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Dear Council Member,

This is the second Newsletter to International Corrosion Council (ICC) Members, and I and the Members of the ICC Executive: Professor D. Landolt (1st Vice-Chairman), Professor J.H.W. de Wit (2nd Vice-Chairman), Professor G.C. Wood (Immediate Past Chairman) and Dr. R.J. Hussey (Secretary), wish to send their Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 1998 to all ICC Members.

As was mentioned in Newsletter #1 the purpose of these Newsletters is to keep ICC Members aware of current ICC activities and to promote interaction between Members. The ICC Executive encourages the participation of ICC Members and welcomes contributions to the Newsletters, which will be produced at irregular intervals, when

First Vice Chairman:	Prof. D. Landolt, Switzerland
Second Vice Chairman:	Prof. J.H.W. de Wit, Netherlands
Immediate Past Chairman:	Prof. G.C. Wood, Great Britain

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sufficient material has been accumulated. If Members wish to submit material for inclusion would they please send it to either myself or to Dr. R.J. Hussey by mail, fax or email (mike.graham@nrc.ca or rex.hussey@nrc.ca).

The Executive Committee of the ICC ('ICC Executive') met on September 4, 1997 in Paris, France during the 1997 Joint International Meeting sponsored by The Electrochemical Society and the International Society of Electrochemistry. There was a lengthy Agenda to discuss and the Meeting lasted about 3 hours. Professor Wood was unable to attend the ICC Executive Meeting due to another commitment, but sent me his comments and his best wishes to the Committee for an enjoyable and successful Meeting. The highlights of the Meeting will be presented in what follows in the order in which they were discussed.

- 1) **Report on Progress with 14th ICC in South Africa in 1999** - I invited Professor Sandenbergh or another Member of the South African Organizing Committee to attend the ICC Executive Meeting in Paris, France to brief the Committee on the latest information for the 14th International Corrosion Congress in South Africa. Unfortunately, neither he nor any Member of the South African Committee was planning to attend the Paris Meeting. Since the Melbourne ICC Meeting, however, good communication has been established with the South African Organizing Committee. The ICC Executive have advised the Organizing Committee on a number of issues and continue to be well-briefed regarding progress for Capetown.

The First Announcement and Call for Papers has been distributed by the South Africans and it is hoped that all ICC Members have received copies. The South Africans have requested that all ICC Members assist by distributing copies of these brochures to corrosion laboratories in government, industry and university

within their own countries. The ICC Executive fully endorses this request by the South African Organizing Committee. If any ICC Members have not yet received the First Announcement and Call for Papers they should contact:

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- 2) **Possible Bids for 15th ICC in 2002** - Since the Melbourne Congress only one country has so far indicated a bid for the 15th ICC and this is **Singapore**. I would like to remind ICC Members that prospective bids must be sent to me by February 1999. The ICC Executive agreed that the unsuccessful candidates for the 14th ICC, namely, Spain, Egypt and China would be approached nearer the deadline date and encouraged to rebid.
- 3) **Financial Position** - Professor Procter has agreed to maintain and supervise the ICC account at UMIST in Manchester for the duration of my term of office. This arrangement has been adopted for convenience and the ICC Executive has thanked Professor Procter for his continued support. Professor Procter has provided statements of the ICC accounts for the period during which he and Professor Wood held office. Although the income received from the ICC Congress in Melbourne was substantial the offsetting expenses of the ICC Executive and the funds required for the joint ICC/CPC Information Server left a balance of a little over £2,000. Following receipt of the US\$1,000 from NACE the current balance of the ICC

account is £2,789.51, which is still insufficient to meet projected expenses for the present ICC Executive and the Information Server. The ICC Secretary and I have prepared a projection for what would be normal operating costs of the ICC Executive over the next two years (see Appendix 1). As the matter stands the ICC funds derived from 5% of the anticipated registration fees for the South African Congress would barely cover the ICC Executive's projected costs. It is therefore apparent that there will be essentially no funds available to pass on to the next ICC Executive. Evidently additional funds are required and the ICC Executive wishes to remind respectfully all ICC Members that Council agreed at the 13th ICC Meeting in Melbourne, that ICC Members should make every effort to obtain voluntary financial contributions for the ICC from their national appointing body or other national organization to support continuing and new activities. The state of funding is thus a continuing cause for concern and urgently needs to be addressed, not only for the present ICC Executive, but also for future ICC Executives, who will face the same situation. With a view to identifying potential sources of income, such as that from industry, corrosion organizations, governments, international organizations, etc. Professor J.H.W. de Wit (2nd Vice-Chairman, ICC) has agreed to seek actively sponsorship from appropriate organizations. The prepared cost projection or budget (Appendix 1) will be useful, when soliciting financial support for ICC.

- 4) **Corrosion Information Server at UMIST, UK** - I discussed the status of the Server when I visited UMIST in mid-September 1997 and presented the concerns of the ICC Executive regarding the updating of ICC Executive membership list and the installation of the 3rd Edition of the Survey of Corrosion Research Laboratories on the Server. The membership list has now been updated and the 3rd Edition of the Survey was installed in mid-October and has been evaluated by the ICC Executive. We recommended several modifications to the search criteria and these have been incorporated. The Server provides good visibility for ICC and corrosion laboratories worldwide. The ICC Executive has extended the agreement with

UMIST for another year, i.e. until November 1, 1998. Updating the Survey is now the top priority. This updating will either be done electronically by individual laboratories or by mail for those who do not have access to the Corrosion Information Server. In order to assess the accessibility of the Server to ICC Members it would be helpful to the ICC Executive if all Members could respond to the attached questionnaire as soon as possible.

- 5) **Marcel Pourbaix Award** - At this point in time only one name has been put forward for the Marcel Pourbaix Award. I would be pleased to receive further nominations from the ICC membership. Each nomination must be endorsed by three or more ICC Members and must be received one year before the next Congress, i.e. by September 1998. ICC Members are reminded that the Award is not for scientific achievements, but for altruistic contributions to international cooperation in the field of corrosion.
- 6) **Past Chairman's Award** - A possible format for the Award was proposed by Dr. Hussey and a final version was decided upon after some discussion by the ICC Executive. This will not be a monetary award, but will consist possibly of a suitably-engraved brass plaque on a finished wood base. This version has been submitted to the Past Chairman's Award Committee (Dr. Hussey is the Chair) for their comments.
- 7) **Establishment of Committee to propose candidates for Vice Chairmen** - The nominating committee has been established. Professor Kalman (Hungary) agreed to be the Chair of the Vice Chairman Nominating Committee and Professors Costa (Spain) and Hashimoto (Japan) have agreed to serve as the other Members on the Committee. I am anticipating their report early in 1998.
- 8) **Membership** - There are two new ICC Members, one from the U.S. and one from Australia,

namely, Dr. Ford replacing Professor Kruger and Professor Young replacing Professor Cherry, respectively. Professor Landolt has written to the Russians to inquire about the replacement for the late Professor Kolotytkin. The ICC Membership list is being updated on the Corrosion Information Server and Members are requested to send Dr. Hussey any corrections.

- 9) **ICC Logo** - The Executive Committee considered the various logos submitted by Dr. Greene (Hong Kong), Professor Esih (Croatia), Dr. Hussey (ICC Secretary) and Professor Landolt (1st Vice-Chairman), and the 13th ICC logo (Australia) at the Paris meeting in September 1997. A logo was selected by the Committee, which incorporates several of the features of the various designs submitted. After consultation with graphic designers Professor Landolt has produced a final version, which can be seen on the first page of this newsletter. We hope you all like this logo, which will now be used on all letterheads and has been submitted to the South Africans for use with promotional literature.

The next Newsletter will probably be produced later this year and will include updates on the upcoming 14th ICC Meeting and highlights of the next ICC Executive Meeting. As a final reminder please contact me or Dr. Hussey, if you have any comments on this Newsletter or have other matters to report, such as regional or national activities.

With my best personal wishes and those of the Executive Committee,

Yours sincerely,



M.J. Graham, Chairman