

“PASSING THE BATON”

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ABSTRACT:

The classic image evoked by the term “Passing the Baton” is that of well-toned runners smoothly passing the baton in a relay race. A successful handover is key to winning the race.

This analogy has long been used in the business world – the concept of a smooth transition in leadership requiring a thorough and effective handover, is not unknown to anyone.

So how does this analogy apply to the world of corrosion?

Should this analogy be used in the world of corrosion?

Are the fears of lost corporate memory and lost expertise valid?

How can we “plug the holes” and “mind the gap” to ensure that past mistakes are not repeated.

How can we stop ourselves from re-inventing the wheel?

This paper will examine the handover of corrosion experience and expertise between generations. Through discussion and investigation, we will explore some avenues through which those of us with grey hair can ensure that our scars were not earned in vain and seek to find ways that others can benefit without being scarred as badly in the process.