



## For Immediate Release

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### 2011 ICARHMA Annual Meeting Held in Canada

**Mississauga, Ontario** – The Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) was this year's host, and **David Morden**, Morden National Sales Marketing Inc., chaired the International Council of Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Manufacturers' Associations (ICARHMA) 2011 Meeting held October 3-5, 2011, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. At the meeting, members discussed industry trends and other topics and approved the European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) as an associate member. 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), labelling 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 held on Sunday, January 22, 2012, in Chicago, IL, 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.

The Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI), established in 1968, is the national trade association of manufacturers, wholesalers and contractors in the Canadian HVACR industry who provide the products and services for indoor comfort and essential refrigeration processes. HRAI has three (3) industry sector Divisions: HRAI Manufacturers Division, HRAI Wholesalers Division, and HRAI Contractors Division.

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