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IISRP Sets Program for 53rd AGM in Venice

Houston, TX, USA, 15 November 2011— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) announced the speakers' program for its 53rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Venice, Italy, 16-19 April 2012, according to James L. McGraw, IISRP Managing Director and CEO. *"The SR Industry...Sustaining the Future"* will be the theme of the Institute's first meeting in Venice.

"Under the leadership of our President International, Antonio Protopapa of Polimeri Europa, we have assembled an outstanding Speakers Program," said James L. McGraw. "In addition we have high level speakers focusing on sustainability within the rubber industry", noted McGraw.

The Speakers Program will begin with the Keynote address by Mr. Francesco Gori, the CEO of Pirelli on Wednesday, 18 April and will be followed by presentations from Jag Patel of Hexpol, Walter Ramez of Dynasol, and Sim Elman of Synthos. The Wednesday Program will conclude with an energy overview from Leonardo Maugeri formerly with Eni, currently a Senior Fellow at Harvard University, John Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Thursday's Program will lead off with a presentation from Boris Mergell of Continental followed by Carlo Torreggiani of Fiat, Bill Hyde of CMAI, Rob Simmons of LMC, Vittorio Maglia of Italian Federation of the Chemical Industry and will conclude with Ms. Catia Bastioli of Novamont.

The full AGM program will be available to the general public on 5 December 2011 on the IISRP website at www.iisrp.com at which time early registration will be available.

IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with corporate members, domiciled in 21 countries, who produce 80 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.