

Report

Corrosion Awareness Day Meeting - CorrDay 2026



On 24.04.2026, the Corrosion Testing Laboratory of Silesian University of Technology had the pleasure of organizing the Corrosion Awareness Day Meeting - CorrDay 2026 in Gliwice, Poland. This was a grand event ceremony summarizing all the satellite activities of the CorrDay dedicated to raising awareness about corrosion. This year the CorrDay Meeting including the Ceremony has been held for the third time. Because of the specific of the main topic of the event a part of the organizers and participants are electrochemists, including regular ISE Members.

Event featured a range of engaging activities, such as Photography Contest, where participants exhibited the captivating beauty of corrosion through a photography, demonstrating the artistic side of this process. Second organized activity was Art Contest, targeting the younger generation, creatively communicated the significance of corrosion and its effects on our lives, environment, and infrastructure.

The centrepiece of the event was a ceremony where winners of the contests were honoured, and prizes were awarded. During the ceremony popular-science lecture about modern coating systems for corrosion protection was given by Marzena Nowicka-Nowak, DSc. Alongside the ceremony, industrial sponsors showcased their offers for researchers.

Additionally, during the ceremony, a surprise lecture titled "Wavelength of Corrosion" was held. Dr Maciej Sowa and Eng. Aleksander Olesiński presented the results of corrosion tests on guitar strings cyclically exposed to artificial sweat. This lecture was unusual because they also demonstrated the sound of corroded strings and compared it to the sound of brand new strings.

By integrating artistic and educational initiatives, "CorrDay 2026" successfully engaged diverse audiences in understanding the importance of corrosion awareness and prevention.

<https://www.polsl.pl/rch-l1/en/corrday2026-en/>

We encourage you to participate in the next edition of CorrDay!

Selected photos:

Opening Ceremony - Prof. Wojciech Simka (Dean of Faculty of Chemistry) and Prof. Joanna Michalska-Serwin (Head of Corrosion Testing Laboratory)



CorrDay Meeting - Participants



CorrDay Meeting - Demonstration of chemical experiment (the corrosive hourglass)



CorrDay Meeting – Lecture of M. Nowicka-Nowak



CorrDay Meeting – Lecture of M. Sowa and A. Olesiński



CorrDay 2026 – Commemorative guitar



CorrDay 2026 – Participants in front of the press wall



CorrDay 2026 – Organizers

Top row: W. Simka, J. Michalska-Serwin, A. Maciej, A. Kołkowska, F. Wojtas, M. Gdala

Bottom row: S. Kanik, M. Sowa, A. Olesiński, Z. Ferdyn

