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## Apprenticeship Awards



The Manitoba Government hosted the Apprenticeship Awards of Distinction Gala on November 4 in Winnipeg. This initiative recognizes instructors, business and industry in their contribution to the Manitoba workforce. See: [www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/awards/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/awards/index.html)

Congratulations to John McNarry, Instructor in the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician program at Assiniboine Community College (Brandon). Several ACC instructors teach the MOPIA training curriculum within their broader trades training programs. Also note, Northland Ford Sales in The Pas was also recognized as the Employer of the Year and technician Jack Madriga who was given an honorable mention as Journeyperson of the Year (rural). Some of these are MOPIA stakeholders under the Manitoba Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons Regulation.

## 100th E-Bulletin!!

In harmony with our move, MOPIA is attempting to improve our visibility and awareness campaign for the benefit of industry and the public. Over the next few months, MOPIA is gearing to improve our compliance awareness information (primarily on our website and some print media), public awareness approach and general support to industry and the public.

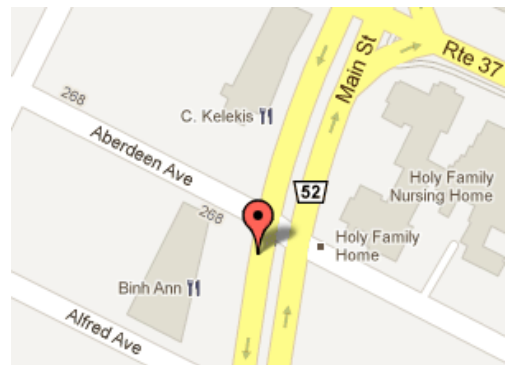
The November 2011 E-Bulletin is our 100th edition, having been issued for 100 consecutive months. In future, we hope to distribute it more broadly via email. We are also going to continue to improve and tweak our image. Let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can improve our communications and awareness strategy.

## MOPIA at our New Location

MOPIA moved into new offices on November 1. You'll find us at 1082 Main Street (at Aberdeen Ave.) just south of Redwood Avenue and Kelekis Restaurant. We have secured a five year lease and we look forward to serving you better at the new location with ample free parking, efficient processing and friendly and resourceful services.

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## MOPIA attends National Stewardship Session

MOPIA representatives Mark Miller (Executive Director) and Don Thomson (Board member) attended a consultation meeting hosted by Environment Canada in Ottawa on Monday, October 17. The session outlined Environment Canada's approach to mandate a broader stewardship program for halocarbon refrigerants. At present, several sectors are excluded from the Refrigerant Management Canada mandate. They are encouraging the auto sector to become involved in the initiative or a regulatory strategy will be introduced. Environment Canada also shared their HFC proposal for an amendment to the Montreal Protocol. See: [www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=714D9AAE-1&news=ECF85EAB-FA5D-424D-A531-9D161AC3DB2E](http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=714D9AAE-1&news=ECF85EAB-FA5D-424D-A531-9D161AC3DB2E)



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties



Representatives from nearly every nation on earth will be present at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol being held 21-25 November at Bali, Indonesia. The Meeting is being hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Ozone Secretariat.

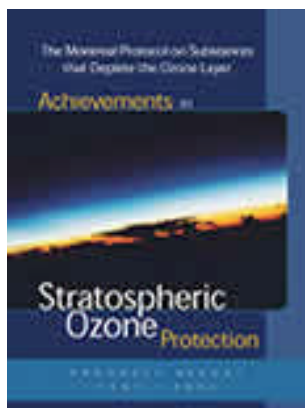
The week long conference is "green" -- paperless meetings with no paper documents distributed, but rather laptops being made available and electronic web distribution of all documents, reports and such, being implemented.

This Conference has many crucial decisions under consideration including the inclusion of HFC's under the Protocol. MOPIA's Past Chair, Mr. Michael Blackey and Mark Miller (Executive Director) will be attending all the sessions and will be liaising with many global players who have influence on the decisions. They will also highlight their observations via updates on our website and in our December E-Bulletin.

For a complete list of the agenda items and other documents prepared for the meeting, visit: <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop23-cop9/pre-session-documents/default.aspx>

The Ozone Secretariat has prepared a handbook on the Montreal Protocol and its' achievements. They can be obtained by visiting:

[http://ozone.unep.org/new\\_site/en/index.php](http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/index.php)



## MOPIA at Winnipeg Green Show

MOPIA hosted a booth at the Winnipeg Green Lifestyle and Natural Living Show held on October 22-23 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

The event was one of the largest to hit the city and included many exhibitors on green technology, alternative green living, a children's explore centre, gourmet local food, yoga and a host of other attractions.



MOPIA saw this as an opportunity to provide visibility to the public and outreach. We would like to thank (MOPIA) Board member Meghan Johnson who volunteered at our booth, promoted participation and interacted with attendees.

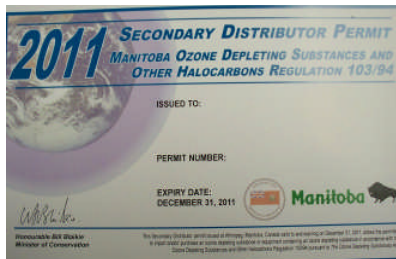
See: [www.winnipeggreenshow.com/](http://www.winnipeggreenshow.com/)

## Next Certification Training Class

MOPIA's next certification training session is planned for Saturday, December 3 in Winnipeg. The class will run from 8:30 am – 6 pm and costs \$178.50. This is likely the last class being held until February 2012.

Contact MOPIA for a registration form or obtain it on our website.

## Secondary Distributor Permits



Shortly, MOPIA will be launching our renewal to those who hold a Secondary Distributor Permit.

These are permits issued to companies who import or purchase in the province regulated products from refrigerants to parts connected to the closed refrigerant loop.

All wholesalers, auto dealers, refrigeration companies, Agriculture implement franchises and similar will require to renew their permits in December. MOPIA will be sending out renewals the first week of December. The annual fee is \$50 and the permit is valid for a period up to a year beginning January 1 of each year.