

## News Release

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### IISRP Elects President International for 2017-2018

**Taipei, Taiwan, 5 May, 2017**— Mr. Enrico Lucchese, Marketing Manager for Tyre, Styrenics Modification, & Latex within the Elastomers Business Unit at Versalis (Eni), was elected President International of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) for the year 2017-2018 at the association's 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on 27 April. He succeeds Mr. Hendrick Lam who now becomes the Institute's Past-President International.



Mr. Lucchese's background in the elastomers business is quite comprehensive ranging from technical, commercial, to management key positions.

He has played a strategic role in Versalis' internationalization process, both in the licensing field of Versalis' proprietary technologies and in the setup of new joint venture initiatives, and commercial collaborations, within either specific elastomers areas or related synergic businesses.

Mr. Lucchese is also:

- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) Section of the IISRP
- Vice Chairman of the EMEA Statistical Committee of the IISRP
- Member of the Industrial Panel of Associates of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG), since 2010.

In addition to Mr. Lam, who is now Past-President International and Mr. Lucchese, who will also serve as President of the EMEA section, the other members elected to the Institute Executive Committee for the year 2017-2018 are:

- Ms. Larisa Bondar of Sibur, Vice President, EMEA Section
- Mr. Takayuki Nomoto of Asahi Kasei Chemicals, President Asia Pacific Section (APS)
- Mr. Hirano Hayato of JSR Corporation, Vice President of the APS

- Mr. Bart Bowser of Dow Chemical, President of the Americas Section
- Mr. Brian Chapman of Kuraray America, Vice President of the Americas Section
- Mr. Ralf Irmert, of Trinseo, Member of the Finance Pension & Audit Committee (FPAC)

Continuing to serve on the Executive Committee are Mr. Ken Hertl of Goodyear Chemical, Treasurer and FPAC Member and Juan Ramon Salinas, IISRP's Managing Director & CEO, Assistant Treasure and recording secretary.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit association with 60 corporate members domiciled in 22 countries who produce 80 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports regional offices in Milan, Tokyo and Beijing.