
NACE JUBAIL SECTION

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING

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List of attendees is attached.

PREAMBLE

An inaugural meeting dinner was held to launch NACE-Jubail Section a local Chapter of National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) International – West Asia and Africa Region. The event was on Tuesday 29th July 2008 (7.00 p.m. to 9 p.m.) at the Intercontinental Hotel, Al-Jubail. The meeting dinner was sponsored by NACE International – West Asia and Africa Region. Dr. Faisal Faqeer (Region's Director) and Dr. Abdullah Al-Rumaih (Region's Chairman) were in attendance. There were about 30 attendees in the meeting representing several companies including SABIC, Saudi Aramco, Spichem, etc. The main agenda of the meeting are the following:

- Welcome
- Introductory Address - Dr. Abdullah Al-Rumaih, Regional Chairman
- Introduction to NACE-Jubail – Mr. Ali Al-Hazemi, Chairman, NACE-Jubail
- Formal declaration of commencement of NACE-Jubail Section
- General Discussions
- Next Meeting Schedule and Sponsor
- Closing Remarks
- Dinner

The minutes of the meeting and deliberations are presented below:

1. Welcome Address

The participants were warmly welcomed to the meeting by Mr. Ali Al-Hazemi, Chairman of NACE-Jubail Section. He explained that it is long overdue to have such a strategically important association in Jubail since the city probably has the highest concentration of major industries in the Region. Thus, he is delighted that this Chapter is at last established for promoting corrosion awareness and to discuss and provide solutions to

corrosion problems. He told the new members that: “as pioneer members of NACE-Jubail, tonight you are part of a history making ceremony”. He also stressed that NACE-Jubail Section is being established at a time when the city is in the midst of a massive program of development to establish the second phase of the industrial city. NACE-Jubail Chapter is of direct relevance to this endeavor because quite a large number of structures with steel, reinforced concrete and pre-stressed concrete would be constructed in these projects of infrastructure development. Metallic materials are prone to corrosion. On the other hand, the aging of infrastructure is one of the most serious problems faced by the existing plants in Jubail-City most of which were built more than 20 years ago. Today, as much of the aging infrastructure reaches the end of its designed lifetime, the emphasis is on maintaining and extending the life of these valuable assets. In this respect, he hopes that NACE-Jubail will provide the platform to generate ideas for addressing these concerns by bringing about greater awareness about causes of corrosion and its control.

**Introductory Address –
Dr. Abdullah Al-Rumaih, Regional Chairman of NACE**

Dr. Abdullah Al-Rumaih, Regional Chairman of NACE gave a presentation that covers the importance of NACE membership, benefits of joining the local section, and other sundry items. He highlighted that the benefits of NACE membership include:

- NACE Journals (e.g. Materials Performance)
- NACE Standards
- NACE Technical Reports
- NACE Corrosion Network (establish Industry contacts)
- Learn about different technical disciplines from other members
- Meet and correspond with engineers from different industries
- NACE meetings and conferences for professional development
- NACE conference papers
- Access to interactive electronic books and databases

He also described the main activities of NACE-International as:

- Annual Corrosion Conference (5,000-6,000 delegates)
- Pipeline & Integrity Management Seminar
- International Pipeline Coatings Conference
- Corrosion Technology Week (CTW)

- Specific Technology Groups (STGs) Meetings

Introduction to NACE-Jubail

- Ali Al-Hazemi, Chairman, NACE-Jubail Section

Mr. Ali Al-Hazemi, Chairman of NACE-Jubail gave a presentation on NACE-Jubail. It covers the following:

Proposed Vision:

- To develop an esteemed group for promotion of corrosion control awareness in Al-Jubail Area.

Proposed Mission:

- To provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of Corrosion Technology.
- Proposed Objectives:
- To regularly gather and disseminate information on technology and method for the control and monitoring of industrial corrosion by initiating and organizing, or participating in open meetings, technical visits, workshops and conferences;
- To enlist a wide diversity of membership so as to achieve mutual benefits between industry, suppliers, research groups, governmental groups and individuals; and
- To encourage, advise on, or initiate, and if appropriate, participate in training and educational courses.

Proposed Activities:

- Regular seminars and meetings on corrosion and related issues.
- Organization of training courses in collaboration with NACE.
- Maintain a network for exchange of ideas through discussion groups.
- Social get-together.

Official Declaration of NACE-Jubail

The commencement of NACE-Jubail Section was formally declared by the audience with applause and excitement.

General Discussions

Many items were discussed during the general discussion aimed to set the goal, future activities, funding, scheduling, and agenda of NACE-Jubail. The highlight of the deliberations are:

Propose Activities and Schedule

Effort will be made in the initial stage to have Technical presentation at dinner meetings at least once in a quarter. Other activities will be discussed as the section progresses.

Technical committees

The following technical committees will be set up to explore and propagate knowledge and activities relating to:

- Coating
- Cathodic Potential
- Corrosion Monitoring
- Water Treatment
- Materials Selection

The main functions of the committees are to discuss technical issues and organize activities relating to their fields.

Website

NACE-Jubail Section will set up a team to develop the website. The website will also provide forum for technical discussion and exchange of knowledge. As a first measure, the website of NACE-Saudi Arabia Section will be explored to gain experience.

Sources of Funding

The issue of funding was discussed extensively. Many ideas were generated on how to effectively secure fund to run the new NACE Section. It was agreed that the viable options are:

- Private sector assistances through sponsorship of activities like dinner meetings with presentations by the sponsors on their products and/or services relating to corrosion control.
- NACE-Jubail Section will look into organizing a major annual fund generating program like a regional conference or workshop. This may be done in collaboration with other professional associations (like ASME, Chemical Engineering Society, etc.) - if necessary. NACE-Saudi Arabia officials shared their experiences on this issue.

It was explained that the Middle East Corrosion Conference that the Section organizes in collaboration with Bahrain Society of Engineers is the major source of income which is mostly generated through exhibitors and conference registration fees.

- NACE-Jubail Section should also explore organizing corrosion courses and certifications in collaboration with NACE-International to generate fund.
- NACE-Jubail Section may also charge nominal fees for non-members to attend its dinner meetings with technical presentations.

Membership Drive

It was agreed that the most effective way to increase NACE membership is for the section to be very active. Members should make concerted efforts to invite friends and colleagues to the meetings and activities of NACE-Jubail.

Other Matters

- It was advised that NACE-Jubail should plan all its activities well ahead to give enough time for publicity to maximize attendance.
- The officer of NACE-Jubail should regularly have meetings.
- NACE-Jubail should keep a comprehensive database of all meeting attendees, potential members and all relevant professionals in the area.
- Networking should be encouraged by NACE-Jubail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30 p.m. followed by dinner.