

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 50 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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CHINA still at the top of the agenda for next month's BIR commodity round-table sessions in London ...

A large **delegation of Chinese businessmen** will be attending the BIR autumn meetings in London on October (27) 28-29, 2004.

Their interest in BIR activities and in networking with potential suppliers has been growing ever since BIR's decision to hold its 2006 Spring Convention in the Chinese capital of Beijing. The visit by a BIR delegation to AQSIQ in June and the fruitful contacts developed with local industry have further boosted the Chinese presence in London.

An **update on the status of AQSIQ registration** will be provided at each commodity division meeting, to be followed by a question and answer session for the benefit of the membership. Two leading representatives from the **Chinese Steel Industry Association and from the Non-Ferrous Metals Federation** will take part in the round-table sessions devoted to Ferrous, Non-Ferrous Metals and Stainless Steel & Special Alloys.

Among those who have confirmed their attendance in London, Secretary General of the CNIA steel association **Mr Yang Zunqing** will forecast the future steel scrap needs of China's domestic industry, while the Secretary General of the CMNA non-ferrous metals association **Mr Pan Wenju** will discuss major base metal trends.

BIR divisional presidents Robert Philip (Hugo Neu Schnitzer Global Trade LLC, USA) and Marc Natan (Malco S.A., France) have expressed their huge enthusiasm for the London programme, which should give all international players an ideal opportunity to discuss strategies for the coming months.

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