



International Primary Aluminium Institute (IPAI)

By the Raw Materials Group

The IPAI is a powerful but little known actor in the international aluminium industry. Raw Materials Report made this interview with Peter Martyn, Secretary General of IPAI to find out more on the policies of the organization.

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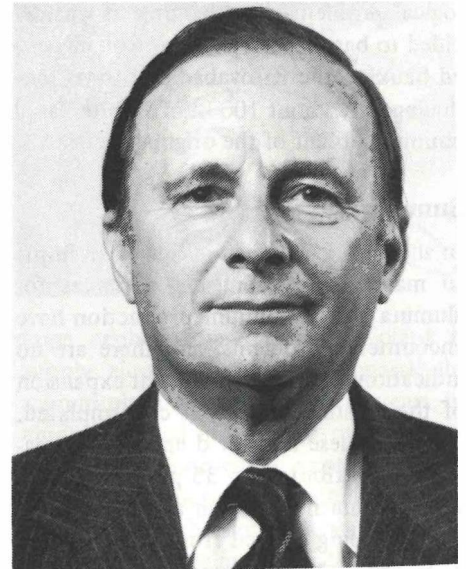
RMR: This year IPAI has celebrated its 10th Anniversary. What are the most important achievements of the organization during this period?

Peter Martyn: The most important achievement of the Institute since its incorporation on the 28th April 1972 has been to establish an international reputation as a reliable source of information about the primary aluminium industry.

In particular, the IPAI Statistical System based upon returns submitted to the Institute by the primary aluminium and alumina producers themselves provides a valuable data base for all those concerned with the industry. A reliable data base of this kind was not available prior to the formation of the Institute.

The Institute has also been most active in matters relating to the external environment and human health.

Peter Martyn, Secretary General of IPAI



The statement made by the Secretary General of the Institute at the United Na-

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tions Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council Session of Special Character, Nairobi, 10th/18th May 1982 illustrates the breadth and depth of the work that has been done.

The institute has also been active in regard to energy matters and this is illustrated by the publication entitled "Aluminium, the effective use of Energy", and "Annual Reports for 1980 and 1981 on Electrical Power Utilization".

Finally, the Institute provides a forum for the presentation of papers from distinguished speakers who deal with issues relating to the industry and the background within which it operates.

RMR: In 1973 the International Bauxite Association (IBA) was founded, with the aim of defending the interests of the major bauxite exporting nations. What rela-

tions have you had during this 10 year period and how do you expect this relationship to develop in the coming years?

Peter Martyn: The Institute has had no relations with the International Bauxite Association (IBA). However, all IPAI Publications and Statistical Releases have been made available to the IBA and have been included in some of their published studies. We expect information published by the Institute will be of continuing interest and value to the IBA.

RMR: How has the present global economic crisis affected the role and work of IPAI. What is your most urgent problem today?

Peter Martyn: The present global economic crisis has not unduly affected the role and work of the Institute because the Institute has confined itself to the study of

a few matters of major international importance and this is a continuing task. The most urgent problem today is to encourage further industrial development for the benefit of society as a whole but without unacceptable intrusion into the environment. The primary aluminium industry believes that it can meet these requirements and the continuing aim of the Institute is to make studies to demonstrate the validity of this claim.

RMR: What are the main problems facing IPAI in a longer perspective?

Peter Martyn: The IPAI sees the future in terms of the opportunities stemming from the availability of abundant resources rather than in terms of problems. The objective must be to ensure that a firm factual data base is available so that future problems may be analysed using reliable information.

RMR: The socialist countries are emerging as major aluminium producers. Has this affected the work of IPAI? If so, in what way? What are your relationships to the aluminium producers in these countries?

Peter Martyn: The Institute is a voluntary organisation and participation in the total activity of the Institute is open to all primary aluminium producers.

The Institute has a wide breadth of membership, both from developed and developing countries, and would encourage membership by producers from all socialist countries.

(Full details on the IPAI Statistical System are available in the published Statistical Summaries as well as on the IPAI Statistical Release forms with further explanations set out in the publication entitled "A Guide to the IPAI Statistical System".) ■

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