



Malaysian Automotive Recyclers Association to Host 9th International Roundtable on Automotive Recycling

This year, ARA CEO Michael Wilson will attend the 9th International Roundtable on Automotive Recycling (IRT), taking place April 20-24, 2016 in Malacca City, Malaysia. It is not too late for you to join international colleagues from the automotive recycling, insurance, and collision repair industries for what has truly become a global event. For instance, the 8th IRT, which took place in Kushiro City, Japan in October 2014, had a total of 237 participants - of those, 55 represented 10 different countries. ARA's then-President, Ed MacDonald and CEO Michael Wilson represented the Automotive Recyclers Association, along with Lorne Reicher of Highway 4 Auto Recyclers in British Columbia and Steve Fletcher, on behalf of Automotive Recyclers of Canada (ARC). They ended up coming away with a draft of the Kushiro Declaration - a work plan that covers all aspects of automotive recycling:

- government policies,
- the importance of education and training,
- environmental standards and best practices,
- industry stewardship,
- manufacturer policies,
- public awareness, and
- research and information sharing.

What will be of special interest this year is to see how the Chinese have progressed in their rapidly emerging auto-recycling sector - they were already doing things on a much grander scale in 2014 compared to North America, where most facilities average perhaps up to 1,500 vehicles per year. The Chinese center was able to process 100,000 per year at that time.

For more information on this year's event, please visit the following website: <http://irt-autorecycling.org/irt-2016-malaysia>.