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It's here! ICBR 2019, the 24th International Congress for Battery Recycling, the only international conference dedicated to the battery and battery end of life industry ecosystem is holding its 24th edition in Lyon, France, September 18 – 20, 2019.

In a crucial moment for industry as the EU Batteries Directive is under review in an economic context undergoing profound changes, ICBR 2019 is the only place to hear the real story and tackle the most challenging issues facing industry professionals and regulators today.

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Eleven years after its implementation, the Batteries Directive is considered by the European Commission to have delivered positive results in terms of protection of the environment, the promotion of recycling and improved functioning of the internal market for batteries and recycled materials. ⁽¹⁾

But many questions remain; for example, how efficient will the end- of-life management of batteries really be in reducing CO₂ emissions? Can recycled materials ever be a competitive source of active battery materials? Will the review address the real concerns of stakeholders posed by the definition of waste and the extended producer responsibility for the second use/life of batteries?

Dr Jean-Pol Wiaux, Chairman of the ICBR Steering Committee comments:

« A large majority of OEMs placing batteries on the market have now integrated end-of-life management into their policies. The management at end-of-life of the significant amounts of critical materials placed on the EU market as active battery materials is an ongoing challenge that industry is tackling daily.

ICBR 2019 is the 24th meeting that will review all of the issues linked to the management of waste batteries, including collection efficiency and material recovery. Discussions and debates with industry specialists on battery material flows and the role of raw materials in terms of demand and recovery will take place in an international context with speakers and experts from all over the world.

Join us in Lyon to develop your knowledge of worldwide initiatives on the recycling of

end-of-life batteries and their key business operators. It will provide the ideal environment to develop your networking opportunities among specialists and experts in the field of battery recycling. »

And... do not miss a Michelin 3-star dinner experience at the famous restaurant l'Abbaye by Paul Bocuse!

(1) European Commission Report COM (2019) – 166 of 09.04.2019. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/batteries/pdf/report_implementation_batteries_directive.pdf

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About ICM:

ICM AG is an internationally leading congress organiser that specialises in the field of recycling. With a total of four congresses each year, ICM covers major topics that impact the circular economy, primarily focusing on the recycling of electrical and electronic goods, end-of-life vehicles, and batteries. The congresses are held alternately in various countries of Europe, in North America, and in Asia.

ICM is a Swiss company which has organised conferences in Europe, North America and Asia since the year 2000. The company was founded by Jeanette Duttlinger. Her team consists of 15 employees who speak German, English, Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese and Chinese.

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