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Bureau of International Recycling

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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London Convention: BIR proposes a full programme of speakers

After a record attendance last May in Berlin, BIR is expecting another good turn-out on **October (27) 28-29 at the Metropole Hilton Hotel in London.**

The healthy number of registrations for our October Round-Table sessions has certainly been influenced by good business conditions and the easy accessibility of London, as well as by the desire among BIR members to hear more about market forecasts for 2005 and about the future raw materials needs of **China and India.**

BIR is once again proposing a full programme for the two days of the convention, with speakers at each commodity session and also two attractive workshops. Delegates will hear Chinese officials report at each plenary session on latest developments relating to **AQSIQ registration procedures**, while commodity experts will make guest presentations at each Round-Table session.

To date, the following **speakers** have been confirmed:

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Adam Rowley, Market Analyst and Researcher at Macquarie Research Metals and Mining, London, will speak at the Non-Ferrous Division and the Stainless Steel and Special Alloys Round-Table;

Steve Mackrell, Director of Operations at the Iron and Steel Statistics Bureau in London, will address the Ferrous Division;

Esko Uutela of EU Consulting will talk at the Paper Round-Table;

Dr Simone Field from the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, will be at the Textiles Round-Table; and

WRAP, the UK's Waste and Resource Action Programme, will participate in the Plastics Round-Table.

In addition, BIR delegates are invited to attend two **workshops**:

For members of BIR's Young Traders Group, a workshop will follow a visit to the **London Metal Exchange**.

'Shipping to India', a workshop sponsored by the Non-Ferrous Division but open to representatives from all other divisions, will look at the Indian market and at the business procedures to be followed when dealing with, and shipping to, India.

More details will be released shortly on the BIR website, including exact titles of presentations, abstracts, speakers' CVs, etc.

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