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MOPIA Attends 31st Meeting of the Parties to The Montreal Protocol



Seen above: Meghan Skorodenski (ExCom, MOPIA), Genoa de Bruin (Climate Change Specialist, MOPIA), John Kubilanski (Chair, MOPIA), Rajendra Shende (Chair, Terre Policy Centre), Mark Miller (Executive Director, MOPIA) See: www.terrepolicycentre.com

The 31st Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP 31) took place in Rome, Italy, November 4-8, 2019. MOPIA attended with a strong delegation as we hosted our first side-event profiling our work in Manitoba and MOPIA's unique approach of industry stakeholders collaborating supporting the protection of the ozone layer and climate system. MOP 31 was also an opportunity to learn, share and become educated about emerging technologies. See details and highlights of MOP 31 at:

- <https://ozone.unep.org/home>
- <https://enb.iisd.org/ozone/mop31/>

Below: A view of the MOP31 Plenary Conference Room at the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome, Italy



MOPIA Meets with Italian HVACR Training Centre Reps.



Genoa de Bruin (Climate Change Specialist, MOPIA), Mark Miller (Executive Director, MOPIA), Marco Buoni (President, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration European Association/AREA), John Kubilanski (Chair, MOPIA), Meghan Skorodenski (ExCom, MOPIA)

MOPIA meet with representatives from the Italian HVACR Training Centre and RAC Technicians Association (www.centrogalileo.it) on the fringes of MOP 31 in Rome. MOPIA is exploring the other resources that are available to service technicians who work with refrigerants around the world. MOPIA is continuing our dialogue to ensure Manitoba/Canada has the best educational tools for our HVACR service sector and that our local knowledge and expertise can also be shared throughout the world, particularly in developing nations.

Where is Refrigerant Manufacturers Responsibility?

During one of the side-events of MOP 31, Mark Miller sought clarity why refrigerant manufacturers have been characteristically inactive in refrigerant destruction and stewardship around the globe. Respondents echoed that the manufacturers of refrigerants have been largely irresponsible



and that they should be better held accountable for the harms to the environment. It's not just government or end-users who should be responsible to clean up these environmental challenges.



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Next Winnipeg ODS Certification Training Session - November 30



Botho Kramer (Lead Instructor, MOPIA) teaching a group of students during one of the ODS certification training sessions.

MOPIA will be hosting our next one-day certification class on Saturday, **November 30th** in Winnipeg. New and additional training dates will be added when there is enough interest. Any person working on the gas side of an air conditioning, and/or HVAC/R system requires this provincial certification under Manitoba Regulation 103/94.

Persons who require this certification should register in advance by contacting MOPIA by email (mopia@mymts.net) or phone (1.888.667.4203). The cost of participating is \$185 per student.

The one-day class typically runs from 8 am – 5 pm with an 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.

2020 Secondary Distributor Permit Renewals Begin December 1

Companies that import or purchase regulated ODS products in Manitoba are required to have a Secondary Distributor (SD) Permit to access these products. This applies unless the company is an owner operator whereby the owner is certified and may purchase regulated products under their own certification number.

The SD Permit is an annual permit, having been in place since the Manitoba ODS Regulation came into existence (1993). It can easily be applied for or renewed only through MOPIA. The cost for the 2020 SD Permit is unchanged \$50.

MOPIA will be emailing all current 2019 SD Permittees a renewal notice for their 2020 SD Permit beginning the first week of December, 2019. Watch for yours or contact MOPIA for more details.

MOPIA at MARR Forum



Mathieu Filion (Chief Operating Officer, PureSphera) Genoa de Bruin (Climate Change Specialist, MOPIA), Mark Miller (Executive Director, MOPIA), Peter Creran (Plant and Logistics Manager, PureSphera) attend the MARR Forum in Winnipeg.

MOPIA hosted a booth at this year's Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers (MARR) annual conference held in Winnipeg at the Canad Inns (Polo Park) October 30.

The MARR event brought together municipal officials, recycling and waste management operators from across Manitoba to discuss and share information on a variety of topics focused on solutions for the growing waste stream.

MOPIA shared information on white goods management including the importance to recover refrigerant from all units before being scrapped or crushed and our certification training to handle regulated refrigerants. Refrigerants are potent greenhouse gases and some contribute to ozone depletion. Check out MOPIA's website for our updated White Goods Bulletin.

See: www.marrmb.com/welcome.html

Latest Climate Change Reports

There are several climate change reports available for consideration. They range from global outlooks to trends and solutions. Check the latest reports out at:

www.un.org/en/climatechange/reports.shtml

Resource Websites

NOAA, NASA and the UNEP Ozone Secretariate

www.noaa.gov www.nasa.gov <https://ozone.unep.org/?q=home>

Government of Manitoba

Manitoba Sustainable Development ODS Act/Regulation

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2005/178.pdf>

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/envprograms/index.html>

NASA Ozone Watch & Ozone Home Page

<https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

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