



2011 ICARHMA Annual Meeting Held in Canada

Future industry trends, refrigerant policies, energy metrics, certification issues among topics discussed

At its October 3-5, 2011, meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, the International Council of Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Manufacturers' Associations (ICARHMA) discussed industry trends and other topics and approved the European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) as an associate member. The Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) was this year's host, and David Morden, ECR International Co./Morden National Sales Marketing Inc., chaired the meeting. Attendees included ICARHMA members from Australia (AREMA), Brazil (ABRAVA), Canada (HRAI), China (CRAA), Europe (EUROVENT and EPEE), Japan (JRAIA), Korea (KRAIA), and the United States (AHRI).

Members provided up-to-date reviews of governmental and association activities in their respective regions, on such issues as future industry trends, energy efficiency and minimum efficiency performance standards (MEPS), labeling requirements, refrigerant policies, global certification, renewable energy regulations, and green building codes. Continuing their focus on global refrigerant choice and containment policies, the members agreed to consider revising its [Refrigerant Policy Statement](#) to address a potentially misleading distinction between "natural" and synthetic refrigerants. The members were briefed by AHRI on its alternative refrigerants and LCCP research projects.

Discussions at the meeting were enriched by a presentation from Nuno Duarte, P.Eng, P.E., LEED AP, an Associate with Stantec Consulting Ltd, Toronto. Duarte's presentation was titled *Successfully Applying New Technology: A Case Study*, and his presentation led to a lively discussion about future trends of the industry and possible directions that the industry is headed.

ICARHMA's Working Group Meeting will be Sunday, January 22, 2012, in Chicago, Ill., in conjunction with the AHR Expo. Japan Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Industry Association (JRAIA) will host the 2012 Annual ICARHMA meeting in Japan next October.

About ICARHMA

ICARHMA is an organization of associations representing manufacturers of air conditioning and refrigeration and heating equipment in their respective countries. The Council, which currently includes members from Australia, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Association of Australia (AREMA); Brazil, Brazilian Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Ventilation Industry Association (ABRAVA); Canada, Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI); China, China Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Association (CRAA); Europe, European Committee of Air-Handling, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers (Eurovent) and European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE); Japan, Japan Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Industry Association (JRAIA); Korea, Korea Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Industry Association (KRAIA); and the U.S., Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), serves as a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the global air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating industry. ICARHMA members provide a valuable contribution to the global economy and to consumers world-wide.

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