

THE PRAGUE COMMUNIQUÉ
An initiative of the World Corrosion Organization

We, the representatives of 32 organizations representing corrosion scientists and engineers world-wide, subscribe to the following statement:

We, who are active in the corrosion protection profession, renew our commitment to using our skills to strive to improve the quality of life, foster employment, advance economic and social development and protect the environment through sustainable development.

Corrosion protection uses the principles of science to develop and provide technologies that improve the lives of people everywhere. Corrosion protection is relevant for all materials: metals, ceramics, polymers and composites. Food production and processing and water purification rely on corrosion protection to enhance the health of the world's peoples. Similarly, shelter, transport and information technology also rely on sufficient corrosion protection. We develop and deliver the corrosion protection solutions on which communities depend.

In meeting society's needs we are committed to designing processes and products that are innovative, energy-efficient and cost-effective, and that make best use of scarce resources. We are committed to the highest standards of personal and product safety. We seek to eliminate waste and adverse environmental effects in the development, manufacture, use and eventual disposal of the products of society.

In an increasingly global society, we are committed to meeting the collective needs of the world's growing population while working to avoid and eliminate practices that are unsustainable. We recognize the profound concern relating to climate change. We must promote a better understanding of the complex science surrounding climate change, while also striving to develop and implement sound technologies to mitigate its effect.

We commit to developing public understanding of the challenges and choices facing our world, and the role corrosion scientists and engineers can play. We will use our talents, knowledge and organizational skills for the continued betterment of humanity to protect public welfare. We will practice our profession according to its high ethical standards. We will promote lifelong professional development and learning and will enthuse the brightest young people so that they can enter our profession.

We will take this Communiqué to our members, reinforcing their awareness of their obligations to serve society. We also commit to working with industries, governments, universities and other organizations that shape the future of the world.

We acknowledge both our professional responsibilities and the need to work with others as we strive to meet the challenges facing the world in the future.