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## BIR Core Principles

One of the main challenges currently facing the global recycling industry is “the increasing burden of legislative controls that does not help in the promotion of a smooth and efficient system of waste collection, segregation and transportation of recyclables,” BIR World President Ranjit Baxi of J&H Sales International has insisted. “Facilitation of free and fair trade must therefore remain the core principle of our industry. BIR is continuously working with its global partners in promoting free and fair trade of recyclables with minimum regulatory controls.”

Mr Baxi made these observations at the BIR's latest Annual General Assembly, held during the global Federation's convention in Hong Kong which attracted more than 900 participants from 63 countries. In noting that 57 member companies and national Federations had joined BIR in the last 12 months, Mr Baxi insisted that the world body would continue to prioritise the development of new business opportunities for all of its members, such as through finding new convention locations to help them develop fresh contacts. In this context, he pointed out that the next BIR convention and exhibition on October 13-16 2017 would be held in India for the first time. The venue would be the Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi, where one of the meeting days would be devoted to a debate on recycling in India.

Mr Baxi, who has agreed to serve a second two-year term as President of the world recycling association, also emphasised that the Global Recycling Day being organised by BIR for March 18 next year would be of direct benefit to members as it would put ‘powerful’ emphasis on the importance of what recyclers do for the social, economic and environmental fabric of the planet.

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## SHORT NOTES

- Join CEPI in celebrating its 25th Anniversary at an extra special European Paper Week (28-30 November in Brussels). Registration will open in August. Visit [www.cepi.org/epw](http://www.cepi.org/epw) for announcements and programme updates.
- BSI has launched a new standard for the circular economy – BS 8001:2017. It is the first such standard of its kind in the world.
- Michael Gove MP has been appointed to the post of Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- W&S Recycling has won a £27 million seven-year contract from Oxfordshire county council to continue running nearly all of the council's household waste recycling centres.
- Dr Adam Read is to succeed resource and recycling expert Dr Gev Eduljee, who is to retire from his post as Suez External Affairs Director.
- Zero Waste Scotland has appointed Simon Weston from the UK's Paper Confederation as chair of Scotland's Circular Economy fund.

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