

SPOTLIGHT

Gruppo IspAC, the Quality Guarantee of the Coating Inspection

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Gruppo IspAC was founded in September 1997 as non-profit association with the aim to promote and develop corrosion sensibility among the largest number of people and companies with the technical evaluations support, solutions and education in the field of corrosion prevention in various sectors, such as:

- Engineering
- Power
- Transports
- Naval
- Oil & gas.

About Gruppo IspAC

Gruppo IspAC is composed by several qualified coating inspectors. It is firm belief of the association that, in each sector, the best guarantee of quality is directly proportional to the level of technical preparation of the people involved in the various stages of production. Gruppo IspAC is composed by professionals with a long experience in the field of corrosion protection, so they can offer an unsurpassed level of expertise. From 2004, it is cooperating with Frosio, the leading certifying body for surface treatment and insulation inspectors, and from 2009 Gruppo IspAC became the officially authorised provider of Frosio certifications in Italy.

The Frosio certification

From 2009, Gruppo IspAC has been qualified by Frosio as an officially authorised examination body. As a matter of fact, the Frosio Certification scheme require that certifying bodies shall not be involved with the training and vice versa. This is why the University of Genova is the only Italian institution that has been accredited by Frosio as a training body. So, it is in charge of organising the Italian courses for the internationally recognised Qualification and Certification of Coating Inspectors Level I, II and III in accordance with the Frosio Scheme, which follows the requirements of ISO 17024. Therefore, in Italy there are two bodies operating: the certifying body represented by Gruppo IspAC and the training body represented by the University of Genova.

The Frosio Italia course

The Frosio Italia course organised by these two bodies is unique for all the three levels of certification, it is carried out in Italian language and the documentation provided by the lecturers is in Italian language.

There are generally two annual editions: January/February and June/July, with a full-time commitment of two weeks. The exam is proposed the day after the end of the course.

During these years, more than 350 professionals in the sector were trained in 20 courses organised by University of Genova, and they were the certified by Gruppo IspAC.

Technical publications

In 2008 Gruppo IspAC published a technical book in Italian with the title “Elementi di corrosione e anticorrosione”. The topics treated are the followings:

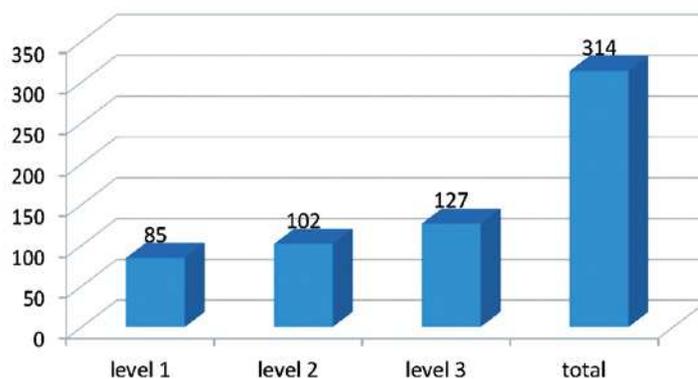
- corrosion
- construction details
- preparation of the surfaces to be coated
- painting products
- coatings manufacturing
- technical datasheet of the products
- safety datasheet
- application of paint products
- checks and measures
- cost accounting, by type of preparation, product, cycle.

An indispensable certification worldwide

Over 10,000 Level I, II and III inspectors operate in 74 countries worldwide. The contractors and the most important players in the corrosion protection field consider the qualification of the Frosio Coating Inspector as a reference for monitoring the quality of application of a painting cycle.

There are 367 active certifications in Italy, that include 109 level I (white card), n. 115 Level II (Green Card) and 143 Level III (Red Card).

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The University of Genova, accredited by FROSIO as a Training Body, is in charge of organising courses in the Italian language exclusively for the Italian territory. To date, 20 courses have been organised.

The Gruppo IspAC Associazione (GIA), accredited by FROSIO as Certifying Body, is in charge of organising the exams for the Qualification and Certification of Coating Inspectors Level I, II and III, renewal of certifications and level ups exclusively for the Italian territory.



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