Finally!! Who would have thought that it would take us more than two long years to organize another of our Young Traders networking events? None of us would have dared to consider such a dreadful scenario when we said our goodbyes in Budapest.

During these two years, we have been affected not only by a global pandemic, an extensively disrupted supply chain and skyrocketing energy prices but also now by extreme geopolitical tensions. In such unsettling times, it’s more important than ever to keep looking to the future. The recycling industry will play a pivotal role in the energy transition and the green revolution in general. Our industry needs to attract and involve talented young people in order to secure - and even extend - our leading role in these megatrends.

In this regard, I would like to appeal to all of you to use this opportunity to register your companies’ young representatives. The BIR offers a significant discount for young traders (those under 35 years of age) and, at each Convention, we organize a Young Traders evening at which it’s possible to network in a more relaxed atmosphere. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the BIR secretariat if you have questions about any of the above.

We are delighted that we are getting the chance to meet again in Gaudi’s Barcelona. Our Young Traders night, which will be held at Shôko Barcelona, offers the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to exchange more business cards than ever before. Let the Mediterranean air and the Balearic vibes be the architect of many new business relationships.

The Young Traders Group (YTG) is a fantastic way of enticing the younger members of the global recycling industry to meet, network, initiate trade and explore other commodities outside your company’s particular area of expertise - all in a relaxed setting in some of the most vibrant cities the world has to offer. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 or have any young delegates in your company that would be interested in joining the YTG evening and the fabulous opportunity it presents to promote your business, please encourage them to do so.

The younger generation is the future of the industry and all new relationships begin with a simple exchange of a business card, a coffee in the executive lounge or even an alcoholic cocktail in one of the most prestigious nightclubs in the BIR city of choice. This is where it begins; this is where you can successfully build your contact base for global trade that can last you the whole of your career.

The YTG representation on BIR Committees provides an insight into the ferrous, non-ferrous, stainless, e-scrap, textiles, plastics, tyres/rubber and paper industries - all at a single Convention. This allows younger, like-minded delegates to be at

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Niels Keyaert, Aurubis AG (BEL)
Chairman, Young Traders Group

Young Traders at the recycling industry’s cutting edge

Josh Brough, JBMI Group Ltd (GBR)
Vice Chairman, Young Traders Group
Join and mingle with the BIR’s exceptional network of Young Traders as they enjoy a night out on the town! This year’s Young Traders evening will take place at one of Barcelona’s most well-known lounge bars, Shôko.

During the day, it offers some of the city’s best Mediterranean and Asian cuisine. At night, Shôko turns up the music and becomes a nightclub that has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Best Clubs in the World. We invite all Young Traders to join us on Tuesday May 24 starting from 20.00 hrs. Transportation will be available from the Convention venue, the Hotel Intercontinental Barcelona at 19.30. Availability is limited so make sure to register early! Please contact the registration secretariat at bir@clq-group.com to book your ticket!

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For some delegates, networking can be a daunting process - and certainly requires some Dutch courage! Feel free to approach me or any other Committee member at the Barcelona Convention and we will be more than happy to introduce you to the YTG. **Maybe we can even have a drink together at Shôko?** Just remember to bring plenty of business cards and I assure you it will be a night to remember.

The Coronavirus pandemic has proved that global markets are heavily reliant upon each other and that we are more connected now than ever before. This Barcelona trip will be the first time “back to normality” for many of the delegates and should prove to be an exciting one, with a lot of catching-up to be done.

Shôko is located on Barcelona’s beach front and is popular among tourists and locals alike. During the day, it offers some of the city’s best Mediterranean and Asian cuisine. At night, Shôko turns up the music and becomes a nightclub that has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Best Clubs in the World. We invite all Young Traders to join us on Tuesday May 24 starting from 20.00 hrs. Transportation will be available from the Convention venue, the Hotel Intercontinental Barcelona at 19.30. Availability is limited so make sure to register early! Please contact the registration secretariat at bir@clq-group.com to book your ticket!

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