

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. Around 70 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has three commodity committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

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BIR releases Annual Report 2014

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The Bureau of International Recycling is publishing its 2014 Annual Report, which was introduced to the BIR membership during the Annual General Assembly in Dubai on 19 May 2015.

The annual report gives a unique overview of the most important developments on seven different commodity markets during 2014, and provides a wealth of data regarding material flows, prices and future trends. Moreover, the BIR commodity divisions and committees highlight their actions on behalf of their respective industry segment. Important trade and environmental issues are covered in the reports of the International Environment Council and the International Trade Council. Two case studies provide a deeper insight into the scope of a true international trade association and the importance of shipping for the global recycling business.

The report is available in <u>English</u>, <u>French</u> and <u>German</u>, and a summary <u>video version</u> will be posted on the BIR website.

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