

Nordic Chapter Newsletter



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The Nordic Chapter's first Annual Event

Communications

The Nordic Chapter's first Annual Event in Lund, Sweden, started with a tour of the European Spallation Source (ESS-S) in Lund with Björn Eldvall (photos 1 and 2)!



Photo 1: ESS

ASHRAE PRESIDENTIAL THEME 2025-2026

Bill McQuade has announced his presidential theme, workforce Healthy Buildings: Designing for life. As a part of this theme, ASHRAE has released an Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) video series looking at each of the challenges faced within each area under IEQ. These areas include indoor air quality, thermal comfort, water, Legionellosis, IAQ and decarbonization, acoustics, lighting, and measuring and assessing IAQ. See the link below to watch the videos! <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/ieq-resources/ieq-resources-videos>

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.

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



Photo 2: ESS lobby.

After the tour, everyone registered at Medicon Village in Lund, where we had time to mingle and have morning coffee (photos 3 and 4).



Photo 3: Stephen and Ilia at registration.



Photo 4: Fika time!

After the break, we heard Dennis and Hans (photo 5) talk about their work on good indoor environment and low resource use through building technology and building services research.



Photo 5: Dennis and Hans present.

During lunch, Bill McQuade talked about his life, love of scouts and the outdoors and how this influenced his theme for his 2025-2026 term, photo 6.



Photo 6: Bill talking about how his love of nature influenced his ASHRAE life!

After the lunch presentation, Lars – Olof Matsson was presented with the Boomerang award for achieving the highest non-student membership retention or renewal rate in the region (Europe)! (Photo 7).



Photo 7: Lars-Olof receives the Boomerang award from Bill and Drew.

After lunch, we returned to the conference room where Mahroo gave a short welcome. After that we listened to presentations from Alkis (photo 8, Decarbonization and Indoor Air Quality), Peter (photo 9, Indoor environment and future climate regulation), Björn (photo 10, ESS), Björn Palm (photo 11, the role of heat pumps in future energy systems) and Rikard Strid (photo 12, BACNet and ASHRAE standards).

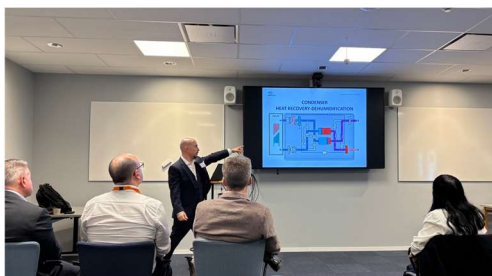


Photo 8: Alkis from Hellenic Chapter (Greece).



Photo 9: Peter from Boverket talking about how future climate needs to be taking into account in the Swedish building code.



Photo 10: Björn presenting ESS's energy strategy.



Photo 11: Björn presenting heat pumps and how they play apart in future energy efficiency.



Photo 12: Rikard talking about how ASHRAE (BacNet, ASHRAE Standards) can help with monitoring and a building's energy use.

Bill gave some closing remarks and gave a few gifts to the organizers.



Photo 13: Bill gives a closing speech.

After the presentations were finished, most of the attendees stayed for an evening dinner. The event was enjoyed by everyone,

where we enjoyed a more intimate dinner with our VIPs, Bill, Mahroo and Alkis. Of course, Lubomir shared his flask of unknown alcohol with all who wanted to try!

We are looking forward to the Second Annual Event!



Photo 14: Group photo before the dinner!

Commitment as a Foundation for Progress in the Built Environment - How ASHRAE's Core Value Shapes Our Technical Community

Chapter Operations

Commitment is often described as a personal virtue, but within the HVAC&R community it becomes something larger: a collective discipline that shapes how we design, operate, and improve the built environment. ASHRAE identifies Commitment as one of its core values, and its meaning extends far beyond dedication to a task. It reflects a long-term responsibility to public health, environmental stewardship, and the advancement of technical knowledge. In a period marked by rapid change—decarbonization targets, digital transformation, and evolving expectations for indoor environmental quality—Commitment becomes a stabilizing force that guides our decisions.

At its core, Commitment in the ASHRAE context is a promise to uphold standards of integrity, scientific rigor, and continuous learning. These principles are not abstract. They manifest in the daily work of engineers, designers, operators, and researchers who must balance performance, safety, and sustainability. Whether developing a new control strategy, validating an IAQ upgrade, or optimizing energy use in an existing facility, our community relies on a shared

understanding that technical excellence requires persistence and accountability. This value also shapes how we respond to emerging challenges. The Nordic region, for example, is experiencing increasing pressure to decarbonize heating and cooling systems while maintaining high expectations for comfort and reliability. Meeting these goals demands more than innovative technologies; it requires a sustained commitment to collaboration across disciplines. Engineers must work closely with building owners, operators, and policymakers to ensure that solutions are not only technically sound but also feasible, maintainable, and aligned with long term societal goals.

Commitment also plays a crucial role in knowledge sharing—one of ASHRAE's most enduring strengths. Our community thrives when expertise is openly exchanged, when lessons learned are documented, and when professionals at all stages of their careers feel empowered to contribute. This is where Gold Sponsors, KTC, LTech, and Schneider Electric play a meaningful role. Their support enables chapters like ASHRAE Nordic to host technical seminars, publish educational materials, and create platforms where practitioners can learn from one another. While their visibility is appropriately limited in editorial contexts, their alignment with ASHRAE's mission reinforces the shared commitment to advancing the built environment.

Finally, Commitment is a reminder that progress is incremental. Every improvement, whether a refined control sequence, a more efficient heat recovery system, or a better commissioning process—contributes to a broader transformation. The HVAC&R community has always been defined by its ability to adapt, innovate, and uphold high standards even under pressure. By



embracing Commitment as a guiding value, we ensure that our work remains grounded in purpose and aligned with the needs of future generations.

In this sense, Commitment is not simply a value; it is a professional ethic. It shapes how

we design, collaborate, and learn. And as the challenges facing our industry continue to evolve, it will remain one of our most essential strengths.

Upcoming Events

Date	Type of Event	Location	Event

ASHRAE Nordic Chapter Summary

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 organisation dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. The organisation 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.

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Information from ASHRAE

ASHRAE's New Infection Control Resources



Explore ASHRAE's new Infection Control Resources page, your go-to source for guidance, standards and resources designed to help reduce the risk of airborne infectious disease transmission in buildings. Learn about best practices in ventilation, filtration and infectious aerosol control and discover opportunities to get involved with ASHRAE committees shaping the future of healthy buildings.

Visit the Infection Control Resources page today!

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New ASHRAE Tagline Reflects ASHRAE's Global Presence



ASHRAE recently updated its tagline to emphasize its status as an international organization with members in sixteen regions from over 132 nations. The updated tagline prominently displays the word “global” and should be used in place of the previous tagline moving forward. The updated logo with tagline can be downloaded from ASHRAE [Marketing Central](#). Visit [ashrae.org/marketing](https://www.ashrae.org/marketing), scroll down to Resources to Use, click on Logos, and select “ASHRAE Logo with Tagline” from the Other Logos heading.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment: New Membership Model

ASHRAE members will vote on the Bylaws amendments to finalize the proposed new membership model on the April 2026 ballot. If approved by the membership, the new model will be effective July 1, 2027. Please review the [new simplified model](#) here and reach out to [Daniel Gurley](#) with any questions.

Calling All 2026-2027 Chapter MP Chairs Registration for MP Centralized Training is Now Open



It's time for Chapter Officers to begin planning for next year's leadership. Don't forget to start updating your CIQs as you confirm your next MP Chair.

MP Centralized Training will be held on Sunday, **June 28** Austin, TX (in conjunction with the ASHRAE Annual Conference)

Centralized Training will be for MP Chairs serving for the 2026-2027 Society Year.

Registration is now open!!

For more information on our MP Centralized Training, visit our MP Centralized training [website](#).

New ASHRAE Tech Hour: IEQ – Codes, Impact on People, and Considerations

Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) directly affects occupant health, comfort, and performance. This Tech Hour explores how indoor air quality, thermal comfort, lighting, and acoustics influence the spaces we inhabit. Learn how current codes and guidelines can be used to design healthier, high-performance buildings. Featuring Robert Bean, Erik Miller-Klein, Deborah Steimel-Clair, and Marwa Zaatari. Watch it now on ASHRAE 365 and earn one PDH within 12 months of the release date. Learn more at ashrae.org/techhour.



ASHRAE Connect Annual Conference Shadowing Opportunities

Are you attending the ASHRAE Conference for the first time? Or have you attended before but felt overwhelmed by the many meetings and events?

The new **ASHRAE Connect Shadowing Program** offers a great opportunity to gain first-hand experience by following an experienced ASHRAE member through committee meetings and conference activities. It's a great way to learn how to navigate the conference, make connections, and become more involved.

Applications Now Open

Applications are being accepted through **June 5** for shadowing opportunities at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Interested in hosting a shadow? If you are a member of a TC or Society committee and would be willing to have someone shadow you during the conference, please contact the Young Engineers team at [@youngengineers](#).

K-12 STEM Leadership Award

- Deadline to apply is **June 30**
- Click [here](#) to apply

2026 YEA Leadership International

- Location: Cairo, Egypt
- Dates: **October 23-26, 2026**
- Registration Now Open until **September 2**

Click [here](#) to learn more and register