

Honorary Fellow and Corrosion Medal winners announced

Ingrid Milošev (Jožef Stefan Institute) has been honoured as the European Corrosion Medal winner and Pascale Bridou Buffet (Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie) has been made an Honorary Fellow

It has been announced that Pascale Bridou Buffet (Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie, France) will receive the Honorary Fellow Award of the EFC during the Opening Session of EUROCORR 2025 in Stavanger.

In making this decision, the EFC Award Jury recognised Pascale's outstanding commitment to the EFC and unwavering support of its mission and activities during her 26 years of service. Indeed, few people have made a more significant and sustained contribution to the wellbeing of the EFC during this time than Pascale and the Honorary Fellow Award is richly deserved.

The presentation ceremony will be held during the Opening Session of EUROCORR 2025 in Stavanger (Norway) on Monday morning, 8 September.

"It is a huge honour," said Pascale "and I am very proud to receive this award in recognition of my support and my involvement in the EFC activities during these 26 years which allowed me to have the opportunity and the pleasure to meet a lot of very wonderful and nice people. That has been a permanent enrichment, both professionally and personally.

"I'm particularly proud of the trust of the different Presidents and BoA Members that I accompanied during all these 26 years, in the frame of the tasks and administrative matters that were entrusted to me within the EFC Paris Office, as Paris Office secretariat, and to whom I brought my support and my sustained involvement for the operating activities, while watching for the respect of the EFC rules and processes."

Pascale will celebrate her 27th year associated with the EFC in Stavanger, and has to this to say to the next generation: "My advice for young corrosionists is to involve themselves in the EFC (for example joining the Young EFC Group and/or Working Parties related to their works of research) to take advantage of this large community and these networks of the EFC to exchange as much as possible with some caring experts to collect their advice and benefit of their experience."



The European Corrosion Medal will this year be presented to Ingrid Milošev (Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia) for her exceptional contribution and significant research on corrosion inhibitors and coatings for a range of materials in technological and biomedical applications.

Recognised by the EFC Award Jury for her groundbreaking work that continues to inspire researchers worldwide, Ingrid is an exemplary choice for this prestigious honour.

The European Corrosion Medal is the premier scientific award of the European Federation of Corrosion (EFC) and is designed to recognise achievements by an individual working in corrosion research and development targeted at furtherance of fundamental knowledge, innovation and/or best practice underpinning the sound application of corrosion science, technology, and/or engineering in the widest sense.

The presentation ceremony will be held during the Opening Session of EUROCORR 2025 in Stavanger on Monday 8 September. As a recipient of the European Corrosion Medal, Ingrid will be invited to present a lecture on a topic appropriate to the award.

"I am very honoured and proud to receive the European

Corrosion Medal," said Ingrid, who works as the Head of the Department of Physical and Organic Chemistry at the Jožef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana. "It is deeply meaningful, not only as a personal milestone, but also as an acknowledgement of the broader scholarly work, my co-workers, colleagues, and collaborations that have shaped my research journey.

"Reflecting on my time with the EFC, there have been many meaningful moments. For me, the collaboration between academic work and industrial applications is important in a way that exemplifies what we aim to achieve as researchers. Seeing that our work not only generates academic interest but also informs practice or policy was particularly rewarding. Also, particularly meaningful was seeing young researchers I mentored successfully present their work at EFC meetings.

"The EFC provides not just a platform for scientific exchange, but a true community – a place where friendships, mentorships, and ideas grow. To young corrosionists: be fearless in asking questions, stay grounded in the fundamentals, take every opportunity to contribute meaningfully, and seek out the people and problems that truly inspire you."

