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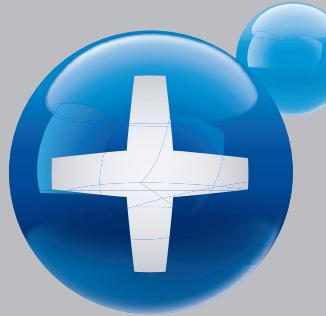
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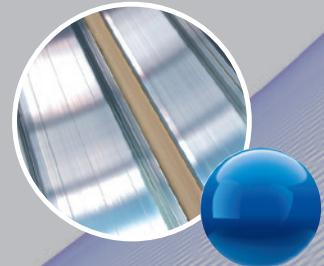
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Dear colleagues, partners, and friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the ESTAL 2025 Congress, in the vibrant and historic city of Thessaloniki.

Set against the backdrop of a city renowned for its dynamic innovation ecosystem, cultural richness, and Mediterranean openness, the 2025 Congress will focus on the advancement of sustainable, efficient, and digitally integrated solutions for aluminium surface treatment.

As our industry navigates complex environmental obligations, fast-paced technological transformation, and shifting global markets, this event offers a vital forum for collaborative dialogue and knowledge exchange.

The Congress will present new ideas for aluminium anodizers and powder coaters and will provide a platform for exchanging ideas with European policy makers, market experts, suppliers, academics, scientists, and other stakeholders.

Our keynote speakers will address the competitiveness of the European aluminium value chain in the current global trade context, while the European Commission and industry experts will give an overview of the EU legislative context.

Then, several presentations will deal with innovative products and finishing processes, including colour innovation, nanoparticle-enhanced anodic oxide coatings, conversion treatments and artificial intelligence applied to painting lines.

Finally, several presentations and a plant visit will deal with powder coating and anodising of recycling-based aluminium alloys, which is fundamental to the decarbonisation of the aluminium value chain.

I look forward to fruitful discussions to shape the future of our sector collectively and to share our commitment to excellence, sustainability, and progress in aluminium surface treatment.

With best regards,

Ivo Vermeeren
ESTAL President



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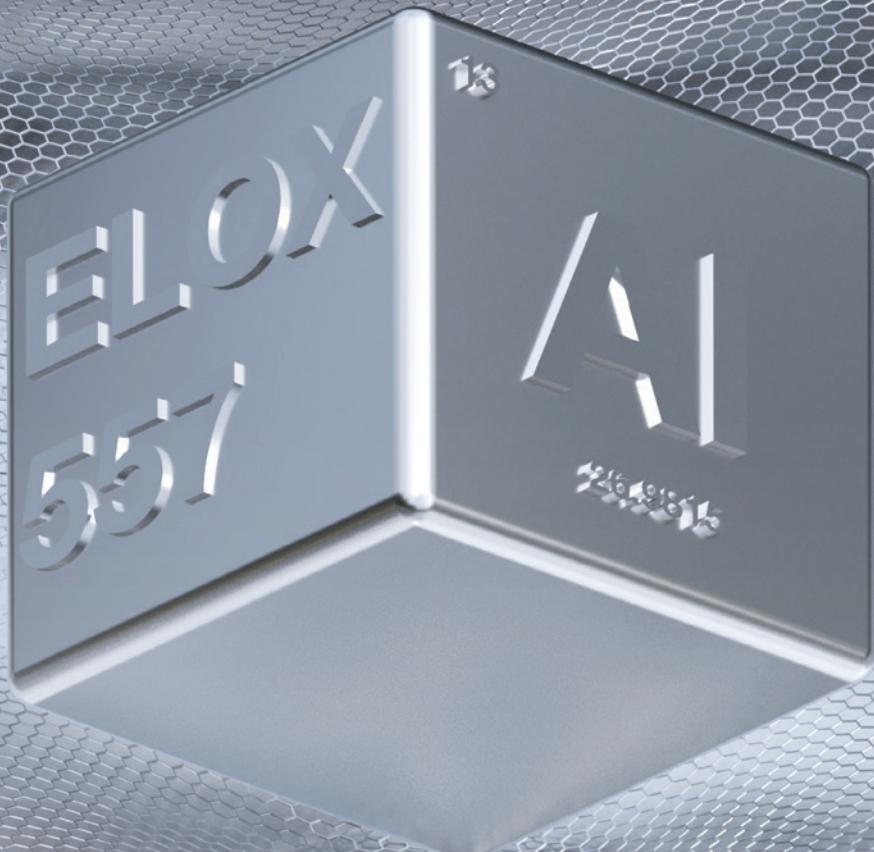
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PROGRAMME | DAY 1 | 01 OCTOBER |

19:30 – 23:30

WELCOME DINNER

Congress welcome walking dinner

SKY BAR | THE MET HOTEL

PROGRAMME | DAY 2 | 02 OCTOBER |

OPENING

9:00 – 9:10

Opening by **IVO VERMEEREN** | ESTAL President

9:10 – 9:30

Welcome address by **STELIOS ANGELOUDIS** | Mayor of Thessaloniki

EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS, PART 1

Moderator: Ivo Vermeeren

9:30 – 10:00

PAUL VOSS | European Aluminium

The Aluminium value chain in a Changing Europe

10:00 – 10:30

GUIDO SABATINI | European Aluminium

Impact of new EU building legislation on aluminium surface treatment and market trends

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE BREAK | MAISTROS EFCD SPONSORS AREA

INNOVATIONS IN RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS

Moderator: Metin Yilmaz

11:00 – 11:30

ELKE SCHROPP | European Commission Joint Research Centre, Sevilla
Update on the Review of the Best Available Techniques Reference Document of the Surface Treatment of Metals and Plastics (STM BREF).



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DAY 2 | 02 OCTOBER |

11:30 – 12:00

JAN-TOBIAS DÜRRMANN | Mardo Kältetechnik GmbH
Modern refrigeration technology for surface treatment and EU subsidies

12:00 – 12:30

MATHIEU VAN DE CAPPELLE | Henkel Technologies
Sustainability in Aluminum Surface Treatment: Future-Ready Solutions

12:30 – 13:00

ILYA OSTROVSKY AND CO-PRESENTER | Chemetall GmbH and VUB
Engineering the Future of Aluminium Finishing: High-Performance Anodizing and Conversion Technologies

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH | MAISTROS EFCD SPONSORS AREA

14:00 – 14:30

STEFANOS GEROS | European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
Updates from the Universal PFAS restriction

14:30 – 15:00

SENCAN KIZILKAYA AND CO-PRESENTERS

AkzoNobel Decorative Coatings B.V.
Transformation towards lower carbon emission powder coatings value chain

15:00 – 15:30

ALBERTO ABAD FUENTES | Alvarez-Schaer, S.L.U. Paterna, Spain
Technical innovations for a more sustainable aluminium industry

15:30 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK | MAISTROS EFCD SPONSORS AREA

INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND FINISHING PROCESSES, PART 1

Moderator: Alexa Becker

16:00 – 16:30

CHRISTOF LANGER | fem Research Institute
Nanoparticle-Enhanced Anodic Oxide Coatings: Exploring Single – and Multi-Layer Architectures for Functional Surfaces

16:30 – 17:00

IRIS DE GRAEVE | VUB

Surface conversion treatments of (3D printed) additive manufactured aluminium

19:30 – 23:30

GALA DINNER

AVENUE MODERN CUISINE

PROGRAMME **DAY 3 | 03 OCTOBER |**

EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS, PART 2

Moderator: Ivo Vermeeren

9:00 – 9:30

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: YANNIS MANIATIS

Vice President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D), Member of the European Parliament, f. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change

The Aluminium Sector at a Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities in the Green and Strategic Transition.

INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND FINISHING PROCESSES, PART 2

Moderator: Ellie Ganakou

9:30 – 10:00

KIKI REDHEAD | Sherwin Williams

Color Innovation & Inspiration for the Future of Architectural Coatings Application

10:00 – 10:30

ALESSANDRO CORRA | SAT

Profile Recognition for Automated Coating Process in Vertical Painting Lines

SURFACE TREATMENT OF RECYCLED ALUMINIUM

Moderator: Philip Hilven

10:30 – 11:00

FRANCESCA CAVEZZA | ESTAL and European Aluminium

Corrosion Resistance of Powder-Coated Aluminium Profiles: Insights from existing studies

11:00 – 11:30

COFFEE | MAISTROS EFCD SPONSORS AREA

11:30 – 12:00

MALGORZATA CHOJAK HALSEID | Norsk Hydro

How to anodize recycled aluminium: The impact of alloy chemistry and surface treatment processes



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DAY 3 | 03 OCTOBER |

12:00 – 12:30

SALIL SAINIS | Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE)
Will recycling aluminium affect surface characteristics prior to pre-treatment and powder coatings?

12:30 – 13:00

CAN AKYIL | MacDermid Enthone Industrial Solutions
Innovations in Aluminium for Automotive and Construction

CLOSURE OF IN-HOUSE CONGRESS PART

13:00 – 13:10

Ivo Vermeeren

13:10 – 14:00

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TECHNICAL VISIT

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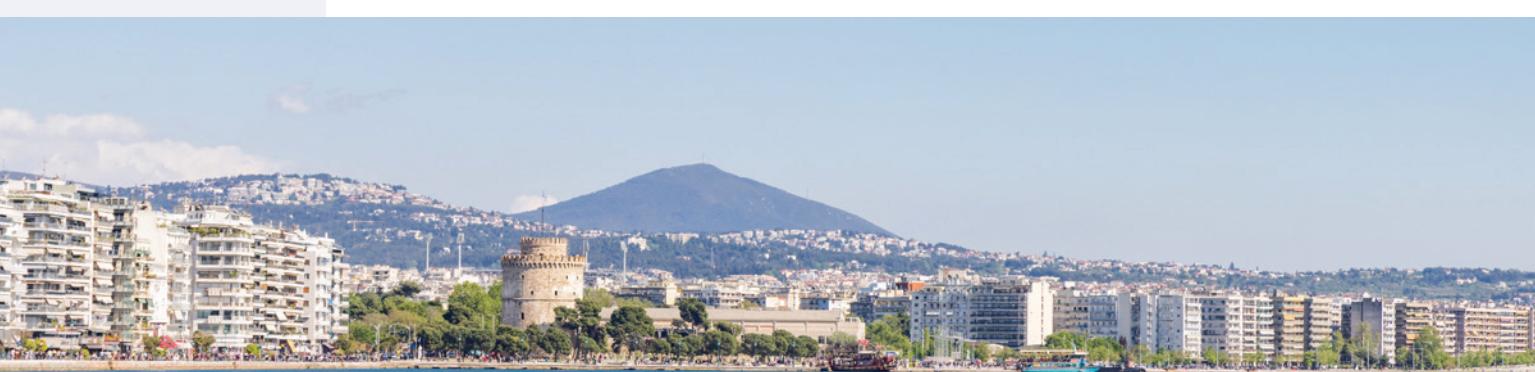
ALUMIL RECYCLING FACILITIES IN KILKIS

including presentation by Evangelis Giarmas
Influence of Fe, Cu, and Zn additions on the corrosion resistance and anodize finish of 6060 aluminum alloy

19:30 – 23:30

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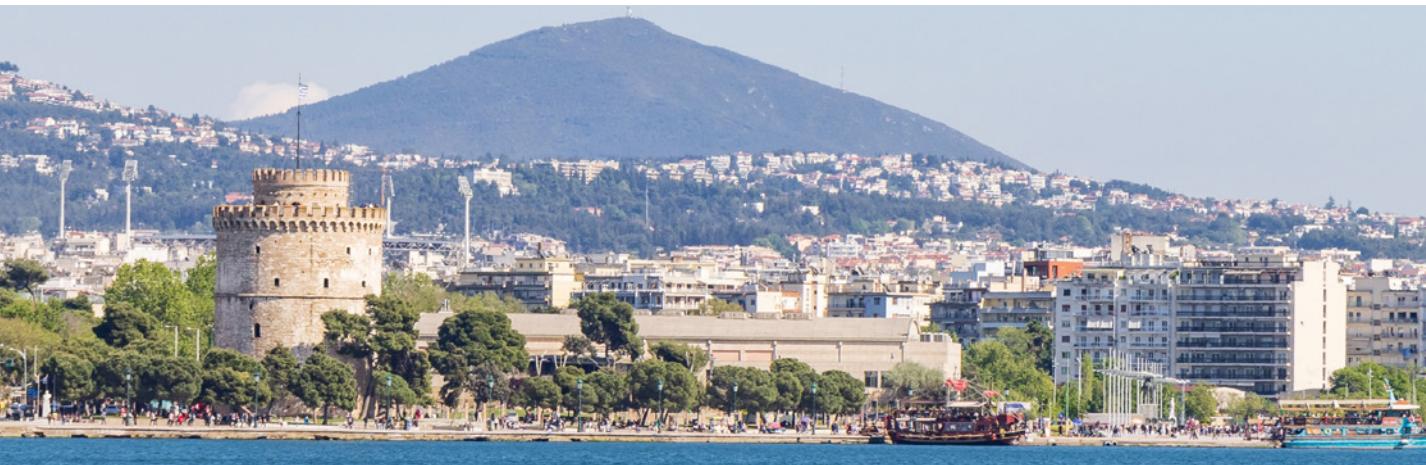


STELIOS ANGEOLOUDIS

Stelios Angeloudis was born and raised in the Ano Poli district of Thessaloniki, where he still resides. He graduated from the Law School of the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers, reaching the rank of Captain before resigning to practice law. In 1985, he obtained a second Law degree, specializing in Public Law, from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

He worked as a legal advisor for the public television channel ERT3 and later served as Special Secretary for Sports of Macedonia-Thrace at the Ministry of Culture and General Secretary of Commerce at the Ministry of Development. He also held the presidency of the Hellenic Handball Federation. Since 2001, he has been a member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, where he now serves as First Executive Vice President. He founded the National Olympic Academy and Greece's first Olympic Museum, integrating Thessaloniki into the international Olympic family.

As Special Advisor to the Athens 2004 Olympics, he contributed to the Games' organization. From 2010, as President and Managing Director of the Thessaloniki Port Authority, he oversaw the redevelopment of Pier One and introduced cruise tourism. In October 2023, he was elected Mayor of Thessaloniki. He is married with two children.





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PAUL VOSS



Paul Voss joined European Aluminium from Euroheat & Power, the association for the European district energy sector, where he acted as Managing Director for the past eight years. Paul is a longterm public affairs and governmental relations expert with nearly 20 years of experience in the Brussels and energy sector. Paul Voss has studied in Canada, France, and Belgium and holds a Master's degree in European Public Policy.

GUIDO SABATINI



Guido Sabatini leads the standardisation works at ISO and CEN for European Aluminium, with a focus on aluminium and its alloys and on aluminium-related construction products standards. He is the Chair of the «Implementation of the Construction Products Regulation Task Group» of Construction Products Europe, the European Association where most construction products are represented. Guido previously gained valuable experience with the Construction Products Regulation at the European Builders Confederation and the European Commission. He holds a environmental engineering Bachelor degree from the University of Florence (Italy), and a Master degree from the Lund University (Sweden).

ELKE SCHROPP



Elke Schropp is a project officer at the European Bureau for Research on Industrial Transformation and Emissions (EU-BRITE) in the Unit for Circular Economy and Sustainable Industry (B5) of the Joint Research Centre in Seville. In this position, she is involved in the development and review of best available techniques reference documents (BREFs), currently focusing on the surface treatment of metals and plastics (STM). Before joining the Joint Research Centre, she worked at the Technical University of Munich as a research associate in the field of environmental impacts and material criticality related to renewable energy technologies.

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JAN-TOBIAS DÜRRMANN



Jan-Tobias Dürrmann is a state-certified technician specializing in refrigeration and air conditioning systems and has extensive practical experience. His responsibilities included installation and commissioning, maintenance, cleaning, as well as documentation, repair and service, along with functional and safety inspections of air conditioning and refrigeration systems. In 2020, he transitioned to Mardo Kältetechnik GmbH as a project manager, where he has been working as managing director since last year.

MATHIEU VAN DE CAPPELLE



Mathieu Van de Cappelle is a chemical engineer and has a master in chemistry and chemical engineering. He is currently working as business developer for surface treatment products at Henkel (brand Bonderite) where he has been working for the past 14 years in various departments such as product development, technical customer service and sale. During his career, he has acquired an in-depth knowledge in metal pretreatment especially in aluminum. Mathieu is taking part of the ADAL and Qualicoat meetings. Mathieu is promoting the innovation of the surface treatment products at Henkel with a focus of sustainable products to reduce the carbon footprint and the water consumption of the pretreatment lines.

ILYA OSTROVSKY



Ilya Ostrovsky graduated from Ukrainian State Chemical Technology University with a Master's degree in plasmachemical technologies. He specializes in surface treatment of lightweight metals, anodizing technology, thin film technologies, atmospheric plasma, PEO, and MAO with 30 years of experience. He has been a researcher and project leader in five EU projects and the LUFO program and is the inventor of 12 patent families.

Since 2013, Ilya Ostrovsky has worked at Chemetall GmbH as the Global Manager of Technology Platform Lightweight Materials in the Global New Technologies Department. Starting in 2024, he is a PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Brussel in the Research group of Sustainable Materials Engineering.

Extended CV can be found on the Estal Congress website.



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STEFANOS GEROS

Stefanos Geros joined Cefic's Public Affairs team in January of 2022. During this time he has worked on different files, including PFAS, water and soil legislation as well as Food Contact Materials. Before joining Cefic he worked for a Member of the European Parliament, focusing mainly on the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Budgets. He studied Political Science and History at Panteion University in Athens and then completed a Master's in Public Policy at University College London (UCL).



SENCAN KIZILKAYA

Global Product Manager Architectural Powder Coatings AkzoNobel Decorative Coatings B.V. Sencan Kizilkaya completed her BSc. Degree in Middle East Technical University at Chemical Engineering. She pursued her MSc. at the same university and worked on utilization of criteria for green production of organic chemicals. With 17 years of work experience in AkzoNobel, she held positions in R&D for architectural and automotive product development in Turkey, China and UAE. She has been living and working in Netherlands for 5 years and responsible from portfolio and product management of architectural powder coatings in AkzoNobel globally.



ALBERTO ABAD

Bachelor's degree in Chemistry at the University of Valencia (Spain)
PhD. in Chemistry at the Institute of Chemical Technology (ITQ)-Polytechnic University of Valencia (Spain).
Working in ALSAN since 2007 and currently in charge of ALSAN's Research and Development Department.
Delegate of AEA in QUALICOAT Technical Committees and member of several QUALICOAT working groups.



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CHRISTOF LANGER



Dr Christof Langer studied chemical engineering, specialising in coatings technology, at the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences in Krefeld. Following his M.Sc. thesis at Mercedes-Benz, he started his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Duisburg-Essen in cooperation with the fem Research Institute (fem). Since 2015, he has been head of the light metal surface technology department at fem. The main focus of his research is on the development of functional layer systems and innovative processes for light metals.

IRIS DE GRAEVE



Prof.dr.ir. Iris De Graeve is head of the Department of Chemistry and Materials at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. In the Research Group of Sustainable Materials Engineering, lab unit Electrochemical and Surface Engineering, she is mainly active on surface properties and engineering of metals, including additive manufactured alloys, recycled metals etc. She focusses on surface characterisation and surface treatments to create corrosion resistance and other functional properties. She studies the mechanisms and the performance. In this field, she has both fundamental and industrial research projects. The research on additive manufacturing originates from an industrial collaboration for aerospace applications.

YANNIS MANIATIS



Prof. Yannis Maniatis, Vice President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D), Member of the European Parliament, f. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change.

Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis is a Vice President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D), a Member of the European Parliament Head of Delegation. He is Professor at the University of Piraeus in the Department of Digital Systems, Rural and Surveying Engineer (National Technical University of Athens), visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography in the University of Bonn, Founder of the MSc "Climate Crisis and Information and Communication Technologies".



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He was elected as a Member of the Greek Parliament during the 5 elections of the period 2004–2019.

He was appointed:

- > Minister and Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009–2015)
- > Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and Chairman of the Board of the Athens Urban Transport Organization (1998–2003).

His main academic fields include: Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) and Remote Sensing, Energy and Transportation Policies and Systems, Environmental Management and Climate Change, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, EU Structural Policies and Land Uses, Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship, Systems and Policies of Smart Energy, Digital Agriculture, Smart Cities.

Dr. Maniatis has participated with more than two hundred (200) scientific papers and lectures in international congresses and scientific magazines.

KIKI REDHEAD



Regarded as a trend sleuth, color guru and fashionista of the future, Kiki Redhead has a celebrated career immersed in trend research and color consultancy. In her current role, Kiki is responsible for leading all CMF and trend initiatives globally for Sherwin-Williams industrial and performance coatings. She collaborates with industrial design, manufacturing and architectural customers on coatings development and trends, including the ideation of aesthetics, performance and sustainability.

A longtime member of the Color Marketing Group, Kiki currently sits on its board of directors and is co-chair of its Future Thinking Committee and Networking Committee. Holding a seat on The Learning Forum's Foresight Council, she converses regularly with strategic futurists. She also maintains professional membership with IDSA, AIA, ASID and WFS.

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ALESSANDRO CORRÀ

Alessandro Corrà has been appointed Sales Director at SAT Srl in January 2022, after being since 2010 the General Manager of SAT (Surface Aluminium Technologies) SRL based in Verona. Previously he occupied several managerial positions at Trevisan and Trevisan Cometal from 1998 to 2010. Alessandro Corrà is graduated with a State Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Padova.



FRANCESCA CAVEZZA

Francesca Cavezza joined European Aluminium in September 2021 as Innovation Project Manager and also works for ESTAL for which she is leading the Recycled Aluminium Working Group. Before that, she worked as a development chemist in a chemical company supplying the automotive sector. She holds a Ph.D. from the Electrochemical and Surface Engineering group (SURF-VUB, Belgium) and an M.Sc. in Materials and Manufacturing Engineering from the Technical Danish University (Denmark).



MALGORZATA HALSEID

Principal Research Scientist and Project Manager in R&D center of Hydro Aluminium, Primary Metal, Norway, Malgorzata holds a PhD in chemistry in the area of electroanalytical chemistry from Warsaw University.

She has a broad experience from different research institutes within electrocatalysis in fuel cell application as well as corrosion in oil and gas and CO₂ transport.

Joined Hydro in 2015 and since then works on corrosion and surface treatment projects, within anodizing and powder coating. Main focus of her studies is the effect of recycling and increased concentration of trace elements on corrosion and surface treatment of extruded profiles.



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SALIL SAINIS



Salil Sainis is currently working as a Researcher (permanent) within corrosion at RISE Research Institutes of Sweden based in Stockholm. He primarily works on corrosion investigations in recycled wrought and cast aluminium alloys. He is an expert surface analyst with extensive experience in various advanced techniques such as SEM, EDS, AFM, SKPFM and FTIR. Prior to the current position, Salil completed his PhD in Materials and Manufacturing from Jönköping University, Sweden (2022) with a Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) doctoral fellowship from the European Union. He also holds an MSc. In Aerospace Engineering from Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands.

CAN AKYIL



Dr. Can Akyil currently works as Global Business Director of Mac Dermid Enthone and manages Light Metals Division in Mac Dermid Enthone Group, where he has been working for the last 15 years in various departments such as R&D, Production and Sales and Managing the Aluminum Business in Turkey. Before joining Mac Dermid Enthone 12 years ago he was part of the R&D team at Welding Alloys and oversaw the TR department for 3 years. Can Akyil completed his bachelor's degree in Istanbul Technical University in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering and continued his master's thesis in the same department, where he worked on the electrochemistry and corrosion behavior of aluminum alloys. He has finished his PhD. in the same department at the beginning of 2019 on electrochemical behavior of tin alloys.

EVANGELOS GIARMAS



Evangelos Giarmas is Foundry and Sorting Line Manager at Alumil S.A., bringing over a decade of professional experience in the aluminum industry. He holds a MEng in Mechanical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh) and a Master of Science (MSc) in Strategic Product Design from the International Hellenic University (IHU). He is also pursuing a Doctorate (PhD) in Materials Science and Engineering at the International Hellenic University. To date, he has co-authored 11 peer-reviewed scientific publications in the fields of materials science and engineering.



ABOUT ESTAL

ESTAL IS THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR SURFACE TREATMENT ON ALUMINIUM.

It is the European non-profit trade association representing companies and national bodies involved in surface treatments of aluminium, such as anodizing and powder coating.

It was previously established as a non-profit association under Swiss law and became a Non-profit Association under Belgian Law in 2024.

What ESTAL does:

Advocacy & Representation: ESTAL represents its members, more than 400 anodizing and coating companies across Europe, before European institutions. It plays a key role to assist the European Commission to implement industrial regulations, such as the EU's Industrial Emissions Directive and the Surface Treatment of Metals and Plastics (STM) BREF.

Knowledge Sharing & Innovation: The association promotes the exchange of knowledge and advances in technology, particularly in areas like resource efficiency, decarbonization, sustainability, and process innovation for surface finishing.

Networking & Events: ESTAL organizes a biennial congress bringing together industry experts, scientists, and business leaders.

ESTAL is a member of European Aluminium, the association representing the whole aluminium value chain at the level of EU Institutions.

Its members fall into three categories:

- > Full Members: National surface treatment associations in Europe.
- > Associate Members: Individual companies in European countries without a national association.
- > Supporting Members: Suppliers to surface treatment companies or holders of relevant quality labels.

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