Batteries are part of our daily life. Conventional types, such as the commonly named dry cells, are widely used to power a large variety of house commodities. The problem arises when they become exhausted and we have to discard them. New markets which involve massive use of exotic batteries are also booming. Popular portable devices, such as laptop computers and, particularly, cellular phones, are now diffused by millions. Lithium batteries are the power sources of choice for these devices; in few years they will reach the exhaust state and it is still unclear which will be their fate. The hybrid car, which only few years ago was a motor show curiosity, is now an establish product with many hundreds thousands units in the road. The electric engine of these cars is powered by a nickel-metal hydride battery module, whose life is estimated to be of the order of three or four years. The disposal of these multi-battery modules, which obviously is more complicated than that of single elements, has not yet been planned.

One aspect is clear: all the batteries, conventional or advanced, are based on chemistries which may be dangerous for the human health. Thus, they cannot be simply discarded in the urban waste but all require separate collection and a proper recycling. Although recycling is a growing concern in the European countries, still the number of batteries which reach the recycling plants is a minor fraction of those entering the market. It is reasonable to estimate in about 200,000 tons the average yearly sales of batteries in the European Community. However, the present recycling rate is still lower than the 25% target set by the current EU Directive, and this refers only to conventional portable batteries such as primary alkaline-manganese, zinc-carbon, zinc-air and secondary nickel-cadmium.

There is the need of urgent actions to reach higher recycling levels, also in view of the new Directive which calls for a 45% target within the next 10 years. It is then of paramount importance to develop a common policy to achieve collection procedures more efficient than the present ones and to design appropriate recycling plans, especially considering new types of batteries, e.g., lithium and nickel-metal hydride that will soon invade the waste stream. This important goal can be reached only by promoting technical and environmental discussions among experts who can jointly define the present and future strategies of the collection policy, such as to identify the most acceptable and profitable compromise between cost and efficiency of recycling the various batteries types.

This congress is unique in this respect since it is the only internationally recognized event where attendees may benefit by high level technical presentations, as well as by informative debates on the current environmental legislations. Thus, ICBR cannot be missed by anyone involved in the field. Beside the informative and exciting programs, ICBRs are well known for the high standard of the social activities and for the choice of elegant and beautiful sites. This tradition is maintained also for this 2007 edition and I am sure that you will not be disappointed by having decided to be with us in one of the most beautiful European cities.

Welcome to ICBR 2007, welcome to beautiful Budapest!

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Location of the Congress

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“Latest developments of the implementation of the Battery Directive!”

Hotel Accommodation

For the participants of the congress a number of rooms are held at a special rate if you register before May 2, 2007. If you wish, you may also extend your stay at these beautiful hotels at the same special rate.

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Travelling to Budapest

Budapest can easily be reached by plane, train and car. The Budapest Ferihegy airport is an international airport which is served by most leading airlines. It is located in southeastern Pest and is within a 40 minutes drive from the city.

The door-to-door Airport Minibus Service or Zona-Taxi are convenient means of transportation to any place in Budapest.

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Congress Program ICBR 2007

Wednesday, 20th June 2007

10.00 – 10.30 “Welcome and Introduction”
Prof. Bruno Scrosati, Chairman of the Steering Committee

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

10.30 – 11.00 Opening Speaker

11.00 – 11.30 Orsolya Csorba, European Commission, DG Environment, Belgium

Session 1: European Legislation
Session Chairman: Prof. Bruno Scrosati, University of Rome, Italy
11.30 – 12.00 “The EPBA blueprint for successfully achieving the objectives of the Battery Directive: A tool for all”
Wim Willems, EPBA, Belgium
12.00 – 12.30 “A report on EBRA’s past and coming activities”
Bertrand Schutz, EBRA, France

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 2: Battery Directive implementation issues
Session Chairman: Jill Ledger, SAFT, France
14.00 – 14.30 “Implementing the WEEE and the Battery Directives: The selective recovery of spent batteries from WEEE disassembly plants”
Dr. Jean-Pol Wiaux, RECHARGE aisbl, Belgium
14.30 – 15.00 “Development of a calculation method for recycling rates of portable recycling processes with regard to the new EU Battery Directive”
Prof. Bernd Friedrich, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
15.00 – 15.30 “New requirements on collection and recycling compliance organisations”
Dr. Jürgen Fricke, Foundation GRS Batterien, Germany

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

Session 3: Country reports
Session Chairman: Norm England, Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), USA
16.00 – 16.30 “An update of the portable battery market and the rechargeable battery collection in Japan”
Mike Takao, Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd., Japan
16.30 – 17.00 “Federal and provincial policy and regulatory initiatives for batteries in Canada”
Duncan Bury, Environment Canada, Canada
17.00 – 17.30 “Consequences of landfilling, incinerating or recycling of batteries”
Martin K. Meyer, Water Protection and Waste Management Agency Canton of Berne, Switzerland
17.30 – 18.00 “The key to used batteries recycling issue – appealing to legislation for pushing market recycling system”
Prof. Qing Sun & Prof. XiangRong Li, Beijing Information Technical Institute, China

19.30 Networking dinner

Thursday, 21st June 2007

09.00 – 09.30 “Battery recycling at DK Recycling und Rohreisen GmbH, Duisburg”
Rolf Minkenberg, DK Recycling und Rohreisen GmbH, Germany

09.30 – 10.00 “Current activities for increasing the battery recycling efficiency at Fernwärme Wien”
Dr. Bernhard Kronberger, Fernwärme Wien GmbH, Austria

10.00 – 10.30 “Alkaline and zink carbon batteries pyrometallurgical recycling standards”
Mohamed Abid, VALDI, France

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Session 5: Sharing experiences
Session Chairman: Andreas Krebs, Batrec Industrie AG, Switzerland
11.00 – 11.30 “The battery recycling and collection system of Nomurakohsan Co., Ltd.”
Yoshikazu Komatsu, Nomurakohsan Co., Ltd., Japan

11.30 – 12.00 “Primary collection of batteries and ADR: Results of common work of EPBA-EBRA”
Dr. Farouk Tedjar, RECUPYL SA, France

12.00 – 12.30 “Dismantlement of spent lithium primary batteries for recycling”
Dr. Jeong-Soo Sohn, Korea Institute of Geoscience & Mineral Resources (KIGAM), Korea

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 6: New frontiers
Session Chairman: Khush Marolia, EPBA, Belgium
14.00 – 14.30 “Collection of spent batteries in Lithuania: Public awareness plan”
Ausra Urnikyte, Elektroniniu Masinu Perdirbimas (EMP), Lithuania

14.30 – 15.00 “How to cure the lack of public awareness with a virus”
Frans de Buck, STIBAT, Netherlands

15.00 – 15.30 “Recycling processes for consumer batteries”
William F. Drinkard, Drinkard Research and Development Corp., USA

15.30 – 16.00 “The EU Directive and the Italian solution for spent lead acid batteries: COBAT”
Dr. Giancarlo Morandi & Dr. Franco Macor, COBAT, Italy

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 Round Table Discussion:
“Impact of REACH and RoHS to the battery manufacturers and recyclers”
Introduction: Dr. Alain Vassart, Erachem Comilog S.A., Belgium
Moderator: Patrick de Metz, SAFT, France

From 17.30 Cocktail reception and poster presentations in the exhibition hall
Friday, 22nd June 2007

Every participant may choose one of the following tours:

**Tour to Inter-Metalex Kft., Budapest**

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Inter-Metalex is a Hungarian company group with facilities in Budapest, specialized in scrap metal trading and preprocessing, and also with notable activity in WEEE collection and treatment. Metals are sold directly to foundries in Hungary and Europe. WEEE treatment includes using shredding and separation technology and CRT dismantling. The company’s location in central Hungary is an advantage when offering collection and logistical services.

*More information at: www.intermetal.hu*

**Tour to SANYO Hungary Kft., Dorog**

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SANYO Hungary Kft. was founded in 1999 and belongs to SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. SANYO Electric is one of the biggest companies which offer wide range of electro technical products all over the world and which is leader in technological innovation. In Europe, the largest SANYO manufacturing subsidiary is SANYO Hungary Ltd., located in Dorog, with about 1400 employees. The main line of business in Hungary is mobile accumulators, dry batteries, solar panels and air conditional equipments. SANYO is the market leader in following products: Li-Ion, NiMH and NiCd batteries. The company philosophy is “Think GAIA – For Life and the Earth”, that emphasizes the saving of the environment for the future of our children.

*More information at: www.sanyo.com / www.eneloop.info*

*No guarantee on arrival time due to traffic conditions*
“Meet your clients”
Networking Dinner

On Wednesday, June 20, a special networking dinner will be organized in beautiful Budapest.

Do not miss this perfect possibility to meet your business partners and register to this evening now!

Exhibition and Poster Presentation

A special exhibition will be organized for companies wishing to display their products or advertising materials.

The fee for an exhibition stand (2 m x 3 m) is EUR 2'500.– for the full time of the conference.

Space is limited, so take your chance and book your exhibition stand today!
Who should attend?

- Battery producers
- Recycling companies
- Waste management companies
- Battery collection companies
- Associations in the field of battery waste management
- Financing organization for battery recycling
- Environmental authorities
- Laboratories for material science
- Universities and research institutes
- Consultants

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Registration Fees

Registration for the congress should be made by means of the registration form. Participants registering and paying before April 30, 2007 will benefit from a reduced registration fee. The registration fee includes congress, entrance to the exhibition, proceedings and luncheons.

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Registration on site € 100.– surcharge

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If it is not possible for you to attend the congress, you can purchase the complete proceedings at EUR 350.–. Participants will get the proceedings free of charge.

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Payment should be made in EUR by bank transfer or by credit card.

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* weighing by categories and classification according to further treatment
* manual dismantling and removal of hazardous parts
* mechanical treatment with shredder technology and separation
* CRT glass separation

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