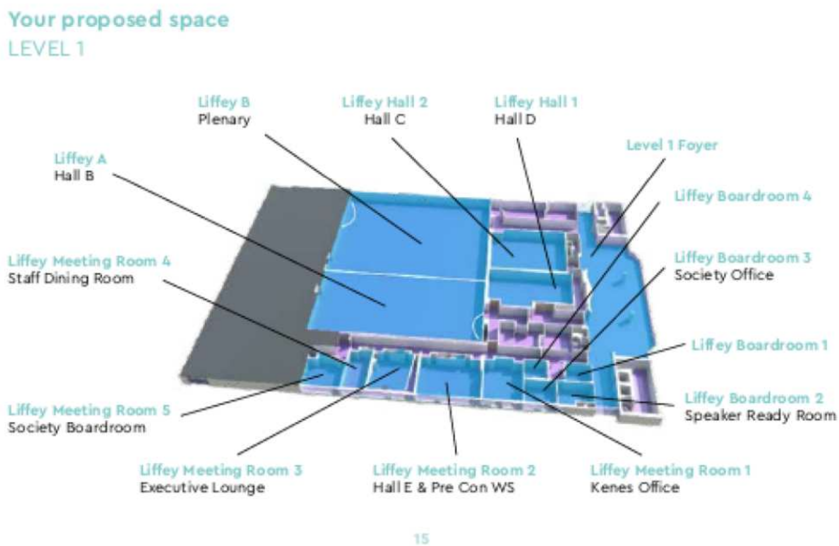
Please attach a map of the venue.





ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Please describe how the Local Congress Office will be organised, including the number of people from the Member Society(ies) participating in the organisation, eventual contact and role of a PCO and details of the proposed allocation of responsibilities between the society(ies) and the Congress Secretariat.

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The main responsibility for organisation of the conference will fall on the Local Organising Committee, which will be made up of senior officers from ICorr and IOM3, supported by leading representatives from academia and industry. Dechema will be subcontracted to manage the abstract submission process. ICorr will be responsible for the scientific and technical aspects of the organisation of the conference, including the scientific programme, speaker invitations and liaison with STAC and Dechema regarding abstract submission and evaluation. IOM3 will be responsible for management of the event logistics, including liaison with the conference venue, subcontractors and exhibitors and the day-to-day running of the conference. Both organisations will work closely together to ensure success of the event.

FURTHER ASPECTS OF THE EUROCORR ORGANISATION

WOULD OTHER MEETINGS BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE EVENT?

Yes	X	No	

If yes, which event(s):

The UK Corrosion Science Symposium, which is run on an annual basis by the Corrosion Science Division of the Institute of Corrosion. This will provide an additional 50 student and 5-10 academic delegates to the regular EUROCORR attendance.

WILL SOCIAL EVENTS BE ARRANGED?

Yes	X	No	

If yes, please provide details (extra costs for participants, expected size and location, if available):

Coordinated evening social functions will be limited as it is anticipated that most delegates will want to take advantage of the tourist attractions that are on the CCD doorstep. A conference dinner at the Guinness Storehouse will be arranged at an extra cost.

IS THE VENUE CLOSE TO MAIN TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS?

Yes	X	No	

Please provide details of transportation:

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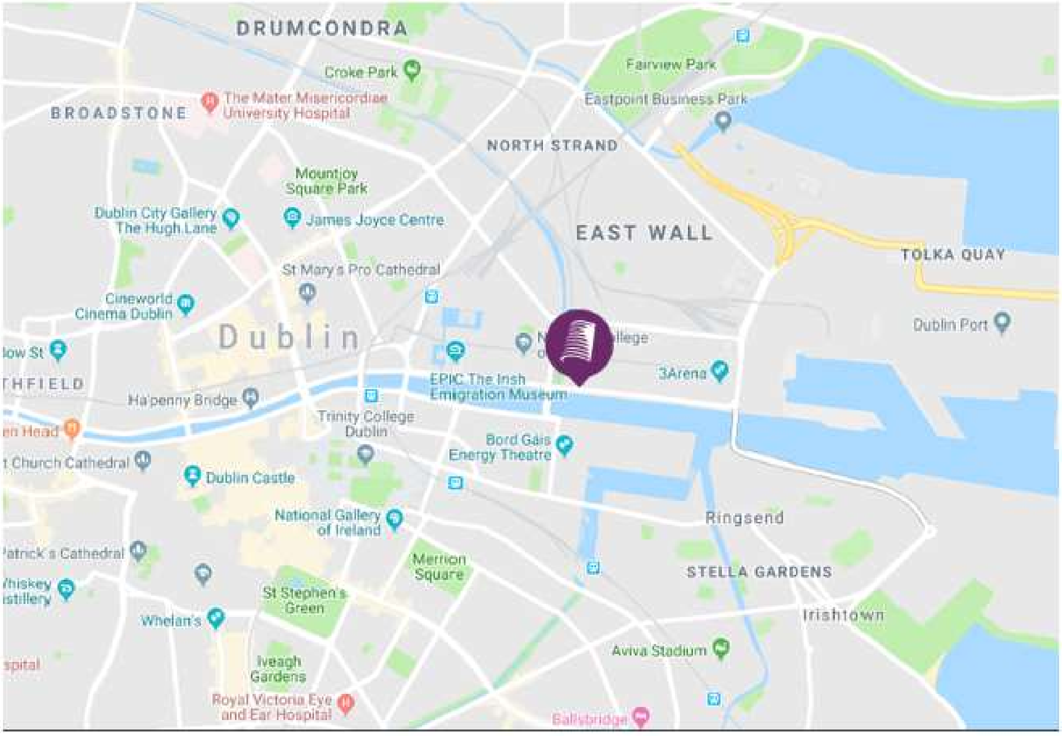
The CCD is located in the centre of Dublin with all major tourist attractions easily reachable by foot.

Dublin Airport has flights to over 180 destinations in Europe and North America and is just 15 minutes away from CCD by Dublin Bus, which operates a 24-hour service from the city centre to the airport. Taxi and car hire services are also easily available.



ACCOMMODATION:

There is a large number of hotels and youth hostels suitable for all budgets within the walking distance of the convention centre, some of which are detailed below

4* accommodation rates are typically around €160
3* accommodation rates are typically around €100
Budget accommodation rates are typically around €40

Hotel	Star rating	Number of rooms	Distance
The Marker	5*	187	8 minute walk
The Spenser Hotel	4*	209	4 minute walk
Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane	4*	304	5 minute walk
Hilton Garden Inn	4*	324	6 minute walk
The Gibson	4*	252	13 minute walk

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Budget accomodation	Type	Number of rooms	Distance
Travelodge Plus	3*	393	10 minute walk
Jury's Inn	3*	253	25 minute walk
Abbey Court	Youth hostel		19 minute walk

Hotels in Close Proximity to the CCD – Google My Maps

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

IN ADDITION TO THE SCIENTIFIC AREAS COVERED BY THE WORKING PARTIES, WHICH THEMES/SCIENTIFIC AREA WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOCUS ON?

Corrosion Challenges for Net-Zero Technologies

DO YOU PLAN TO ORGANISE SPECIAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS?

Yes	X	No	

If yes, please provide details:

A dedicated student evening incorporating Dublin pub experience will be arranged jointly with YEFC.

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EUROCORR 2026 - Evaluation of the Bids

Country of the Bid	Congress Center	Proposed Dates	No. Of participants expected	Rooms	Exhibition	Posters	Coffee Break	Lunches	Delegate fee (early member), including VAT	Accessibility from abroad	Position in the Town	Accommodation including hotels at walking distance	Comment(s) and/or Recommendation(s)	Big-Mac-Index	Hosts since ~2000	Number of Airport passenger Mio	Daily direct flight destinations
Czech Republic	O2 Universum	13-17 September	900	14 rooms > 50 Main Lecture theater: 1500	Exhibition and poster area: 3900 m² 44 exhibitors expected				900,00 €	120+ destinations / 43 countries in 3 hours (a lot of direct flights)	4 subway stations away Close to the historical centre (4 metro stations) Right at the subway station “Českomoravská” (line B)	4 hotels at walking distance, many more within 5 subway stations	'- maintain low delegate fee '- Lecture Rooms (Floor 3) and Exhibition space (Floor 2) not at the same floor: No circulation in the exhibition to go to the conference rooms '- lower fees, generally cheaper, reduced fee for keynote speakers - in Prague already in 2017	**3.97 $***	2017, Prague	ca. 10	60 (guess)
UK	Convention Center Dublin	20 - 24 September	1200	16 rooms > 70 Main Lecture theater: 1.995	Exhibition and Poster area: 4371 m² 50 Exhibitors expected				1 100,00 €	180 destinations Europe & North America (a lot of direct föights)	City center 15 min from Airport by public transportation to the congress centre	about 10 hotels at walking distance Google: ~ 30 41 - 910 €	- Congress center in the city / New potential country to broaden the audience of the EUROCORR '- Lecture Rooms (Levels 1 & 2) and Exhibition space (Ground Floor) not at the same floor: No circulation in the exhibition to go to the conference rooms '- EUROCORR never been in Dublin '- rather expnensive	4.77 $*	2000, London 2008, Edinburgh	ca. 30	200 to over 30 European cities (in summer)

* https://planificateur.a-contresens.net/classement_par_pays/indice_big_mac.html

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Bids since 2007

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020/2021	2022	2023
Austria					Graz	Graz							Salzburg	Salzburg	Salzburg	
Belgium											Brussels					
Croatia	Dubrovnik						Dubrovnik									
Czech Republic								Prague								Prague
France							Montpellier							Paris		
Germany										Cologne	Nuremberg		Berlin			
Hungary	Budapest	Budapest										Budapest				
Italy		Rome	Florence		Pisa							Rimini	Florence			
Norway												Stavanger	Stavanger	Stavanger	Stavanger	
Poland									Krakow							
Portugal		Barcelona		Estoril				Krakow								
Russia	Moscow					Moscow	Moscow			Moscow		Moscow				
Serbia	Belgrade															
Spain									Sevilla	Sevilla						
Sweden	Stockholm	Stockholm														
Turkey	Istanbul		Istanbul													
UK							Manchester	Manchester					London		Dublin	Dublin

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Registration Fees:

Czech Republic - VAT (21%) included	Early	Regular	On Site
Member EFC	900	900	1 030
Non-Member EFC	1 030	1 030	1 100
Students	450	450	550
One Day	450	450	450

UK - including 23% VAT, subject to inflation increase	Early	Regular	On Site
Member EFC	1 100	1 200	1 300
Non-Member EFC	1 250	1 360	1 500
Students	550	600	650
One Day	650	700	750

Included in the registration fee:

	Lunches	Welcome Reception	Poster Party	Gala Dinner	Other
Czech Republic	Yes	Yes	Yes	extra cost, 130 €	
UK	Yes	?	?	extra cost	