

*Raising Awareness About Corrosion  
and Corrosion Protection Around the World*



# THE WORLD CORROSION ORGANIZATION



## About The World Corrosion Organization (WCO)

The WCO is a non-profit charitable organization based in New York and is applying for accreditation by the United Nations (UN) as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

The WCO has members from around the world and fall into two categories: General Members (national not-for-profit organizations) and Affiliate Members (governmental organizations, industrial enterprises, or other profit-oriented organizations). WCO members commit to a code of honor to secure the highest level of corrosion control and prevention in order to avoid harming humankind, ecology, and economy by the effects of corrosion.

## Our Mission

To promote education and best practices in corrosion control for the socio-economic benefit of society, preservation of resources, and protection of the environment.

## Our Goals

- ▶ To raise public awareness of corrosion and corrosion control as well as develop and implement an internationally recognized Corrosion Awareness Day, similar to the way we recognize Earth Day. A worldwide Corrosion Awareness Day will create public awareness of corrosion and what individuals can do to control it.
- ▶ To identify international best practices in corrosion management, i.e., practices that should always be adhered to in the industrialized world. In many areas of the world, countries lack the resources to implement best practices agreed upon by the industrialized nations. The WCO would determine what practices would best suit the economies of developing countries.
- ▶ To facilitate the provision of corrosion control expertise to governments, industries, and communities as well as work with the International Corrosion Council to make this information available, especially to the developing world.
- ▶ To normalize corrosion related standards worldwide and to harmonize the standards already used.

## Achieving Our Goals

Joint committees are designated to work on strategies for achieving each goal. These committees meet regularly via the Internet due to the varying locations and time zones in which the members are located.

## Benefits of WCO Membership

- ▶ Ability to influence political decision makers at an international and national level in conjunction with UN accreditation and through national member organizations
- ▶ Access to current information on present and future needs in corrosion mitigation through WCO studies
- ▶ Increased public awareness of corrosion issues through press and other public relations activities
- ▶ Ability to promote research and research funding in the field through political action
- ▶ Visibility as a committed organization adhering to the goal of using the highest level of corrosion expertise available by use of the WCO logo
- ▶ Access to the most powerful international network of corrosion and corrosion mitigation experts
- ▶ Access to corrosion knowledge worldwide, including national databases of the WCO members
- ▶ Active participation and influence on international standardization activities
- ▶ Access to training and certification programs of member organizations
- ▶ Reduced subscription rate to *Materials and Corrosion* journal for individuals of WCO General Member organizations

## Join the WCO

WCO General Membership is open only to not-for-profit organizations that have a significant interest in corrosion control and/or corrosion research. The initial membership fee is \$450 (US Dollars); thereafter, the annual dues are \$100 (US Dollars).

WCO Affiliate Membership is open to those organizations that have a significant interest in corrosion control and/or corrosion research, but do not qualify for General Membership. Affiliate Members must agree to the conditions on the enclosed application.



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## Organization Structure

The Board of Administrators consists of the executive officers, one member from each of the four founder organizations, and one member from each of three general members organizations selected by the General Assembly. The General Assembly has one voting member from each of the general member and founder member organizations plus one non-voting member from each affiliate member organization. Furthermore, every organization may have an alternate delegate.

## Our Members

International, national, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in the dissemination of corrosion information, corrosion research, education, mitigation, and/or materials selection.

*The founding members of the WCO include:*



Australasian Corrosion Association (ACA)



Chinese Society for Corrosion and Protection (CSCP)



European Federation of Corrosion (EFC)

Visit [www.corrosion.org](http://www.corrosion.org) to view our Affiliate Members.