BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 55 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 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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It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden decease of Mr Jean Pierre Lehoux, President of Honour of BIR and former BIR President (1991-1995) who passed away very unexpectedly on Wednesday, 22 February 2006, in Dreux near Paris (France).

many year, Jean Pierre Lehoux helped shape the structure and politics of BIR: from 1980 to 1986 he was Vice-President of the organisation, in 1986 he became President of the Paper Division and in 1991, he was elected BIR President.

er his leadership, BIR developed new programmes and changed its structure with new statutes and by-laws to become a completely revamped world organisation as from 1995.

Lehoux was highly appreciated by all who worked with him. He was a charismatic leader with a fierce loyalty and integrity who benefited BIR tremendously. With Jean Pierre Lehoux, the international recycling community loses a great gentleman. He will be deeply missed by all his friends at BIR.

prayers accompany him, and also his wife Jacqueline to find the strength to go through this difficult time.



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