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IISRP Sets Program for 50th AGM in New York City

Houston, TX, USA, 19 December 2008— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) announced the speakers' program for its 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in New York City, 11–14 May 2009, according to James L. McGraw, IISRP Managing Director and CEO.

“Building on Our Past...Shaping a Successful Future” will be the theme of this historic meeting when IISRP celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Mark Emkes, Chairman, CEO and President of Bridgestone Americas, Inc., will deliver the keynote address at the first of two speaker program sessions.

“We are delighted to return to New York City to celebrate our 50th AGM as this is where it all began when IISRP was founded in 1960,” said James L. McGraw. “This is a major milestone for any organization and certainly one of which we are very proud,” he added.

Rounding out the speakers program will be Bill Hyde of CMAI, Robert Simmons of LMC, Sidhartha Sen of Nexant Consulting, Larry Sloan of the Adhesives & Sealants Council and Diaco Aviki of ExxonMobil among others.

The full AGM program will be available to the general public when IISRP opens registration for the meeting from its website (www.iisrp.com) in early January.

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