

I.R.I. UPDATE : Q1 - Q2 2021

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION IRELAND



IRI PRESIDENT FOR 2021

The Institute of Refrigeration Ireland is pleased to welcome Declan Fitzmaurice as President for 2021. Declan has been working in the refrigeration industry for quite a number of years, and has been heavily involved in the IRI since its inception.

Heat Pump Focus for next Decade

The Irish Government's Climate Action Plan envisages 600,000 heat pumps being installed in Irish homes by 2030. Of that, 400,000 will be retrofitted to existing homes, mainly to replace oil fired boilers. The remainder will be installed in new homes. Heat pumps are widely considered to be a more environmentally friendly alternative to boilers, and so a huge opportunity for those in the HVAC / RAC industry exists to fulfil this demand.

SUPERHERO SEMINAR SUCCESS

Our last web-based seminar of 2020 '*Dry Ice - a Reluctant Superhero in Critical Supply Chains and in the fight against COVID-19*' on the 24th November was a huge success with over 40 attendees dialing in from a number of countries.

The webinar was delivered by Ronan Berry of Polar Ice Ltd. The slides are available for IRI members to download on the 'Seminar Notes' section of the IRI website.

YOUR IRI COUNCIL FOR 2021

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Technical Documents at your Fingertips via the IOR

Members of the Institute of Refrigeration Ireland automatically qualify for affiliate membership of the Institute of Refrigeration in the United Kingdom. This organisation boasts some 2200 and features extensive technical documentation on its website. Documents such as **Technical and Market Advancement in Heat Pumps** and **Introduction to Data Centre Cooling Requirements** and many, many more - all are available to IRI members.

For details on how to avail of this free extensive learning resource, please contact Karen in the IRI.



YOUR TECHNICAL SEMINAR SERIES FOR 2021

Every year the Institute of Refrigeration Ireland organises a series of technical seminars to facilitate the education and continuing professional development of those working our industry, or who have an interest in refrigeration.

In normal times, these seminars are held in a hotel conference room, but they have now moved online to a 'webinar' format due to Covid-19.

The webinars are free of charge and all are welcome to attend, though access to the archive of previous presentations on the IRI website will be restricted to members.

Date	Time	Speaker	Organisation	Topic
Tuesday 2nd March	4-5 p.m.	Didier Coulomb, Director General	International Institute of Refrigeration (Paris)	Introduction to the IIR. Publications, events, working groups and activities to support the refrigeration industry.
Tuesday 30th March	4-5 p.m.	Toby Read	HPI Verification Services UK & IRL	CE Marking, the PED and the impact of Brexit. The UK replacement for the CE mark.
Tuesday 27th April	4-5 p.m.	Steve Benton or Andy Pearson	Institute of Refrigeration UK	IOR UK Best Practice Guides for Refrigeration Systems. Introduction to the IRI. Technical resources for members.
Tuesday 25th May	7-8 p.m. [NZ is 12 hours ahead!]	Pauric Durham	Gauge Refrigeration, New Zealand	Best Practice for ammonia refrigeration. Ten things you can do to help ensure a safe ammonia refrigeration system
Autumn Series (Provisional)				
September		TBC	Armaflex or Eurobatex or Kingspan	Best Practice Pipe Insulation
October		Paul Keegan, Engineering Director, Cross Refrigeration	Cross Refrigeration	Introduction to EU Standards for Display Cabinets
November		TBC		Introduction to NZEB - Nearly Zero Energy Buildings

Recertification of F-Gas Qualified Refrigeration Professionals

Mutual recognition of certificates issued by UK designated certification bodies across the EU was due to end on 31 December 2020.

In order to address this Brexit implication, a programme was established under Irish legislation which provides for holders of UK certified F-gas certificates and attestations, to obtain a new Irish certificate/attestation from the Environmental Protection Agency. These Irish F-Gas certifications/attestations will be recognised in Ireland and other EU Member States.

This programme has now been extended. This extension allows for continued recognition of UK personal training certificates/attestations in Ireland until 11 p.m. on 30th June 2021, provided the UK certificates/attestations were issued prior to 11 p.m. on 31st December 2020.

Please be aware that if a person only holds a UK certified F-Gas training certificate or attestation after 30th June 2021, it will be an offence for this person to engage in an act in Ireland which requires certification or attestation under the F-Gas Regulations. To continue to carry out such work within the EU, a new certification from a certification body within the EU-27, such as the Irish certification body QQI, will be required. This may involve undertaking further training and the payment of associated fees.

Whilst there has been a good level of applications for recertification, we would encourage all participants in the industry to engage with the recertification scheme and to encourage colleagues, clients and employees to recertify and avoid the potential need to retrain or have any impact on your work in the areas covered by the F-Gas Regulation. You can apply now on the EPA website to have yourself recertified. www.epa.ie

Covid Postponements

The IRI has taken the decision in advance to move its Biennial exhibition and dinner to April 2022 and National Conference to 2023

Apprentice Incentivisation Scheme

The July Jobs Stimulus package recently announced by Government included provision for the introduction of a new Apprenticeship Incentivisation Scheme for employers of apprentices.

Those intending to employ an apprentice can avail of financial supports. See apprenticeship.ie for full details.

Apprenticeships in Refrigeration

The IRI is seeking a meeting with Solas to discuss various aspects of the refrigeration apprenticeship program such as: Off-the-Job training, delays due to COVID19, elements of the curriculum & possible improvements, the incentivisation scheme. The IRI council welcomes input from IRI members and stakeholders in advance of this. Please get in touch with Patsy O'Reilly.

F-Gas Reminder

Is your F-Gas registration up to date? Renew at www.fgasregistration.ie

Follow IRI on Social Media

The IRI is active across the social media platforms, sharing news and important updates relevant to our sector. Please follow us to stay informed, and share or forward articles to support our industry:



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Corporate Partnership Opportunities

The IRI greatly values its corporate partners. If your business or another organisation you are aware of is interested in becoming a corporate partner of the IRI please contact karen@iri.ie

There are many benefits to becoming a corporate partner. Find out more on <https://iri.ie/corporate-partnership>

			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			



The IRI Thanks all of our corporate partners for 2021