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IISRP ELECTS ITALIAN EXECUTIVE AS PRESIDENT FOR 2011-2012

Seoul, Korea 14 April 2011—Mr. Antonio Protopapa, Commercial Director for Polimeri Europa was elected President International of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) for the year 2011-2012 at the association's 52nd annual meeting here today. He succeeds Chan-koo Park, Chairman and CEO of Kumho Petrochemical who now becomes the Past-President International.



Mr. Antonio Protopapa holds a degree in chemical engineering and has been with the Eni Group, the parent of Polimeri Europa, since 1986. Until 2001 he held a number of positions including technical service, marketing and sales. He was then appointed as Chairman and Marketing Manager for the Hungarian Affiliate Dunastyr. In 2007 he was

appointed as Global Sales Manager for all polymers.

In addition to Mr. Protopapa who will also serve as President to the European Section, the other twelve members elected to the Institute Executive Committee for the year 2011-2012 are:

- Far East Section: Koichi Kawasaki of JSR, President and Wang Yuqing of Sinopec, Vice President.
- European Section: Ignacio Marco of Dynasol, Vice President and Abraham Brink of Karbochem, Standing Member.
- Americas Section: Ken Hertl of Goodyear Chemical, President, John Lyon of ExxonMobil, Vice President and Tim Gorman of ISP Elastomers, Standing Member.
- Continuing to serve on the Executive Committee are Chan-koo Park of KKPC, 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.