

# **ABSTRACT OF THE PRESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS**

## **THE TRANSITION TO ALTERNATIVE REFRIGERANTS: THE IMPACT ON NEW AND EXISTING SYSTEMS**

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*Update on ASHRAE Refrigerant Activities*

ASHRAE is a global society for the built environment. ASHRAE has approximately 56,000 members with 20 percent located outside of North America, representing more than 130 countries. We have more than 180 chapters and 300 student branches.

ASHRAE has a direct interest in issue related to refrigerants because the operation of much of the heating, refrigerating, and air-conditioning equipment depends on refrigerants. ASHRAE contributed to the successful effort to phase out the ozone-depleting CFC and HCFC refrigerants, and it has a significant role to play in encouraging the proper and safe use of refrigerants going forward. ASHRAE is active in the following areas: policy, research, standards, codes and guidelines, and technology transfer and education.