

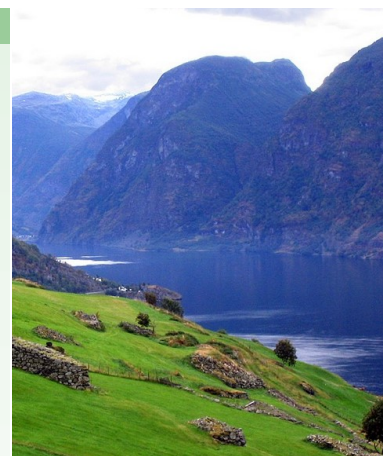


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ASHRAE Presidential Design Challenge 2025-2026

Bill McQuade has announced his presidential theme, workforce Healthy Buildings: Designing for life. This year's challenge will encourage chapters to develop innovative solutions that enhance air quality, thermal comfort, lighting, acoustics, and overall occupant well-being while maintaining energy efficiency.

Stay tuned for more information about the Presidential Design Challenge!

ASHRAE's 2025-26 theme: Healthy Buildings: Designing for life

Bill McQuade, the ASHRAE President for 2025-26 (right photo) has announced the theme for the next society year, and it will be Healthy Buildings: Designing for life (See [this link for his presentation](#)!). This theme will focus on the various aspects important to Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ). Included in this theme are several parameters:

- Thermal comfort
- Emissions (pollutants, VOC, allergens)
- Acoustics
- Lighting and daylight
- Clean water

A good thermal comfort is important in any building. An improperly designed building can be too hot or too cold, and the use of the building is important when defining a good thermal comfort level. Bill talked about an example of an office trying to optimize the performance of office workers, and how you experienced the shade on a hot summers day. Both situations are different and perception is an important factor in regards to what people think is a good thermal comfort level.

Bill talked about how the chemicals in our indoor environment can affect the health of people, especially children, and that the World Health organization estimates that 3,2 million people die per year (including 237 000 children) due to a polluted indoor environment. Some countries have problems with cooking fuel and heating emissions which contaminate the indoor air.

Acoustics play a role in the quality of the indoor environment. Poor acoustics lead to a noisy indoor environment. Bill took up the example of open offices, and that up to 70 % of people say they struggle with noise in these environments (unreferenced). He also said that 66 % also experience reduced productivity and higher stress levels. He also said that by focusing on the acoustic environment people



can make 48 % fewer errors. Within residential buildings, acoustics effect how people recover from their day. Good acoustic designs mean that people can sleep well and recover from their days activities.

Lighting and daylight play an important role on people's health and productivity. Good/proper lighting can help people with their sleep cycles, enhance their mood, mitigate fatigue, stress and support biological functions.

The last part of the Presidents theme is to focus on clean water. He talks about contaminated water supplies causing both respiratory and gastrointestinal problems. He stated that this is also an important part of a healthy indoor environment.

A final note: The Nordic region should have a lot to share in regards to these aspects. Our building codes and environmental certifications take into account all of these factors, including taking into account future climate scenarios (Sweden, indoor climate in the building code). The Nordic region has the opportunity to be a leader within ASHRAE and influence the next ASHRAE guides that will define how to achieve a good Indoor Environmental Quality in buildings!

ASHRAE Nordic BOG meeting update

The Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on 27 of June marked the end of ASHRAE Nordic's first year! Thanks to our (current until tomorrow) President Samir P. Hernandez (DK) the Nordic Chapter is more prepared for the second year! Workgroups are being formed for the second year, the website is being organized, and work is being done to register the Nordic Chapter as an organization in Denmark! This will allow us to begin raising money and hosting internal events and courses!

Once the Chapter is registered, then we can open a bank account and begin looking for sponsorships. This funding will go back into the Chapter and pay for activities, events, and courses!

The committees will soon start up and the plan is that these committees should meet every two to three months. Some of these committees still need some volunteers! The positions which

are available:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (MP)
- Recruitment & Retention Leader (MP)
- Attendance Leader (CT)
- Co-Chair (RP)
- Sweden SB President (SA)
- Webmaster Leader (CC)
- Co-Chair (H)

MP = Membership Promotion, CT = Chapter Technology Transfer, RP = Research Promotion, SA = Student activities, CC = Communication, H = Chapter Historian.

Write to President@ashrae-nordic.org if you are curious or interested!

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](#).

ASHRAE Connect

Are you a first-time attendee at the ASHRAE Conference, or have you attended before but felt overwhelmed by the many options? This new shadowing program offers the perfect opportunity to gain first-hand experience by following a member of ASHRAE through committee meetings and conference events.

There are also opportunities available if you would like to have someone shadow you if you are on a Committee or Technical Activities Committee(TAC).

Deadline to register is **June 5th, 2025** for the 2025 Annual Conference

[Apply Now](#)

Invitation to Submit Abstracts – Energy in Buildings 2025

On behalf of the ASHRAE Hellenic Chapter, we are pleased to invite your students and affiliated academic professionals to participate in the Energy in Buildings 2025 International Conference, which will take place in Athens, Greece, on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

This event provides a valuable platform for engineers, architects, researchers, and professionals to present their work on cutting-edge developments in high-performance building design, decarbonization, and climate resilience.

We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this Call for Papers with students and faculty in your institution and region.

Key Topics:

- Decarbonization

- Resilience
- Green Architecture
- Building Intelligence & Automation
- Refrigeration
- Lighting

Key Deadlines:

- Abstract Submission: June 9, 2025

- Full Paper Submission: September 8, 2025

More Info:

www.ashrae.gr/einb2025.php

Submission Portal:

einb2025.ashrae.gr



New ASHRAE Live Virtual Training Schedule Available

The full 6-month schedule of ASHRAE Live Virtual Training is now posted. These instructor-led, online courses offer PDHs/CEUs and are a great resource for members and industry professionals seeking technical development.

View the schedule: ashrae.org/LiveVirtualTraining



Live Virtual Training Summer 2025

June

The Commissioning Process and Stakeholder Management | June 10
NEW! Practical Principles for Dehumidification System Design | June 12
An Introduction to ASHRAE Existing Building Commissioning Process | June 17

July

Humidity Control I: Design Tips and Traps | July 29
Humidity Control II: Real-World Problems and Solutions | July 30

August

Updated! Next-Generation Low-Carbon Buildings: Strategies for Design, Decarbonization, and Electrification | August 7
Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Applications: Best Practices | August 20
NEW! Ultra-Low-Energy Buildings and Microgrids Tools for Resilience and Decarbonization | August 26

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

Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) 2025

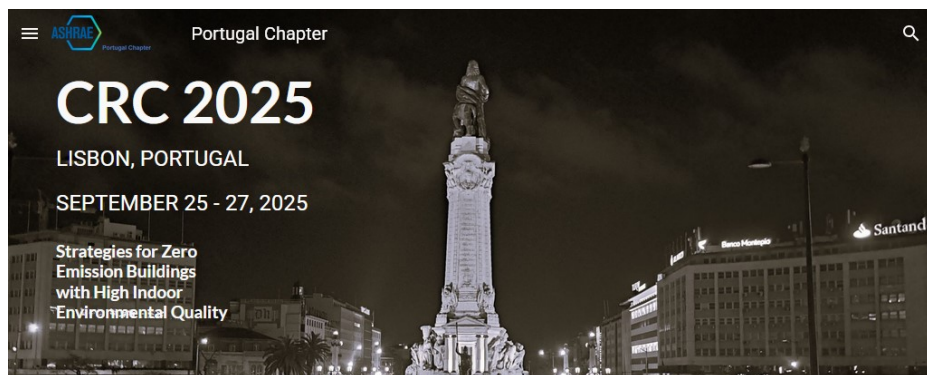
Join us for the Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) 2025 in the inspiring city of Lisbon.

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>



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.

2025-2026 Nordic Chapter Officers!

- President: Drew Turner, DK
- President-Elect: Stephen Burke, SE
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- BOG: Davor Stjelja, FI (**)
- BOG: Vignesh P. A., SE (**)
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- BOG: Vice President

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RP Chair: Samer Hassanie

YE Chair: Dimitris Siosios (DK)

SA Chair: Lars Olof Matsson (SE)

CC Chair: Davor Stjelja (FI)

H Chair: Samir P. Hernandez (DK)

Upcoming Chapter Events

Date	Type of event	Location	Event
26-09-2025 (7-9)	Social	Lisboa, Portugal	Breakfast (CRC)

Next Chapter Meetings

2025-07-25 BOG meeting, 14:30

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www.ashrae-nordic.org

