



Newsletter

Chapter Officers 2025-2026!

Meet the chapter officers for the next Chapter year!

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Conference edition!

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ASHRAE Decarbonization Challenge 2024-2025

Dennis Knight has announced his presidential theme, workforce development and DEI. His plan includes continuing the Decarbonization Challenge Fund, a year-long competitive fund (\$1,000-\$10,000) program to implement decarbonization projects within local chapters that are tied to this year's presidential theme. This program is implemented through the YEA committee with grassroots outreach through the YEA chairs/committees at each chapter.

In order to apply for The Decarbonization Challenge Fund, the primary applicant must be a Full, Associate or Affiliate ASHRAE member. **This program is implemented through the YEA committee with grassroots outreach through the YEA chairs/committees at each chapter.** Click on the link below for more details or to submit an application.

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/yea-decarb-initiative>

See the CEBD website for more information on Building Decarbonization.

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/cebd-center-of-excellence-for-building-decarbonization>

Chapter Officers 2025-2026!

The 2025 Nordic Chapter election was concluded on week 16 of April. There were 13 members who voted and voting was conducted with Microsoft Forms.

For the Chapter Year 2025-2026, the President will be Drew Turner (Denmark). Drew is currently Global Head of Sector Integration at Danfoss and has an MBA in international Business and is a certified energy manager.

The next President-elect will be Stephen Burke (Sweden). Stephen is currently a Senior Technical Specialist in building physics at NCC Sverige AB, and a Senior Lecturer at Lund University. Stephen has a Technical Doctorate in Building Physics.

Monika Ignatowicz (Sweden) will be the upcoming Treasurer. Monika is currently a PhD student within the field of refrigeration and heat pumps at the Royal Institute of Technol-

ogy in Stockholm (KTH). Monika also has a Masters of Science in Sustainable Energy Engineering.

Lubomir Tchervilov (Norway) will be the new Secretary for the 25-26 term. Lubomir is a Senior Project Manager at NIRAS Norge AS. Lubomir has a M.Sc in Mechanical engineering.

Samir Hernandez (Denmark) will take the roll of Vice-President. Samir is a Senior Engineer at Novo Nordisk and is a Mechanical Engineer specialized in HVAC&R.

Board of Governors

The 2025-2026 Board of Governors will be Stephen Burke (SE), Samir Hernandez (DK), Torbjørn Olsen (NO), Davor Stjelja (FIN), Lars Olof Matsson (SE) and Vignesh Ayyathurai (SE).

2025-26 Chapter Officers



Drew Turner
President



Stephen A. Burke
President-Elect
& Board of Governors

Monika Ignatowicz
Treasurer



Lubomir Tchervilov
Secretary



Samir P. Hernandez
Vice-President
& Board of Governors

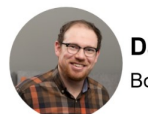


2025-26 Chapter Officers



Torbjørn Olsen
Board of Governors

Lars Olof Matsson
Board of Governors



Davor Stjelja
Board of Governors

Vignesh P. Ayyathurai
Board of Governors



Upcoming HVAC/refrigeration conferences!

VKE conference 2025, Oslo 6th of May from 12.00 – 17.00 at the Ambassaden building (Henrik Ibsens gate 48, 0255 Oslo). This conference is open to everyone and is about the ventilation, refrigeration and heat pump industry can harness energy potential while maintaining a good indoor climate with minimal environmental impact. Read more: <https://www.vke.no/artikler/2025/hvordan-ta-ut-enokpotensialet/>

CLIMA 2025, 4-6 June at Politecnico Di Milano—Campus Bovisa. The focus of this conference is decarbonized, healthy and energy conscious buildings in future climates. Visit: <https://climaworldcongress.org/>

7th IIR Conference on Thermophysical Properties and Transfer Processes of Refrigerants, June 15-18, 2025, University of Maryland, USA. The 7th conference in this series will cover a wide scope of research on thermophysical

properties and transfer processes of refrigerants (low GWP refrigerants) and provide an opportunity to analyse the state-of-the-art developments in the sector. Alongside researchers and professionals, the conference aims to outline the future perspectives and challenges of the field with an outlook to reducing the negative impact of refrigeration on global environment. Read more here: <https://ceee.umd.edu/sites/ceee.umd.edu/files/TPTPR25%20brochure-new.pdf>

2025 IIR World Refrigeration Day, June 18th, Paris, France. This event brings together key decision-makers from governments, industry, academia and partner international organisations to foster dialogue and collaboration about the importance of the refrigeration sector in society. This event will be celebrated exactly one year after the new IIR strategy 2024-2028 was endorsed and it responds to

Exploring career opportunities with the ASHRAE job board

The ASHRAE Job Board is a premier platform for professionals in the fields of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC&R). Whether you are an engineer seeking new opportunities or an employer looking for top talent, the ASHRAE Job Board offers a comprehensive and user-friendly experience.

For Job Seekers

Personalized Job Search: The ASHRAE Job Board allows engineers to create personal accounts to manage their job searches efficiently. Users can upload resumes, set up job alerts, and apply for positions directly through the platform.

Diverse Opportunities: The job board features a wide range of positions, from entry-level roles to senior management positions, across various specializations such as mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering. Recent listings include roles like HVAC Sales Engineer, Building Automation Systems Engineer, and Senior Commissioning Project Engineer.

Career Resources: Beyond job listings, the ASHRAE Job Board provides valuable resources to help job seekers enhance their careers. This includes resume writing tips, interview preparation guides, and access to career coaching services¹.

For Employers

Efficient Recruitment: Employers can set up corporate accounts to post job openings, review resumes, and manage their recruitment processes. The platform is designed to connect employers with highly qualified candidates in the HVAC&R industry¹.



Targeted Listings: By posting on the ASHRAE Job Board, employers can reach a niche audience of professionals who are specifically interested in HVAC&R careers. This targeted approach ensures that job postings attract the most relevant candidates¹.

Comprehensive Support: The job board offers various tools and services to assist employers in their recruitment efforts, including job posting packages and access to a database of resumes.

Visit: <https://jobs.ashrae.org/>

ASHRAE Releases New Guidance to Mitigate the Impact of Smoke on Indoor Air Quality

As wildfires and prescribed burns increasingly impact communities worldwide, ASHRAE has published a new resource aimed at safeguarding indoor air quality (IAQ) during these events.

ASHRAE Guideline 44-2024, Protecting Building Occupants From Smoke During Wildfire and Prescribed Burn Events, outlines best practices for building design, operation and maintenance to reduce the health risks associated with prolonged exposure to wildfire and prescribed burn smoke.

To purchase Guideline 44-2024 visit ashrae.org/bookstore.

CEBD - Center of Excellence for Building Decarbonization

Join Us on the Journey to Zero!

Building owners, government jurisdictions and industry professionals around the world are responding to accelerating climate change and recognizing that building decarbonization is a significant component to their efforts. The worldwide building sector accounts for about 40% of energy-related carbon emissions and the global building stock is predicted to double by the year 2060.

Are you interested in participating in projects on decarbonization? If so, please send an email to:

decarb@ashrae.org

Events

REHVA Annual Meeting 2025

On 2 – 3 June 2025, REHVA will hold its Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy. The Annual Meeting will feature presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities focused on the latest developments in the HVAC industry.

More information is available [here](#).

Heat Pump Forum & Award 2025

On 23 – 24 September 2025, EHPA will host its flagship heat pump forum.

More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming HVAC/refrigeration conferences!

our mission to foster collaboration and exchange knowledge. This even is invitation only, but if you want to read about the outcomes from this event, write:

event@iifir.org

14th International Conference on Compressors and their Systems, September 8-10, 2025, Manchester UK. This 3-day conference organised by the Centre for Compressors Technology at City, University of London provides a forum for developments in air, gas and refrigeration compressors, vacuum pumps, expanders. The programme this year will include traditional keynote addresses, research and technical papers, podium papers, panel discussions and industry lunch. The 14th International Conference on Compressors and their Systems is scheduled to be run as a hybrid event. Read more here:

<http://citycompressorsconference.london/call-for-papers/>

1st IIR International Conference on Refrigeration Adapting to Rising Temperatures, 10 Aug 2025 to 13 Aug 2025, Manchester, UK. The 1st IIR International Conference on the Role of Refrigeration In Adapting to Rising Ambient Temperatures will be held in the UK in August 2025. The conference will attract an international audience of RACHP professionals and academics to address the risk of increased demands on

refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment in Industrial and commercial, public buildings, homes and cities.

Read more here: <https://ior.org.uk/events/adaptation2025>

KVP-dagen 2025, 6 November, Kistamässan, Stockholm. The Swedish cooling and heatpump day is one of the largest exhibitions in Sweden with 50 companies and 1500 visitors (2024). For more information: <https://www.kvpdagen.se/kvpd>

15th IEA Heat Pump Conference, May 26-29, 2026, Vienna. This conference takes place every three years - in the USA, Europe and Asia respectively - and serves as a lively forum for the exchange of information on research, applications, market, policy and standards in the field of heat pump technology. Call for abstracts is open until May 15th, 2025. Read more: <https://hpc2026.org/>

Cillventa 2026, 13-15 October, Nürnberg, Germany. Chillventa is unrivalled worldwide for its comprehensive overview of refrigeration and insulation technologies, C&I and automation, air conditioning, ventilation and heat pumps. For those who want to keep up to speed with the latest innovative products and services, Chillventa is simply an unmissable event. Read more at: <https://www.chillventa.de/en>

Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) 2025

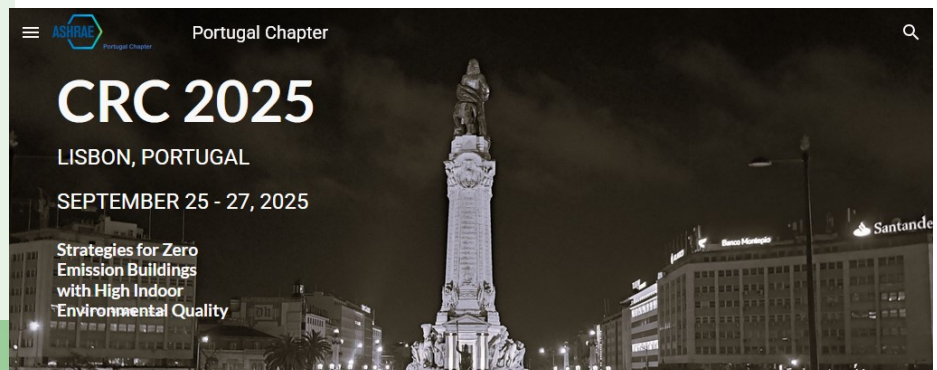
Join us for the Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) 2025 in the inspiring city of Lisbon.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with HVAC&R professionals and ASHRAE members from across the Region XIV (Europe) while participating in expert-led sessions on energy efficiency,

sustainability, and high indoor environmental building.

Visit this site for more information!

<https://sites.google.com/view/ashraeportugalchapter/home>



Building Science conferences!

Healthy Buildings Europe Reykjavik 2025, June 8–11 2025, Reykjavik, Iceland, Meet our Nordic Chapter ASHRAE member Pawal Wargocki (DK) and hear about how we can build energy efficient buildings while ensuring a good indoor environment! Read more: <https://www.hb2025iceland.org/>

Sustainable Built Environment, June 25-27, 2025, Zürich, Switzerland. The topic of this conference is “Shaping Tomorrow: Systems thinking in the built environment”. The conference will address the following themes; Integrated energy and resource use from buildings to territories; Digital transformation for a systemic shift from a linear to a circular economy; Economic models for a fast and efficient implementation of regenerative solutions; and Synergies of sustainable systems between environment, society, and economy. Read more: <https://sbe.ethz.ch/>

Building Simulation 2025, August 24-27, 2025, Brisbane, Australia. Meet Nordic Chapter ASHRAE member Prof. Pieter de Wilde and hear how building simulation plays a significant role in achieving net zero energy and carbon both now and in the future, without compromising human health and wellbeing. Read more: <https://bs2025.org/>

International Scientific Conference on the Built Environment in Transition, September 3–5, 2025, Lausanne, Switzerland. CISBAT focuses on the critical topics of Operation, Well-Being, and Circularity that jointly drive the sustainable transition of our built environments. From innovative approaches to operational efficiency and occupant well-being to the principles of circularity and resource management, our conference will provide a comprehensive exploration of today's pressing issues while fostering interdisciplinary dialogue. Read more: <https://cisbat.epfl.ch/>

Sustainable Built Environment Conference 2025, September 24–25, 2025, Tokyo, Japan. This conference aims to explore and advance

the integration of sustainable practices in the built environment by focusing on two themes; 1) neutralizing whole life carbon and 2) improving well-being and health. This conference will have a wide range of papers looking at emerging materials and technology, building performance simulations, smart technologies, human factors, policy, and many other areas! Read more: <https://www.sbe25tokyo.jp/index.html>

International Conference on Moisture in Buildings, October 23–24, 2025, Guimarães, Portugal. The ICMB 25 conference aims to provide a comprehensive platform for the exchange of innovative ideas, research findings, and practical solutions pertaining to moisture control, building sustainability, and the impact of moisture on building materials and health. Their goal is to facilitate a multidisciplinary dialogue that will enhance understanding and foster collaborations to advance the field. Read more: <https://icmb25.pt/>

2025 Buildings XVI Conference, December 8-11 december 2025, Clearwater Beach, FL.

This ASHRAE conference has three tracks focused on Principles (research and development), Practices (applications and case studies) and Residential Buildings. These include a number of topics such as AI, decarbonization, moisture management, building simulation, HVAC, and cost performance optimization. Read more: <https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/2025-building-xvi-conference>

Buildsim Nordic, August 19-21, Umeå, Sweden. BuildSim Nordic unites researchers, practitioners, educators, and students to exchange ideas, issues, and research findings in the field of building performance simulation. Any research related to building simulation, including system design, HVAC, energy production/use, indoor climate, and environmental issues, is eligible to be presented at the event. Read more: <https://buildsimnordic2026.ibpsa-nordic.org/about/>

1st European Refrigeration Summer School

The 1st European Refrigeration Summer School—ERSM 2025, is scheduled for 11–12 July 2025 - in Iasi Romania, hosted by the Technical University Gheorghe Asachi from Iasi in partnership with ASHRAE Region XIV and also with the support of several other professional associations.

As part of the program's collaborative spirit, each chapter should nominating two students to participate.

These students will benefit from high-level lectures, hands-on sessions, and opportunities to engage with international experts in the field of Refrigeration.

For more details visit www.aiiro-filialamoldova.ro/conference

About

ASHRAE Nordic Chapter is a local branch of ASHRAE, a global society founded in 1894. ASHRAE's mission is to advance human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. With more than 50,000 members from over 132 nations, ASHRAE is an engineering organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. The organization contributes to shaping tomorrow's built environment through research, standards writing, publishing, certification, and continuing education. The geographic area covered by ASHRAE Nordic Chapter is Denmark (Faroe Islands and Greenland), Iceland, Norway, Finland (Åland), and Sweden.

Volunteers needed!

The ASHRAE Nordic Chapter needs your help! If you can spend a few hours a month, we could use volunteers in the following groups:

Membership Promotion Committee

- Recruitment & Retention Leader
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Chapter Technology Transfer Committee

- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Attendance Leadery
- Sustainability Leader

Government Affairs Committee

- Co-Chair

Research Promotion Committee

- Co-Chair

Young Engineers in ASHRAE Committee (age limit 35)

- Chair
- Co-Chair

Student Activities Committee

- Sweden SB President

Communications Committee

- Webmaster Leader

Chapter Historical Committee

- Co-Chair

Write to us if you are curious about any of the positions!

newsletter@ashrae-nordic.org

Upcoming Chapter Events

Date	Type of event	Location	Event
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Next Chapter Meetings

8 May, 17:00 CET Virtual

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www.linkedin.com/company/ashrae-nordic
www.ashrae-nordic.org

