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Corrosion of steel rebars is a major cause of the deterioration and limited service life of reinforced concrete structures. The high alkalinity of concrete provides the ideal environment for protecting embedded steel, by passivating it. However, carbonation and chloride ingress disrupt the passive layer on steel, triggering its corrosion. The voluminous corrosion products generate internal stresses, leading to cracking and spalling of concrete and, ultimately, to the early failure of the structure.

This Workshop is organized in the frame of the European project LORCENIS. It is intended to be an open forum to discuss corrosion of steel in concrete from the basic concepts to the state-of-the-art measurement and prevention techniques. It is also an opportunity to partners present the results obtained in the ambit of the project.

Registration

Send an e-mail to Alexandre Bastos (acbastos@ua.pt) with your name, Institution and stating which days you wish to attend:
day 1, day 2 or days 1+2.
(Labs on first day afternoon limited to 20).

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WORKSHOP ON CORROSION OF STEEL IN CONCRETE



17-18, September 2018

University of Aveiro, Portugal



Long Lasting Reinforced Concrete for Energy Infrastructure Under Severe Operating Conditions (Horizon 2020 grant nº 685445)

Monday, September 17

- 8h30 Registration.
- 9h00 Welcome and introduction.
- 9h10 **Corrosion of steel.** (Alexandre Bastos, University of Aveiro).

 Thermodynamics, electrochemical reactions, kinetics, corrosion environments, passivity, methods of corrosion control.
- 9h55 Corrosion of steel reinforcement in concrete. (Maria Cruz Alonso, CSIC).

 Physics and chemistry of concrete, passivation of steel rebars in concrete, transport in concrete, corrosion in presence of chloride and carbonated concrete, stress corrosion cracking.
- 10h40 Coffee-break.
- 11h00 Corrosion testing in reinforced concrete. (Alexandre Bastos and Maria Cruz Alonso).

 A theoretical introduction to the practical labs in the afternoon. Requirements for suitable test procedures.
- 12h30 Lunch.
- 14h00 Laboratory and field testing methods for reinforcing steel.

 Methods to assess the corrosion of steel in concrete. In laboratory (UAVR, CSIC) and in the field (CSIC, RISE).

 Electrochemical techniques and methods to test steel in solution and inside concrete.
- 15h30 Coffee-break.
- 16h00 Laboratory and field measurement of transport phenomena in mortar and concrete.

 Methods to characterise concrete: chloride content, pH, dissolved oxygen, composition of pore solution; conductivity, porosity, permeability, in the lab and in the field (RISE). Electrochemical and optical sensors (UAVR).

Tuesday, September 18

- 9h00 Influence of supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) on corrosion of rebars in concrete. (Harald Justnes, SINTEF).
- 9h30 Corrosion protection of reinforcements in concrete by corrosion inhibitors. (Maria Cruz Alonso, CSIC).
- 10h00 Corrosion inhibition in LORCENIS. (Frederico Maia, Smallmatek).
- 10h30 Coffee-break.
- 11h00 Chloride transport in concrete: test methods and threshold values. (Nelson Silva, RISE).
- 12h00 Field measurements of corrosion rates. (Dimitrios Boubitsas, RISE).
- 13h00 Lunch.
- 14h00 Modelling corrosion of steel in concrete. Past, present and future. (Josko Ozbolt, University of Stuttgart).
- 15h00 The modelling approach in LORCENIS Chloride ingress as a multiscale problem. (Daniel Hoeche and Zahid Mir, HZG).
- 15h45 Coffee-break.
- 16h15 Assessment of corrosion-damaged structures. Uncertainties and service life considerations. (Miguel Prieto, RISE).
- 17h15 Steel reinforced concrete in perspective. (Urs Mueller, RISE).
- 18h00 Closure.