The first edition of ‘Corrosion Prevention Balkans’ was successfully held on 28 - 29 June in Bulgaria.

The purpose of the international b2b Forum was to inform the industry specialists about the latest methods, innovative materials and equipment for corrosion prevention, to present new technologies and to increase the technical level of the attending experts with the most up-to-date know-how.

The delegates and visitors became acquainted with effective solutions that extend the lifetime of facilities, installations and buildings, prevent accidents and save financial resources.

THE CONFERENCE

17 speakers from 10 countries - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, the UK took part in the Conference. Among them were renowned experts from international and Bulgarian branch organizations, companies incl. International Corrosion Council, Federal Institute of Germany for Materials Research and Testing, Austrian Institute on Chemistry & Technologies, Bulgarian Road Safety Branch Association, Technopark Kralupy, MG Anodi, EC Quadro Srl, Polish Corrosion Society, PA-EL d.o.o, Orgachim, Blast Engineering, Cathodic Corrosion Control, Elemko, ZingaMetall, Paint Service, University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy Sofia, University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy Sofia.

A wide range of topics on corrosion control and prevention was considered: Online corrosion monitoring in lab and field with a new electrochemical measuring tool; Cold applied galvanizing system; Machines and methods for applying anticorrosion protection; Anticorrosion systems and protective coatings; Metallic alloy coatings on steel; Laboratory testing and monitoring of a new coating at the world’s greatest climatic wind tunnel; Materials and services for cathodic protection; Corrosion of piping and tanks for crude oil; DCVG survey as a tool of corrosion direct assessment, etc.

ATTENDEE PROFILE:

By Region:
- Bulgaria - 85%
- Other countries - 15%

By Job Position:
- Managerial staff - 70%
- Experts - 30%

By Sphere of Activity:
- Oil and gas industry
- Machine building & military production
- Industrial & ship coatings, paints, hydro isolations, ground coats
- Energy
- Mine industry
- Investment design
- Automation and electronics
- Water supply and sewage, pipe equipment
- Technical control and specification of anticorrosion protection
- Aluminum and steel details, instrumental equipment
- Cathodic protection of metals from corrosion
- Construction and repairs, road infrastructure

Among the attendees were representatives of: Aurubis Bulgaria, Amer Sports Bulgaria, Bulgartransgaz, Bulmar Group, Deneb Invest; Dunarit; Dundee Precious Metals, Kammarton Bulgaria, LUKOIL Neftohim, Overgas, Orgachim, Sika Bulgaria, Smart Design 2006, Sofyska Voda, TÜV Rheinland, Hraninvest and many other companies.
A parallel Exhibition area was held alongside the Conference. Direct business contacts and creation of new partnerships were enabled. Leading companies presented products and systems: • Most innovative – the hybrid energy conversion system called EXERON. It has multiple applications among which is to provide reliable power supply for active cathodic protection • Special coating for machine building sector, for power generations, heavy industry, reservoirs, pipes and others • Sprayers for Protective Coatings and abrasive blast system • Complete solutions in the field of cathodic protection, Software system for automation of the CP control • Comprehensive and bespoke corrosion control service; Rustproofing, sealing and finishing products • Sandblasting equipment; Industrial coatings • Unique zinc-rich coating Zinga; Sacrificial anodes made of magnesium alloy for the galvanic protection • High quality, affordable corrosion control and electrical bonding products and systems

The event was held under the auspices of Plovdiv Municipality, the European Federation of Chemical Engineering was the Official Event Partner. The forum had strong promotional support by 22 branch & industry associations & 20 media partners.

"It is my opinion that it was a great success considering that this was the first year for such a corrosion conference. Bulgaria should take the lead!" Subramaniam Raju, Cathodic Corrosion Control Ltd., UK

“The Southeast market for corrosion protection technology is interesting and very promising.”
Michal Jaczewski, Polish Corrosion Society, Poland

“Excellent organization, good PR and marketing prior during and after the event. Good LinkedIn updates.”
Kresimir Kekez, PA-EL d.o.o, Croatia

“The conference program was well organized and included various aspects of corrosion protection. A favorable atmosphere for professional conversations in an informal environment has been created, which allows the realization of useful contacts with the perspective for long-term international cooperation!" PhD Eng. Stefan Kozhuharov, University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy - Sofia

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