



New structure for BIR Environment Committee

(WW) – A number of changes were announced for the Environment Committee of the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) at the organisation's spring congress in Monte Carlo last week. The committee's longstanding chairman Patrick Neenan announced he would step down from the position following his retirement from full-time industry executive functions at the end of March. His successor is Alvaro Rodriguez Martinez from the Spanish scrap recycling company Lajo y Rodriguez S.A.

In addition, BIR adopted changes to the structure of the committee which will be known as the BIR International Environment Council in future. Instead of the presidents of BIR's individual divisions, environmental representatives from BIR's national federation members will join the body. The council will be co-chaired by the environmental representative of the host country of the BIR congress in order to provide a national focus. BIR's Environmental and Technical Director Ross Bartley will be a permanent member of the council.

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