



## News Release

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### **IISRP to Honor Industry Leaders**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS 8 November 2007**—The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers Inc. (IISRP) will honor two industry leaders at its next Annual General Meeting (AGM). Dr. Igor Golberg, of Efremov Synthetic Rubber Enterprise, will be the recipient of the prestigious General Award and Dr. Enrico Martinez, retired from Insa/Dynasol, will receive the Technical Award. The awards will be formally presented during the IISRP's 49<sup>th</sup> AGM in Moscow, Russia, the week of 12 May 2008.

“I am extremely excited for both of the recipients and it will be an honor for me to present their awards at our next AGM”, said James L. McGraw, Managing Director & CEO. “I have known Dr. Golberg and Dr. Martinez for most all of my synthetic rubber career and we could not have elected two more qualified individuals.”

Dr. Golberg is being honored for his contribution to the industry and to the success of the IISRP. He became a Director to the IISRP Board in 1993 and has served as International President, European Section President and as a member of the Performance Review Committee, the IISRP's primary oversight committee. He was instrumental in IISRP's gaining access to the Russian SR industry and in improving our statistical dataset of the region.



Dr. Igor Golberg graduated from the Oil Institute in Ufa, Russian Federation, in 1973. Following military service, he joined ESRE in 1976 where he held a number of management positions and in 1984 was promoted to First Deputy of General Director. He also received his Doctor of Technical Science the same year. In 1988 he was elected General Director, a position he held until 1997 when he became Chairman of the Board of ESRE. He is now the managing director of Efremov-Kautschuk GmbH, the main sales organization of Efremov Synthetic Rubber Enterprise.



Dr. Enrico Martinez retired from Insa/Dynasol in 2005. Prior to his retirement he devoted much of his career to the development of solution polymers, holds a number of patents and has published many manuscripts on this topic. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the National University in Mexico and a M.S. and PhD from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to joining Insa/Dynasol, he spent 15 years as a professor and has now returned to academia.



The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with corporate members, domiciled in 21 countries, producing 90 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the IISRP supports section offices in Milan and Tokyo.