



## News Release

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## IISRP ELECTS PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL FOR 2018 - 2019



**Madrid, Spain – 04 June 2018** - Mr. Brian Chapman, General Manager of the Elastomers Business Unit of Kuraray America Inc., was elected President International of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) for the year 2018 – 2019 at the association’ s 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on May 9. He succeeds Mr. Enrico Lucchese, who now becomes the Institute’ s Past – President International.

Mr. Chapman has extensive experience in the polymer industry where he has held positions in the technical area, marketing, sales as well as key management positions.



Mr. Chapman joined Kuraray in 2003 with the role of manager of technical service and development in the elastomer business unit of Kuraray America, where he has held different positions in different areas of the company until reaching his current position of General Manager. Mr. Chapman holds a BS in chemical engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette IN. He also holds an MS and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University Notre Dame in South Bend IN.

In addition to Mr. Lucchese, who is now the Past – President International and Mr. Chapman, who will also serve as President of the Americas Section, the other members elected to the Institute Executive Committee for the year 2018 -2019 are:

- Mr. Brad Ioerger of Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Vice-President, Americas Section
- Ms. Larisa Bondar of Sibur, President EMEA Section
- Mr. Abdullah Al-Otaibi of SABIC, Vice President EMEA Section
- Mr. Hayato Hirano of JSR Corporation, President Asia Pacific Section
- Mr. Jong-Hoon Baek of Kumho Petrochemical Co., Vice-President Asia Pacific Section
- Mr. Hendrick Lam of TSRC, Member of the Finance Pension & Audit Committee.
- Mr. Ralf Irmert of Trinseo, Member of the Finance Pension & Audit Committee.
- Mr. Juan Ramon Salinas, IISRP Managing Director, Assistant Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with more than 60 corporate members domiciled in 22 countries who produce 75 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports section offices in Milan, Tokyo, and Beijing.