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To the Members of the EFC Working Party "Coatings"

The annual official meeting of the Working Party 14 "Coatings" was held on Wednesday 27 September at 17.00 in Maastricht, The Netherlands, in the occasion of the Eurocorr 2006 Congress.

The chairman (L.Fedrizzi) opens the meeting at 17.00h. The minutes of the previous meeting of WP14 (Coatings) are approved by the assembly. The agenda for the current meeting is also approved. This includes:

- Approval of the minutes
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Report of the Chairman
- Partnerships and co-operation with EFC Working Parties
- Report on European projects and related activities
- Further activities of the WP14:
 - EUROCORN 2007 (9-13 September, Freiburg – Germany)
 - Application of electrochemical techniques to organic coatings 2007 (University of Vigo - Spain)
 - EIS 2007 (3 8 June, Argeles sur Mer – France)
 - Others
- Report on ISO TC 35 SC9 WG29 meetings and related activities
 - State of the art of standard elaboration
 - RRT results
- any other business
- date and place of the next meeting.

WP14 Chairman, Prof. Lorenzo Fedrizzi (L.F.) shortly describes some of the items discussed during the meeting of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC):

- The President of European Federation of Corrosion (EFC) had a meeting with EUMAT. An understanding was signed in order to include the topic "degradation of materials" in the platform for the next 7th framework program.
- A.Mol is the new chairman of WP8. Members of WP14 are invited to join WP8.
- EUROCORN 2007 will be held in Freiburg, Germany on 9-13 September 2007.
EUROCORN 2008 will be held in Edinburgh, United Kingdom on 7-11 September 2008.
EUROCORN 2009 will be held in Nice, France probably on 6-10 September 2009.
EUROCORN 2010 will be held in Sweden or Poland. A decision has not yet been taken by EFC.
- The STAC approved that conferences sponsored as EFC event have to pay 10 euros/participant to EFC. The organizers of the next AETOC conference which will be held in Vigo (Spain) will be informed about this.
- The special book celebrating the 50th anniversary of the EFC will be published soon. The electronic version of this book will be available on the EFC website in 2007. The hardcopy of this book will be available at a later time.

The chairman (LF) report continues presenting some of the WP14 activities in 2006:

- Papers presented in Lisbon 2005 in the special Workshop on “Pre-treatment” are currently under revision and will be published as a Green Book of EFC. The chairman expresses his gratefulness to co-chairman (H. Terry and A. Simoes) and to all person involved with the publication of the book. The chairman informs that some delay in the book publication is also due to serious health problems of P. McEntyre who in fact is not attending the Maastricht Conference. Paul is now recovering and all the assembly wish him to be soon again together with us. The publication of the Book on Pre-treatment is foreseen for the beginning of 2007.
- V.Sauvant-Moynot (V.S.) remembers that the previous AETOC symposium in Villard de Lans was really successful and reports that a number of papers are under revision and that the conference proceedings will be published soon as a special edition of Progress in Organic Coatings.

Concerning the co-operation with other EFC Working Parties L.F. remembers that after the successful experience of the WP 14,17 and 18 joint session in Lisbon, the new attempt carried out in Maastricht with the collaboration of the WP Cathodic Protection was not successful because only one oral paper was presented in this session. However, some new attempts have to be done in the future because the WP14 attracts a lot of papers every year. These are about 60, received in Maastricht and in Lisbon about 130 abstracts were collected.

This point was further discussed. L.F. reports that during the STAC meeting, the chairman of the WP Inhibitors mentioned the necessity to establish cooperation with WP14 (Coatings). Therefore, L.F. proposed to the STAC to organize a workshop including a limited number of selected papers (about 10) on the topic “self-healing”. Speakers from WP14 (Coatings) and WP1 (Inhibitors) will be preferentially invited.

During the WP14 meeting L.F. mentions that some speakers have already been contacted in order to contribute to the workshop. J.Vogelsang (J.V.) and K.Rosenkranz (Henkel) have already confirmed their availability to give a presentation. M.Zheludkevich and A.Mol inform that they could also give a presentation at the workshop. Van Ooij should also support the workshop. The chairman says that he will propose to the partners of the MULTIPROTECT European research project to provide selected contributions. J.V. underlines the necessity to have strong contribution from WP14 (Coatings). Therefore, he suggests limiting the call of papers only to selected speakers. L.F. agrees and mentions that the number of presentations at the workshop should be increased to a maximum of 15. D.Mills (D.M.) comments that the title of the workshop should be attractive. L.F. says that self-healing and inhibitors should be keywords. P.Plagemann (P.P.) and W.Furbeth point out that the topic of the workshop should be better clarified. J.V. comments that active pigments are an important topic. According to P.P., Zn- and Mg-rich primers should not be considered at the workshop since these are not inhibitors. Besides, he suggests leaving out the word Cr-free in the title of the workshop.

Concerning European projects:

- A COST project proposal was submitted to the European Commission in order to obtain financial support. Unfortunately the proposal was not successful. The COST proposal was submitted in June 2006 and was rejected by the European Commission without any specific comment. J.V. mentions that the COST office appreciated the proposal, which was rejected due to the large number of application received. However, the COST office did not provide information about the score of the project. The chairman suggests improving the proposal in order to submit it another time to the COST office. However, further discussion is necessary before the submission of the updated proposal.

- Another project proposal sent by L.Fedrizzi, R.Gubner (Chairman of WP8) and A.Elizier to the European Commission was also rejected. Nevertheless, the chairman encourages the partner of WP14 (Coatings) to submit new proposals to the European Commission. Besides, he points out that University of Aveiro, TNO and University of Udine are currently involved in the MULTIPROTECT project funded by the European Commission. A discussion on the application to obtain funding for new projects from the European Commission is then opened. The chairman informs that no specific information is now available regarding the next call of applications. The platforms to define the specific topics of interest are already formed. J.V. reports that the next call is expected before the end of the year. The chairman underlines that it is an important opportunity in order to fund new research projects. He suggests keeping contact between members of WP14 (Coatings) in order to send applications for different project types. D.M. asks J.V. to extract the relevant information when the documents for the call of applications will be available. J.V. replies that this will be done as soon as the documents will be available. J.V. mentions also the possibility to obtain funding for mobility of students with Marie Curie grants. H.Terryn asks about the possibility of success to obtain these grants. J.V. reports that there are good possibilities since 40% of the applications will be accepted during the first evaluation and 60% during the second evaluation. However, a successful evaluation is important but it does not guarantee funding.

Further activities of the WP14 will be:

- The organization of the Coating Session at EUROCORR 2007 Conference, where the discussed joint session with WP1 will also be organized.
- The AETOC conference will be held in Baiona, Spain on date 18-21 April 2007. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 December 2006. More information is available on the conference website. The chairman invites the members of WP14 (Coatings) to attend the conference since electrochemical techniques to study coatings is a very interesting topic. In particular, participation of young researchers is encouraged.
- Next ECASIA conference will be organized in Brussel. Prof. J.Vereecken is organizing a special session on surface analysis. H.Terryn mentions that there is a problem of overlapping conferences in the coming year. EUROCORR, ECASIA and ISE meeting will be in the same period.

J.V. reports about the last ISO TC 35 SC9 WG29 meetings. Concerning the meeting organized in the occasion of the AETOC conference in Villar de Lans there was a lack of attendance. Part I and part II of the standard are already published. Part III was sent for evaluation and a draft version of part IV will be available before the end of 2006. Part IV will be discussed in the coming meeting in Brussels to be held in January/February 2007. An updated version of the round robin data is discussed in the part III of the proceedings. Besides, J.V. explains that a new round robin test is not necessary.

The next WP14 meeting will be held in the occasion of the Eurocorr 2007 in Freiburg.

L.F. closes the meeting at 18.00h.

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