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## IISRP to Honor Synthetic Rubber Industry Leaders

Houston, Texas, USA - 12 November 2018 - The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) will honor two of its' outstanding leaders at its' next Annual General Meeting (AGM). Dr. Abraham J. Brink retired from Karbochem will receive the prestigious General Award and Mr. Andre Uzee, retired from Dexco-TSRC, will receive the coveted Technical Award. Both awards will be formally presented during the 60th IISRP General Assembly in Seattle, WA the week of May 13, 2019.

*"It will be a great honor for me to present these awards to two outstanding leaders of the synthetic rubber industry and valuable collaborators of the IISRP,"* said Juan Ramón Salinas, Executive Director and CEO of IISRP.



Dr. Abraham Brink started his career in the rubber industry when he joined Karbochem in October 1977. He was a solid leader and supporter of IISRP Strategic Direction Initiative focusing on IISRP's future and its' ability to better serve the membership. He twice served as Vice President and President of the European Section in 2007-2009 and 2014-2016. He led the Institute as the International President and presided over the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Cape Town in April 2015. His most significant contribution was his service on the IISRP's Finance Pension and Audit Committee from 2009 until his retirement in 2017. During this period, he helped to redefine IISRP's benefit structure, thereby reducing overhead and become more cost competitive. In this capacity, he worked very closely with the managing director of the IISRP to ensure the required fiduciary care and control of the Institute's finances. Dr. Abraham Brink has been an outstanding leader in the synthetic rubber industry and is well deserved of the IISRP's highest award.



Mr. Uzee is recognized globally as an expert in the use of styrenic block copolymers in the production of elastic films and elastic film laminates for use in personal care and hygiene applications.

He has authored numerous papers in the field of styrenic block copolymers and holds numerous patents during his almost 40-year career in research and development, commercial research, and product market management. He started his career in the synthetic rubber industry in 1976. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1976 from Mississippi College in

Clinton, Mississippi, USA. Andre Uzee has spent virtually his entire career developing new products and applications for synthetic polymers and elastomers.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with over 50 corporate members, domiciled in 23 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.