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MOPIA Attends ASHRAE AHR 2020 World HVACR Expo



The 2020 ASHRAE/AHR Winter Expo took place in Orlando Florida the first week of February. This is the Worlds' largest exposition of HVACR equipment, including air conditioning products, parts and innovations. An amazing 50,000 people mingle amongst 1,800 display booths and endless presentations. MOPIA's John Kubilanski (Chair) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) were able to attend as part of their efforts to showcase Manitoba's (MOPIAs) expertise amongst senior government officials from the department of environment from fourteen Caribbean Nations.

The Expo profiled everything from (HVACR) refrigerant, equipment and parts manufacturers and distributors too new design innovations. See: <https://ahrexpo.com/about/#about>



MOPIA Presents to 14 Caribbean Nations and UNEP Officials



MOPIA was invited to present information at the 2020 Caribbean Network Thematic Meeting, coordinated by The United Nations Environment Programme (OzonAction) in Orlando, Florida, February 1-4, 2020.

MOPIA's John Kubilanski (Chair) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) shared information with fourteen country representatives in addition to officials from UNEP on MOPIA's organizational structure, programs and lessons learned. In addition, they were able to provide details on the effectiveness of certification training of persons in the HVACR sectors as a tool for knowledge, awareness and compliance in the important efforts to protect the ozone layer and climate systems against refrigerant releases.

MOPIA is aiming to assist developing nations in their continued efforts to effectively introduce measures that support their goals in complying with The Montreal Protocol.

Below: John Kubilanski (MOPIA Chair), Anne-Marie Fenner, (UNEP OzonAction) Mark Miller (Exec. Director MOPIA), Jim Curlin (UNEP OzonAction) at the AHR Expo UNEP OzonAction Booth





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MOPIA Met with Minister Schuler



MOPIA's Kent Cielen (Treasurer), Laura Bjornson (Executive Assistant) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) met with Manitoba Provincial Cabinet Minister, The Honourable Ron Schuler on January 30 at The Manitoba Legislature.

MOPIA representatives shared information and updated with Manitoba Cabinet Minister Schuler MOPIA's successes in ozone and climate protection, outreach with stakeholders and our efforts to share our expertise with developing nations around the world. The Minister was encouraged with MOPIA's efforts and is excited how Manitoba's leadership is being recognized for its integral innovation and progress.

MOPIA Preparing for Spring/Summer Outreach Sessions

MOPIA is beginning to plan our annual outreach sessions held across Manitoba throughout May-July. Plan to attend one of our info sessions highlighting ozone and climate trends, industry innovations, regulatory issues and most importantly hearing from our stakeholders. More details will be available by April, but keep this on your events radar.

MOPIA's 26th AGM

MOPIA's 26th AGM is happening on April 22, 2020. The date, time and location will be announced in our March Bulletin.

Geothermal Conference on Horizon

The Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance (www.mgea.ca) is hosting a conference on April 9 in Winnipeg. See: www.mgea.ca/news/2020-geothermal-conference/

CTV News at MOPIA



MOPIA's Mark Miller was interviewed by CTV News on February 5 regarding the HCFC phaseout and how it affects the industry and consumers.

HCFC 22 (R-22) is an ozone depleting and climate change substance that was used in nearly all residential air conditioners (prior to 2020) and many other HVAC equipment until alternative refrigerants become more commonly available around 2016. The alternative refrigerants are not ozone depleting but some have significant global warming potentials which are also on a global phase-down under the Kigali Amendment of The Montreal Protocol.

See the CTV News Report at this link below: <https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1893875&binId=1.1164782&playlistPageNum=1>

Next Certification Class March 28

MOPIA's next one-day certification class is Saturday, March 28th in Winnipeg. Any person working on the gas side of an air conditioning, and/or HVAC/R system requires this provincial certification under Manitoba's ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation 103/94.

You must register in advance by contacting MOPIA at email (mopia@mymts.net) or phone (1.888.667.4203). The cost of participating is \$185 per student.

The class is from 8 am – 5 pm with exam. For those unable to attend an onsite/in-class setting, living in remote rural communities or other circumstances, you may be eligible to do the class via correspondence.

