

## ICC Newsletter No. 5

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Dear Council Member,

First of all, although a bit late, I would like to send you many good wishes for the new year. May it bring satisfaction and happiness to you and your family and peace to those parts of the world that need it most. With this newsletter I would like to update you on recent developments concerning the ICC.

Following the Capetown Congress, the Executive Committee (EC) of ICC at present consists of Mike Graham (Immediate Past Chairman), Hans DeWit (First Vice Chairman), Antoine Pourbaix (Second Vice-chairman), Patrik Schmuki (Secretary) and myself (Chairman). The new EC met for the first time on December 20, 2000 in Amsterdam. The present Newsletter reflects some of our discussions and decisions taken at that meeting.

### 1. ICC WEB site

The most important new development since Capetown has been that ICC now has its own WEB site. It can be found at the following address:

[www.icc-net.org](http://www.icc-net.org)

On this site you find information about the mission of ICC and its organizational structure, the latest updates on the next Congress, our membership list and the survey of corrosion laboratories. A discussion section has also been included where Council members and corrosionists in general can exchange information on corrosion problems. Also there is a poster board where council members can announce corrosion meetings. As time goes on, we would like to further enrich the ICC WEB site to make it ever more useful for corrosionists all over the world. Please visit our site periodically to keep informed and let us know your suggestions. Adrian Spiegel, a Ph.D. student of our secretary Patrik Schmuki, maintains the new ICC WEB site. Suggestions for changes or minor corrections can be addressed directly to [Adrian Spiegel](#) or to any member of the EC. On the other hand I suggest that you address any suggestions for changes related to ICC membership to our second Vice President, [Antoine Pourbaix](#), who keeps the official membership list. He will then forward the information to Adrian Spiegel.

### 2. Next ICC Congress

Preparations for the 15th ICC Congress in Granada Spain progress satisfactorily and the first circular will be sent out soon. Please consult the Congress WEB page on the ICC site for the latest information. Questions can be addressed to Dr. Morcillo who is in charge of the organization.

### 3. Membership

Our Second Vice Chairman, Antoine Pourbaix, is now responsible for membership matters and he will contact you shortly to update the membership list. This list will be put on the WEB and it will be updated at regular intervals, so for the latest situation please consult our WEB site (most of all, please check whether the information concerning yourself is still complete and up to date!). For communications with delegates e-mail has been proven most efficient, so it is important that Council members indicate their e-mail address to Antoine Pourbaix.

At the EC meeting we also discussed general problems related to ICC membership. The most critical one is perhaps that the average age of our members tends to become quite high. This poses problems when ICC is looking for candidates for the office of Second Vice President. Indeed, according to ICC bylaws an elected member of the EC serves for a total of about 12 years including the terms of Second and First Vice President, President and Immediate Past President. This means candidates proposed for the first time should still be professionally active after 12 years! While the EC feels that the present election system does not need to be changed, it would like to encourage our established senior members to think about this issue and, whenever possible, propose younger members to succeed them at the end of their term.

### 4. Bids for the ICC Congress 2005

While it is still early, I would like to invite our Council members already now to think about bidding for the 2005 ICC Congress. Please send your invitations directly to [me](#).

### 5. Corrosion laboratory survey

The corrosion laboratory survey has originally been established by Rex Hussey and ICC is much indebted to him for this. Rex spent much of his time compiling the survey, but he is now retiring from work and would like to relinquish the responsibility for this matter. The EC understands this and would like to express its sincere thanks to Rex Hussey for his past services.

The WEB offers new possibilities of updating and maintaining the list of corrosion laboratories worldwide and the EC wants to profit from this opportunity. At this time there are two lists of corrosion laboratories on our WEB site. These differ slightly in the way information is accessed, but are otherwise similar. These lists will be merged into one next year. At the same time ICC will give more responsibility to the listed laboratories for updating the information that concerns them specifically. In that sense the new list will provide the addresses of corrosion laboratories and show links to their own WEB site. The reader can thus access directly the WEB site of the laboratories concerned and get a comprehensive and updated information.

*I would like to ask our national delegates to confer this message to the corrosion laboratories in their country or region and ask them to prepare a WEB site and furnish its address to the ICC.*

The best way is to send the information directly to Adrian Spiegel.

#### 6. Marcel Pourbaix Award

The Marcel Pourbaix award recognizes contributions to international collaboration in the field of corrosion. Nominations for the Marcel Pourbaix Award are now invited and should be sent to the Chairman of ICC. Recent recipients are Rex Hussey and Einar Mattson, but the selection of recipients is not limited to ICC members.

#### 7. Financial situation

Last year ICC has received a financial support from NACE and the UK Corrosion Coordination Group for which we are very grateful. We had also income from the levy of the Capetown congress. We would like to encourage our delegates to solicit financial support for ICC in their country and finding sponsors. This will help ICC to introduce new activities, some of which were discussed at our recent EC meeting. At this time we plan to introduce travel awards for students or young researchers from developing countries, details will be communicated later.

#### 8. Final remarks

The impact of ICC in the corrosion community depends first of all on the participation and input of the Council members. It is therefore very important that the national delegates provide an efficient link to the corrosion community in their country. Please help us in keeping up to date the information concerning ICC delegates and corrosion laboratories and support us in any other way you see fit. ICC can be an effective international organization only if its members are convinced of its necessity and usefulness and if they participate fully in its activity. My colleagues of the EC and myself look forward to hearing from you and present you our best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of ICC