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## **IISRP ELECTS BELGIUM EXECUTIVE AS PRESIDENT FOR 2009-2010**

**New York City, USA 13 May 2009**—Dr. Bruno Pary, Senior Advisor at ExxonMobil Middle East and Africa, was elected President International of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) for the year 2009-2010 at the association's 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting here today. He succeeds John Vincent, President of Firestone Polymers,



who now becomes the Past-President International.

Dr. Pary holds a doctorate in polymers at the Pierre and Marie Curie University and a business degree from the IAE in Paris. He started his career in 1975 as a research assistant for the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique at the Paris University

In 1978, he joined ExxonMobil as an elastomers commercial engineer in Paris then moved to Brussels where he has held a number of management positions. In 1995, he was appointed Europe, Middle East and Africa's General Manager for Ethylene Elastomers and in 2001 Global Manager for Sales for Specialty Elastomers.

In addition to Dr. Pary, the other twelve members elected to the Institute Executive Committee for the year 2009-2010 are:

- Far East Section: Hiroshi Yoshida of Asahi, President, Ock Kee of Korea Khumo, Vice President and Nobuyuki Takahashi of UBE Industries, Standing Member.
- European Section: Ralf Irmert of Dow, President, Sim Elman of Synthos, Vice President and Abraham Brink of Karbochem, Standing Member.
- Americas Section: Tim Gorman of ISP Elastomers, President, Felipe Varela of Negromex, Vice President.
- Continuing to serve on the Executive Committee are John Vincent of firestone Polymers, Past-President International, Wei-Hua Tu of TSRC as Treasurer, and James L. McGraw, IISRP's Managing Director & CEO, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit association with 50 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 regional offices in Milan and Tokyo.