IOR to step up collaboration with Australian counterpart

Scope of potential partnership with the Australian Institute of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating is expected to include shared research and training focuses

The institute of Refrigeration (IOR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with its counterpart organisation in Australia to share information and expertise in order to face up to a range of cooling sector challenges.

The Australian Institute of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) will work with the IOR to offer shared access to both organisation’s technical resources after a formal agreement was signed during the ASHRAE Winter Conference in the US earlier this month. The MoU is intended to facilitate greater opportunities for the organisations to work together on research projects and training initiatives.

Part of this focus will include fully supporting International Refrigeration Day that is scheduled for June 26 to raise awareness of the work of the cooling industry and the challenges it faces.

IOR president Kevin Glass said the agreement between the IOR and AIRAH would brought together two bodies with a long history of industry expertise since they were founded in 1899 and 1920 respectively.

He added, “A century later, the challenges we face are more intrinsically linked than ever, especially with the HFC phase-down driving major change all over the world, and the growing focus on sustainability – a focus that we share.”

AIRAH president Ian Harwood responded that the arrangement would help the organisation meet its own strategic aims.

He said, “We are always looking to highlight the importance of the R in AIRAH. Our agreement with the Institute of Refrigeration will help us achieve that. It will also allow HVAC&R professionals on opposite sides of the globe to access each other’s knowledge and best practices, rather than trying to reinvent the wheel.”

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