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Lorenzo Fedrizzi elected as EFC Vice President

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Professor Lorenzo Fedrizzi, Udine, Italy, is the new Vice-President of the European Federation of Corrosion. The EFC General Assembly unanimously voted for him at its very recent meeting in Stockholm on 4 September 2011. Lorenzo Fedrizzi was nominated for the position based upon his intense commitment to EFC activities and particularly for his very successful chairmanship of Working Party 14 on Coatings, one of the most important sessions at the annual EUROCORR conference which he has chaired since 2001. He succeeds Professor Rolf Gubner who has held the position for the past three years.

Lorenzo Fedrizzi is a full professor of Materials Science and Technology at the University of Udine, Italy where he teaches Composite Materials Science and Technology and Corrosion at the Engineering Faculty. From 1998 to 2003 he was Associate Professor of Material Science and Technology at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" where he taught Corrosion and Corrosion Protection and from 1989 to 1997 he was a Lecturer at the University of Trento's engineering faculty. From 1983 to 1988 he worked as a Researcher at the Institute for Scientific and Technological Research (IRST) in Trento where he studied Physical Vapour Deposition and Ion Implantation processes. He received his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Padua and has been appointed Doctor Honoris Causa in "Applied Sciences" at the Faculté Polytechnique de Mons in 2008.

Amongst his other professional involvements, Lorenzo Fedrizzi is Head of the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Environment at the University of Udine and a member of the Editorial Board of Progress in Organic Coatings, of Materials and Corrosion as well as a member of the Editorial Board of Corrosion Engineering Science and Technology. His main scientific interests are corrosion protection by coatings (organic, metallic and ceramic), and the study of tribo-corrosion mechanisms and the corrosion behaviour of sintered metal parts and has published more than 300 papers on these topics in international journals and conference proceedings. He has also been a referee for many international journals such as "*Corrosion Science*", "*Electrochimica Acta*", "*Progress in Organic Coatings*", "*Surface and Coatings Technology*" and "*The Journal of the Electrochemical Society*". Amongst his many scientific committee memberships, Prof. Fedrizzi is a Member of the International Scientific Committee for EUROCORR.

We wholeheartedly welcome Lorenzo Fedrizzi as our new EFC Vice-President and look forward to working with him and benefiting from his valuable contribution to the EFC administration.

Note to editors:

Founded in 1955, the European Federation of Corrosion (EFC) is a non-profit organisation, the object of which is to contribute to the general advancement of the science of corrosion and of the protection of materials by promoting cooperation in Europe between scientific and technical societies and organisations devoted significantly to these areas of activity, and likewise collaborate with similar scientific and technical societies and organisations throughout the world.