

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.

PRESS RELEASE

Upcoming BIR World Recycling Convention & Exhibition in Rome (29/30 May – 1 June 2012)

Stainless Steel & Special Alloys Committee:

ISSF Secretary General Payet-Gaspard to give guest presentation at upcoming Convention in Rome

Brussels, 9 May 2012

At the plenary session of the BIR Stainless Steel & Special Alloys Committee on Wednesday, 30 May at 14.30 in the Rome Cavalieri Hotel, the Secretary General of the International Stainless Steel Forum will take the floor and give a guest presentation on "Stainless Steel: a bright future in a changing world".

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF), which was founded in 1996, is a non-profit research organisation based in Brussels, Belgium, which serves as the world forum on various aspects of the international stainless steel industry. The ISSF is represented in 27 countries, either by individual companies (producers of stainless steel) or national/regional stainless steel industry associations.

Mr Payet Gaspard has been at the helm of the organisation since 2009, after leaving his position as Chairman and CEO of ArcelorMittal Stainless International. Mr Payet-Gaspard is a graduate of the École Polytechnique, Paris, and the Sloan School of Management of the Massachussets Institute of Technology. He has a long career in the stainless steel industry, having occupied senior management positions in a number of companies including Arcelor, Ugine&ALZ, and Ascoforge.

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