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and environmental policy**

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ICARMA

Representatives from the International Council of Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Manufacturers' Associations (ICARMA) met 14 June in Istanbul, Turkey, for the Council's annual meeting. Agenda items covered Montreal and Kyoto Protocol related activity from each representatives' country or region, an update on the status of the ICARMA Global Statistics Program, and new membership. The Council also heard a briefing on EPEE, and unanimously concluded to support the formation of the new Partnership and participate in EPEE activity where appropriate. ICARMA provides a global forum for Council members to discuss issues of common industry interest, and to support common positions on items such as Climate Change, Ozone Depletion and Flammable Refrigerants. Council members include EUROVENT-CECOMAF (Europe), JRAIA (Japan), CRAA (China), HRAI (Canada) and ARI (US). The next ICARMA annual meeting will take place March 2001 in Beijing.

EUROVENT-CECOMAF General Assembly

The European association of national air handling and refrigeration equipment manufacturers' associations met 15 – 18 June in Istanbul, Turkey, for its annual General Assembly. During the assembly, meeting participants were briefed on EPEE's purpose, goals, membership and future milestones. EUROVENT-CECOMAF agreed to support EPEE as a valuable corollary to its own ongoing association efforts to address HFC regulation in Europe.

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Dues – Changes have been made to the EPEE dues structure to accommodate a broader range of members. The annual full membership cost for large companies is US \$25,000. The annual full membership cost for small companies is US \$17,500. The annual associate membership cost for both small and large companies is US \$10,000. An associate company is one that does not view itself as a major player on the HFC issue, but wants to support the continuation of the use of HFCs for HVACR products. An associate member will not play a role in the strategy development or the governance of EPEE but will be included in all communications within EPEE. Industry trade associations will be granted full membership status at no cost.

Membership – Interest in EPEE membership continues to grow. While this is encouraging, membership recruitment efforts must continue. National associations are encouraged to play a primary role by providing EPEE briefing materials and information to their own members.

Steering Committee – A number of CEO's have shown an interest in EPEE Steering Committee membership. The nucleus of the Committee will be established by 1 July. Steering Committee members will meet via conference call by mid-July to discuss the following items for approval: Future Steering Committee meeting date and location; EPEE operations guide; Campaign Coordinator candidates; a position paper covering energy efficiency and emissions reductions; and a communications proposal.

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The first face-to-face Steering Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 September, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, 20 September, from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. at the Conrad Hotel in Brussels. During the September meeting, the Committee will select a Campaign Coordinator from the three candidates presented for review, define the roles and responsibilities for the Strategy Development Working Group, and assemble a list of Strategy Development Working Group members from a list of submitted candidates.

Company Working Group – The Company Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet during the IKK Exhibition in Nürnberg, Germany. The exact date, time and venue is still to be determined. During the October meeting, Working Group members will outline a strategy for effective intelligence gathering and communication within the EU and EU member states.

Strategy Development Working Group – The Strategy Development Working Group is also tentatively scheduled to meet during the IKK Exhibition in Nürnberg, Germany. The exact date, time and venue is still to be determined. During the October meeting, Strategy Development Working Group members will define the specific strategies and tactics necessary to launch a pro-HFC grassroots campaign on both a Pan-European and EU member state level.

Campaign Coordinator – Thank you to all who have submitted candidates for the EPEE Campaign Coordinator position. There are currently nine highly qualified candidates under consideration who will be interviewed this summer. The three most viable candidates will be presented to the Steering Committee this September.

Website - The EPEE website experienced technical difficulties in mid-June due to the disruption of its main server, but the site has returned and is now better than ever. Links to other organizations have been added, as well as information from past EPEE meetings. Additional links helpful to EPEE members should be forwarded to the Secretariat via e-mail. Please note that the EPEE secretariat's e-mail address has changed. The correct address is secretariat@epeeglobal.org.

EC Climate Change Working Group – EPEE has successfully secured a place on the European Commission's Climate Change Working Group Subcommittee on Fluorinated Gases. EPEE will be represented by Gilbert Marchiol, President, Tecumseh Europe. The Commission's kick off meeting was held 28 June. The Fluorinated Gases Subcommittee will meet in July at a time and date yet to be determined. A summary of the kick-off meeting will be included in the next EPEE newsletter.

Other International Organizations – EPEE has established contact with the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, which is the U.S. based coalition promoting HFC's, and AFCAM, the organization promoting the Australian fluorocarbon industry. Both groups have pledged their support for EPEE.

*Your participation is important to the development, growth and success of EPEE.
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