

Ian Cooper, a central figure in recycling journalism and former PR advisor to the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), died unexpectedly on November 21. He was 65. Cooper spent 20 years as editor and publisher of the UK trade publication *Materials Reclamation Weekly*, now *Materials Recycling Week*. He was also foreign editor of the *Times Review of Industry and Technology*. In 1972 he became a member of BIR's public relations committee and from 1993 to 1999 he was the BIR's PR advisor. He received an award from the BIR in May 2000 for services to recycling journalism. As a consultant he worked on projects for the UK government and on EU programmes. David Hulse, director general of the UK scrap association, BMRA said: "A gentleman and a gentle man, Ian Cooper was a talented wordsmith and a respected international authority on recycling issues. He was also hugely popular and will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues throughout the metals recycling sector." He leaves a wife, Sue, herself a former secretary of the British Metals Federation, and children.