

Minutes of the General Assembly of the 22nd ICC Congress
(Draft, to be approved at the 23rd ICC in 2027 in Prague, Czech Republic)

Date, Time: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM (China Standard time, GMT+8)

1. Opening of the meeting

ICC president Prof. Emma Angelini (EA) opened the meeting and welcomed all ICC members. After thanking Prof. Xiaogang Li and Prof. Dawei Zhang and CSCP (Chinese Society for Corrosion and Protection) for the huge efforts spent in organizing the Congress, she opened the first part of the ICC General Assembly (GA). She informed Dr. Leonardo Iannucci would be acting as ICC secretary since Dr. Sabrina Grassini, the ICC secretary, could not attend due to unavoidable reasons.

2. Round call of participants

Dr. Leonardo Iannucci, in the role of Secretary for this meeting, checked the attendance of the members. (Annex 1)

3. Presentation of new ICC members and vote on acceptance

Dr. Barman Tambunan, the President of the Indonesian Corrosion Association/INDOCOR, was proposed as the new ICC member for Indonesia. The GA unanimously approved the new member.

The list of those members re-nominated during the period 2021-2024 is attached to this document as Annex 2. Based on this list, the GA confirmed through vote all memberships for the period (2024-2027) by hand raising.

4. Approval of the agenda

EA presented the Agenda of the GA, for the two-part meetings on October 22nd and October 24th, 2024. The agenda was approved unanimously by the GA.

5. Approval of the minutes of the GA held at the 21st ICC (online)

The minutes of the GA meetings held online during the 21st ICC Congress, which were displayed as a draft since October 2021 on the ICC webpage and distributed by e-mail, are approved unanimously by the GA.

6. Executive Committee (EC) reports

EA reports on the activities of the EC during October 2021-24.

- **ICC website**

A new website was created and it is available online at www.icc-corrosion.org. The new website has a more modern and attractive interface and shows all the information previously available in the old website.

The EC held periodic online meetings and the following physical meetings:

- at Eurocorr 2022 Berlin/Germany 28th August - 1st September 2022
- at Eurocorr 2023 Brussels/Belgium 27th – 31st August 2023
- at Eurocorr 2024 Paris/France 1st – 5th September 2024.

The meetings were attended also by the organizers of the 22nd ICC Congress, in order to discuss about the ongoing preparation of the event.

ICC Awards

EA announced the Recipients for the following awards:

Marcel Pourbaix award for their outstanding contributions to international cooperation in the field of metallic corrosion given below in alphabetical order.

Prof. Xiaogang Li

Prof. Philippe Marcus

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The **Edward Greco Award** for the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of ICC Congresses.

Xuequn Cheng,

The **Past Chairman Award**:

Prof. Günter Schmitt

The **ICC Young Researchers Travel Award** in alphabetical order:

Dr. Boxin Wei

Dr. Yue Zhao. Financial report

- Money transferred from the previous ICC bank account: € 45,071.75.
- Fees from the 20th ICC Congress held in Sao Paolo: € 2,080.29
- Expenses included bank charges

Travel costs for (a) EC members to attend EC meetings, (b) WCO membership fees, (c) creation of the ICC website, and (d) production of new mold/medals for the Marcel Pourbaix Medal: € 25,051.02

- Balance Money in the account (2024-10-15): € 22,101.02

The GA approved the financial statement.

7. Presentation of the *ICC Young Corrosionists Team (You-Corr)* and social media by Leonardo Iannucci

Leonardo Iannucci briefly presented the activities on ICC social media during the last 3 years. ICC has now an active LinkedIn page, followed by more than 500 people. It is routinely used to advertise ICC initiatives and to spread news about the upcoming ICC Congress.

He made a proposal to establish a branch of 'young corrosion professionals' under the ICC named 'ICC You-Corr'.

The members of the ICC You-Corr shall be scientists and professionals having less than 10 years of professional experience or are less than 45 years of age. The objectives of the group shall be to expand the global network of peers to advance the objectives of ICC and to support their community in the field of corrosion science and engineering, both in academia and industry.

The members of the ICC You-Corr shall collaborate according to the objectives of the International Corrosion Council, under conditions of complete cordiality, frankness and fair play in order to accomplish a given task to the exclusion of personal or commercial interest.

Members of ICC You-Corr are no more than two young corrosion professionals from a member country, appointed by the ICC representatives of each country. ICC You-Corr is led by a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairs, appointed by the ICC Executive Committee from the members of You-Corr. They take and remain in office in parallel to the ICC Executive Committee. Young volunteers from all member countries can join ICC You-Corr after being approved by the representatives of their country.

ICC You-Corr works closely with the ICC Executive Committee to ensure that the quality of the program worldwide is consistent among the representatives from each of the member countries and spread among the ICC Community worldwide.

ICC You-Corr should meet at least once a year, in physical or virtual mode. ICC You-Corr organizes regular activities, such as webinars, panel discussions, calls for dissemination, and networking activities. Moreover, the ICC You-Corr reception and panel discussion can be organised at the ICC Congress in agreement with the Organising Committee.

The GA welcomed this proposal and suggested the incoming ICC executive committee to work on the functionalization aspect.

8. Overview of the coming 22nd ICC congress (by the organising committee)

Prof. Bowei Zhang presented a brief account of 21st ICC. The following is the summary.

9. Venue of the 23rd ICC International Corrosion Congress (2027)

President EA informed the GA that the following bids given in alphabetical order were received:

1. Australasian Corrosion Association (Australia or New Zealand)
2. Association of Czech and Slovak Corrosion Engineers -AKI (Prague)
3. Corrosion Institute of South Africa (Cape Town)

The bid from the Australasian Corrosion Association was withdrawn a few days before the meeting and requested the GA to consider the remaining two bidders.

President EA invited one representative from each country to present the bid in 15 minutes. The presentation was followed by discussions and clarifications by the GA in the second session of the GA scheduled on October 24, 2024 at 2:00-4:00 PM.

The presentations were made by

1. Australasian Corrosion Association (Australia or New Zealand)
2. Association of Czech and Slovak Corrosion Engineers -AKI (Prague)

10. Election of the new ICC Vice Presidents (2025-2027)

The following Nominating Committee was constituted:

- Katerina Kreislova (*chairperson*)
- Jorge Calderon (*member*)
- Daniel De la Fuente (*member*)
- Husnu Gerengi (*member*)
- David Young (*member*)

The committee nominated the following members given in alphabetic order of the countries:

- Brazil: Zehbour Panossian
- Czech Republic: Milan Kouril

For tellers, the EA nominated Leonardo Iannucci (Italy), Arjan Mol (Netherlands), and David Young (Australia) who have agreed to evaluate the ballots.

The tellers collected the ballots of all ICC Members attending the meeting, the ballots presented by proxies, as well as the ballots received by email in the previous weeks. After counting the total votes, the tellers presented the results to the President EA.

- President EA announced the results as under for the term 2024-27. Zehbour Panossian (Brazil), First Vice-President
- Milan Kouril (Czech Republic), Second Vice-President

Accordingly, the EC for 2024-27 is

- Prof. V.S. Raja, President, India
- Dr. Zehbour Panossian (Brazil), First Vice-President
- Prof. Milan Kouril (Czech Republic), Second Vice-President

- Dr. M. Ajay Krishnan, India (nominated by the incoming President)

2nd Meeting of the GA

Date, Time: Tuesday, October 24, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM (China Standard time, GMT+8)

1. Opening of the meeting

ICC president Prof. Emma Angelini (EA) opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants.

2. Round call of participants

Leonardo Iannucci, in the role of Secretary for this meeting, checked the attendance of the members. (Annex 1)

3. Venue of the 23th ICC International Corrosion Congress (2027)

The bidders, South Africa and Czech Republic made brief presentations. This time the order of presentation was reversed with the Corrosion Institute of South Africa (South Africa) making the presentation first followed by AKI (Czech Republic).

Günter Schmitt pointed out that the Czech Republic offered 3% levy which is less than 5% as per the ICC bye-law. This was deliberated by the GA and the GA approved this as a special case.

The members whose ballots received through email had three names. Since, Australia withdrew at the last minute, voting by attendees just for two caused the problem. Since, the election is based on ranked voting, adding the rank (choices) in both cases does not affect the most preferred country even if the GA opts to vote for the two countries. The GA and the bidders agree to this voting procedure.

The EA appointed tellers: Leonardo Iannucci (Italy), Arjan Mol (Netherlands), and David Young (Australia) conducted the voting and provided the results, which was announced by the President. Based on the following outcome, the Czech Republic as the winner to organize the 23rd ICC.

- Czech Republic: 30 votes
- South Africa: 13 votes

4. Brief statement of acceptance

Milan Kouril confirmed the acceptance of AKI to organize the 23rd ICC Congress in 2027 in Prague (Czech Republic).

5. Statement by Prof. V.S. Raja, the incoming president of the ICC

V.S. Raja thanked the GA for the trust reposing on him to be the ICC President for 2024-27. At the outset, he thanked the outgoing Executive committee Presided by Prof. Emma Angelini for the excellent work done during 2021-2024. He hopes to strengthen the ICC through activities with the support of the ICC members and other well-wishers of the ICC.

There is a need to reach out to various countries to be member of ICC. ICC is the only organization that wish to connect corrosion societies of various countries and provides a platform strengthen their professional activities. He made the following proposals:

1. Formation of a subcommittee of the Past Presidents (their vast experience and connectivity will be of great help)
2. Formation of task force to propose new activities such as offering various national corrosion societies to expand their professional activities, endorsing the national conferences.

6. Closing of the General Assembly

EA thanked all participants for attending the meeting and closed the 2nd part of the GA.