

Reflections on 2018

The eve of 2019 and *CORROSION* journal's upcoming 75th anniversary presents a great opportunity to reflect on the journal's accomplishments during the past year, while also looking forward to the future and all of the initiatives that will launch during this landmark year.

2018 brought a diverse mix of corrosion topics, from articles studying lead in drinking water to additively manufactured materials, and from modeling to experimentation to analysis of materials in situ. The articles we publish become resources for the corrosion community, as reflected by growth in our 2017 Journal Citation Report® metrics, including Impact Factor and total citations. In fact, *CORROSION*'s metrics have seen a steady increase over the last three years.

In 2018, *CORROSION* published our first Current Event Special Topic: an article overviewing the corrosion mitigation activities following the Fukushima Daiichi reactor accident and their outcomes. An invited critical review was published, providing an in-depth survey of the literature on additive manufacturing, as well as four Corrosion Communications articles, which are short investigations that provide extremely significant, time sensitive, and/or novel results and receive an expedited review. These articles covered timely subject matter such as the amount of lead leaching from lead-free faucets and the corrosion resistance of compositionally complex alloys.

In January a new requirement was implemented—ORCID iDs are now part of the author submission process. These identifiers are important for the author as well as the journal, as they serve not only to differentiate authors with similar names, but also to help you create a digital CV of all of the articles you have published. These identifiers are compatible with most publishers and author platforms, allowing you to keep your list of publications updated regularly and helping us keep your information current.

CORROSION also added supplemental information—both written and video—to our article pages to help authors provide additional explanations, details, and/or background for their work. Surveys have been sent to all of our authors about their experience publishing with *CORROSION* to learn what other enhancements and improvements we can make to our publishing process. You can look forward to some new implementations that have come from this feedback next year.

This year and every year, *CORROSION* remains dedicated to delivering research to a broad readership, continuing to make a variety of articles available with the open access designation. This year, our open access collection included both gold open access articles that are permanently available, but also a number of temporarily open access articles, unlocked as part of our Editor's Choice Featured Open Access Article each month, "The Science Behind It" crossover feature with *Materials Performance* each quarter, and article collections for Open Access Week 2018.

2019 marks *CORROSION*'s 75th anniversary. It is a testament to NACE and the legacy of thousands of supporters that we continue our leadership role by publishing the latest science and engineering research on corrosion mitigation and control. Our legacy is strong and as we look ahead to the next 75 years, *CORROSION* will continually strive to support NACE International's mission "to equip society to protect people, assets, and the environment from the adverse effects of corrosion" by bringing relevant research to those working in the fields of corrosion prevention and mitigation.

Looking forward to 2019, you can expect additional special content, themed issues, invited reviews, and a new look to both the journal and our web site, along with the most timely, relevant, peer-reviewed content that has set us apart for the last 75 years.

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