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Dear WCO Member Society,

In September 2016, the World Corrosion Organization developed a new strategy for the years to come. It was decided to set up a conference series on potable water which will start at the Eurocorr Conference 2017 in Prague. For example, it is planned that noted speakers from different regions of the world will report on the conditions of water supply facilities and how corrosion has an impact on them. It is also the aim to show best practices from the different regions of the world and how corrosion protection can make a difference there.

The results of this workshop will be summarized and published as a White Paper which is intended to be published by the end of this year. This topic will be continued at the NACE conference in 2018.

Last year there was also a change in WCO leadership. George Hays, the godfather of the WCO handed over the position of Director General to Willi Meier of DECHEMA, Germany. DECHEMA is also involved in the administration of EFC such that the links between WCO and EFC will be strengthened. George will now focus on his work with the UN to take that collaboration to a new level. At the end of 2016, the financial administration of the WCO was transferred from MTI to DECHEMA. Due to some structural changes MTI was no longer able to provide this service. Nevertheless MTI will remain on board as a member society with the status of a founder member.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the Corrosion Awareness Day which will take place as you know on April 24, 2017. If you, or your society, are planning activities it would be nice if you could inform us so that we can promote your activity within the WCO community.

I'm looking forward to a good collaboration in 2017

En-Hou Han,
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