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EUPR ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Plastics Recyclers Annual Meeting 2011 has been a successful event in gathering more than 150 plastics recyclers in Barcelona on the 16-17 November. This event organised with the theme “Recyclers’ doors are opened for more recycling” demonstrated that the plastics recycling industry is eager to continue moving Europe towards a resource efficient society.

During this occasion, the European Plastics Recyclers (EuPR) Members have elected Ton Emans (CeDo) as the new president of EuPR. Alexandre Dangis (EuPC Managing Director) said “*During these last twelve years, Bernard Merckx has enabled, under his Presidency, a growth of the European plastics recycling sector. EuPR thanks him for the important achievements he supported throughout these years*”.

Bernard Merckx welcomed Ton Emans as the new EuPR President and added that “*EuPR was created 15 years ago and today recyclers show that they are an indispensable actor needed by the plastics value chain to overcome its future challenges*”. Mr. Merckx also thanked the two departing Board Members, Silvio Löderbush (REMONDIS Plano GmbH) and José-Vicente Losada (Losada), who voluntary stepped-down to nominate new representatives for guiding the success established over the past years.

Ton Emans stated after his election: “*During these uncertain economic times, entrepreneurs in plastics recycling will have to continue using their renowned creativity in order to generate green growth. Today, some of our investments are unsure due to a lack of reliable supply. My immediate mission is to change these market conditions by keeping as far as possible plastics waste, our resources, in Europe and by increasing the sorting quality for the input streams of the recyclers. In the long term, EuPR will push two main objectives. First, a European wide ban on landfill for plastics waste. Second, a significant increase of mechanical recycling targets for plastics in the various legislations. These two actions are a necessity in order to enable a shift in society towards a greener economy and to create green growth*”.

Tom Emans also stressed that he is looking forward to work together with the EuPR’s experts in the Management Committee, which has been reinforced by several new members. “*The freshly elected Hans-Jürgen Sommer (REMONDIS Electrorecycling GmbH), Jim Armstrong (Wellman Recycling), Sébastien Petithuguenin (Paprec), Paolo Glerean (Aliplast) and David Eslava (Eslava Plasticos), have an excellent knowledge of the recycling industry. This will further push the realisation of EuPR’s objectives in helping to make Europe a resource efficient society*”.

Next year’s Plastics Recyclers Annual Meeting will held on the 21-22 November 2012 in Brussels.



EuPR is the professional representative body of plastics recyclers in Europe. EuPR promotes plastics mechanical recycling and conditions that enable profitable and sustainable business, while offering a service platform to its members. EuPR members constitute 80% of the European recycling capacity, processing more than 3 million tonnes of collected plastics per year.

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