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NEWSLETTER

Connecting Chapters. Sharing Knowledge.
Strengthening our Region.



CRC 2026 · Timișoara, Romania · 4 - 6 September

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of the ASHRAE Region XIV Newsletter!

As we begin a new ASHRAE year, this newsletter aims to bring our Region closer together by sharing the activities, achievements and initiatives taking place across our Chapters and Sections.

The past months have already brought important moments for Region XIV, including our 10th Chapters Regional Conference in Timișoara, recognition of our members through numerous awards, new regional initiatives, and continued efforts to strengthen our digital presence and communications.

Looking ahead, our goal is to create stronger connections across the Region, encourage greater participation and, above all, make it easier for Chapters and Sections to share their work, experiences and achievements.

Let's stay connected, share knowledge and make Region XIV more visible.

Check out the latest news on our website: ashraeregionxiv.org

Petra Vaquero

Region XIV Communications Officer

SAVE THE DATE / CRC 2027

MADRID

16 - 19 September 2027



LEADERSHIP / VISION

A European community. A shared ambition.

A message from Eduardo Maldonado · Director and Regional Chair

“Together, across countries, professions and organizations, Region XIV can contribute meaningfully to a more sustainable built environment and to achieving Global Net Zero”.

ASHRAE Region XIV was established in 2017 with six Chapters serving members in fewer than a dozen European countries.

Since then, our Region has grown significantly and, today, with 11 Chapters and 7 Sections, it reaches ASHRAE members across most of Europe.

As we approach our 10th anniversary in 2027, the time has come to build on this growth, strengthen our connections, and consolidate Region XIV as a truly European ASHRAE community.

ASHRAE is a global professional society committed to advancing human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment.

Today, one of our greatest challenges is the decarbonization of buildings and the transition toward Global Net Zero, ambitions that are strongly aligned with Europe's own climate and energy goals.

Region XIV has an important role to play in bringing ASHRAE's knowledge, standards, guidance and technical resources closer to European professionals and helping turn these ambitions into practical solutions.

But we cannot achieve this alone.

Over the coming years, one of our priorities will be to strengthen collaboration with national and European professional societies and organizations across the many disciplines that shape our built environment.

By connecting HVAC professionals with architects, engineers, installers, builders, commissioning providers, facility managers and other stakeholders, we can share knowledge, learn from one another and amplify our collective impact.

If you are already an ASHRAE member, I encourage you to connect, participate and become actively involved in your local Chapter or Section and in our European Region XIV.

If you are a building-industry professional and you are not yet an ASHRAE member, come and meet us.

Join one of our Chapter or Regional activities and discover our community, our technical resources and what we can accomplish together.

You will always be welcome.

The challenges ahead are significant, but so is the opportunity to make a difference.

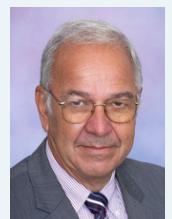
Together, across countries, professions and organizations, Region XIV can contribute meaningfully to a more sustainable built environment and to achieving Global Net Zero.

I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to strengthen ASHRAE Region XIV and shape the future together.

DIRECTOR AND REGIONAL CHAIR · 2026–2029

Prof. Eduardo Maldonado

Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP), Portugal



REGIONAL NEWS / 2026–2027

Leadership for a connected Region.

Introducing the Region XIV leadership team for the new Society Year.

On 1 July 2026, ASHRAE officially began the 2026–2027 Society Year, welcoming a new Leadership Team for Region XIV.

The new team will guide the Region throughout the coming year, supporting Chapters and Sections across Europe and strengthening collaboration, technical excellence, member engagement, and Society's strategic priorities.

The Region XIV team brings together experienced volunteers responsible for key areas of Chapter operations, including Membership Promotion, Chapter Technology Transfer, Student Activities, Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA), DEI, Research Promotion, Government Affairs, Refrigeration and Communications.

Working closely with Chapters, the Region Leaders help deliver Society programs, share best practices, and encourage the exchange of knowledge across the Region.

The Director and Regional Chair (DRC) plays a central role within Region XIV. As the elected representative of Region XIV on the Regional Team, the DRC provides strategic leadership for the Region while serving as the vital link between Society leadership and the Chapters.

The DRC oversees regional initiatives, supports Chapter and Sections development, represents the interests of Region XIV within the Society, and promotes collaboration among all Chapters.

For the 2026–2029 term, Prof. Eduardo Maldonado assumes the role of Region XIV Director and Regional Chair, representing Region XIV on the ASHRAE Board of Directors.

A long-standing ASHRAE volunteer and Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP), Portugal, Eduardo Maldonado brings extensive international experience and a strong commitment to advancing ASHRAE's mission throughout the Region.

This new team looks forward to working with every Chapter and Sections, volunteer, student and member to continue building a stronger, more connected and more engaged Region XIV.

Under the Society theme "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience", the Leaders are committed to supporting initiatives that promote technical excellence, sustainability, innovation and professional development across the Region.

11 Chapters

Nordic
UK
Ireland
DACH
Danube
Italy
Hellenic
Cyprus
Israeli
Spain
Portugal

7 Sections

Baltics
Netherlands
Poland
Benelux
Belgium
France
Malta

PEOPLE / REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Meet the Leadership Team.

Connecting expertise across Europe.



DRC

Eduardo Maldonado

RMCR

Triantafyllos Triantafyllopoulos

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bratislav Blagojevic

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR ALTERNATE

Marko Ignjatovic

TREASURER

Liviu Drughean

GA RVC

Ioan Silviu Dobosi

RP RVC

Aleksandar Andjelkovic

SA RVC

Maria del Mar Serna

YEA RVC

Enea Dimitris Tseno

MP RVC

Adélio Rodrigues Gaspar

CTTC RVC

Conor Murray

RE RVC

Laura Sanchez

RF RVC

Alfredo Oliveira

COMMUNICATIONS

Petra Vaquero

HISTORIAN

George Pantelidis

BRUSSELS OFFICE CONTACT

Ana Roios

One Region. Shared knowledge.

Supporting Chapters, Sections, volunteers, students and members throughout Europe.
Find the contacts of each of the Region XIV Team Leaders at ashraeregionxiv.org

For the latest news, visit our website Regularly!

CRC 2026 / TIMIȘOARA, ROMANIA

Europe comes together.

3 - 6 September 2026 · Hosted by the ASHRAE Danube Chapter



ASHRAE Danube Chapter – Romanian Delegation

The first ASHRAE Region XIV – Europe Newsletter is being published at a special moment for our regional community, shortly after the 10th edition of the ASHRAE Region XIV Chapters Regional Conference – CRC 2026, held in Timișoara, Romania, from 3 to 6 September 2026.

Hosted and organised by the Danube ASHRAE Chapter, with the support and close cooperation of the Romanian Association of Building Services Engineers (AIR) and the Serbian Society for Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (KGH), CRC 2026 brought together 167 participants, including 89 international guests and colleagues, representing 19 countries, in addition to Romania.

This meeting counted also with distinguished ASHRAE guests, including 2026–2027 Society President Sarah Maston, Vice President Andrés Sepulveda, Managing Director of Technology Stephanie Reiniche, Vice President and former Region XIV DRC Mahroo Eftekhari, and Director-at-Large Martin Dieryckx. Romania.

For four days, Timișoara became a meeting point for the ASHRAE community in Europe and a place for dialogue, collaboration and friendship. Professionals, researchers, academics, representatives of public authorities and members of the business community discussed the major challenges facing our field today: sustainability, decarbonisation, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, digitalisation and resilience.

The CRC opened with a full Technical Day on Friday, 4 September, combining an opening ceremony and two Distinguished Lecturer presentation with technical sessions, an industry exhibition and opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange.

The afternoon continued with dedicated training sessions for Government Affairs, Treasurer, Chapter Technology Transfer, Student Activities and Young Engineers in ASHRAE, followed by an Industry Roundtable.

The day concluded on a cultural note with a guitar recital by Ilie Stepan and Horia Crișovan, followed by a social dinner, an opportunity for participants from across the Region to connect beyond the formal conference programme.



ASHRAE Danube Chapter – Serbian Delegation

CRC 2026 / KNOWLEDGE & COMMUNITY

Sharing achievements, challenges and ideas.



Technical activities and opportunities to connect across the Region.

Saturday was dedicated to the first two parts of the Region XIV Business Meeting.

Alongside reports from ASHRAE Society and an address from Region XIV Director and Regional Chair Eduardo Maldonado, participants discussed Regional operations, opportunities to make better use of ASHRAE resources and new tools to support Chapter management.

Breakout sessions provided an important forum for exchanging experiences and discussing common challenges across the Region.

Regional Officers and RVCs presented the achievements and challenges of the past year and outlined their plans for 2026–2027, covering areas ranging from Chapter Technology Transfer, Government Affairs and Membership Promotion to Student Activities, YEA, Communications, Refrigeration and DEI.



Chapter and Section delegates then took the floor to share their own successes, challenges and plans.

With contributions representing Chapters and Sections across Europe, these presentations offered a valuable overview of the diversity of activities taking place throughout Region XIV and, at the same time, highlighted the many priorities and opportunities we share.

A highlight of the day was the Presidential Luncheon and Awards, celebrating achievements and contributions within our ASHRAE community.

The programme later moved beyond the meeting room with a city tour of Timișoara and the CRC Gala Dinner, bringing members together in a more informal setting and strengthening the personal connections that are at the heart of our Region.



PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS

Recognising our ASHRAE community.

Celebrating achievements and contributions across Region XIV.

Among the award recipients was Andrei Burlacu, who received both the Limelight Award and the Blue Ribbon Award.

CRC 2026 / LOOKING AHEAD

Building what comes next.

On Sunday, the final Business Meeting focused on matters that will shape the coming year, including Regional and Society motions and the Region XIV budget for 2026–2027.

The conference concluded with the CRC evaluation and formal handover to the organizers of the next Regional Conference.

And the next destination is already set: Madrid, 16–19 September 2027, where Region XIV will come together once again for CRC 2027.

CRC 2026 was much more than a programme of meetings and technical sessions.

It was an opportunity to share knowledge, recognize achievements, discuss challenges and strengthen the connections between the people and Chapters that make up ASHRAE Region XIV.

As our Region continues to grow and approaches its 10th anniversary in 2027, Timișoara reminded us of something essential: our strength lies not only in what each Chapter accomplishes individually, but in what we can achieve together as a European ASHRAE community.

A sincere thank you to the Danube Chapter and the CRC 2026 Organizing Committee for their hospitality and for bringing our Region together in Timișoara.

Region XIV currently has the largest representation of any Region on the ASHRAE Board of Directors.

This remarkable presence reflects the vitality of our community, the quality of its leaders and the increasingly important contribution of Region XIV to advancing ASHRAE's mission internationally. At the same time, it represents both recognition and responsibility: the responsibility to strengthen cooperation among our Chapters and Sections and to raise the visibility of ASHRAE initiatives and achievements throughout Europe.



Thank you, Danube Chapter.

For your hospitality and for bringing our Region together in Timișoara.



Keep connecting.

Upcoming events across our Chapters.

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SPAIN CHAPTER · ONLINE, SPAIN

Technical Hour with ITALSAN

An initiative inspired by the online format of ASHRAE Tech Hour, aimed at sharing high-level technical knowledge in the fields of HVAC, refrigeration, energy efficiency, and sustainability



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PORTUGAL CHAPTER · LISBON, PORTUGAL

HVAC&R Technical Day

LNEC, Avenida do Brasil 101

On 15 October 2026, the ASHRAE Portugal Chapter will take part in the Jornadas de Climatização e Refrigeração 2026. Technical presentations and discussions will address HVAC&R, indoor environmental quality, energy efficiency, decarbonization and sustainability. This session will count with the presence of ASHRAE **DL Chandra Sekhar**.



DL VISIT



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SPAIN CHAPTER · MADRID, SPAIN

Data Centers: Control, Monitoring and Interoperability

IFEMA

When we talk about data centers, we often focus on power, cooling, or resilience. However, the reality is that none of these aspects can be managed efficiently without a solid control and monitoring strategy



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DANUBE CHAPTER · IASI, ROMANIA

Engineering the Future of the Built Environment

Hall of Princes at Palace of Cultur

85th anniversary of higher education in Civil Engineering at Technical University of Iasi celebrated with Conference "Engineering the Future of the Built Environment", focusing on the evolution of civil engineering education, digitalization and sustainability in the built environment. This session will count with the presence of ASHRAE **DL Bill McQuade**.



DL VISIT



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ISRAELI CHAPTER · EILAT, ISRAEL

Electricity and Energy Conference 2026

Herods and Dan Hotels

International Conference "World Ventilation Day and the Effective Integration between Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency in Buildings." Organized by APIRAC with the ASHRAE Portugal Chapter and the Portuguese Engineers Association, bringing together national and international experts.



Keep connecting.

Upcoming events across our Chapters.

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PORTUGAL CHAPTER · LISBON, PORTUGAL

World Ventilation Day

Sana Malhoa Hotel

International Conference “World Ventilation Day and the Effective Integration between Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency in Buildings.” Organized by APIRAC with the ASHRAE Portugal Chapter and the Portuguese Engineers Association, bringing together national and international experts. This session will count with the presence of **ASHRAE DL Bill McQuade**.



DL VISIT



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IRELAND CHAPTER · DUBLIN, IRELAND

Networking Event

Dublin, Ireland

Special event for students and Young Engineers in ASHRAE to expand your circle at an Exclusive industry leaders, innovative thinkers, an like-minded professionals who can inspire your next big move. This session will count with the presence of ASHRAE **DL Bill McQuade**.



DL VISIT



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DANUBE CHAPTER · BELGRADE, SERBIA

57th International HVAC&R Congress and Exhibition

Belgrade Fair

Under the theme “HVAC&R for a Sustainable Future,” the programme addresses HVAC systems, refrigeration, building decarbonization and nZEB, renewable energy, indoor air quality, and artificial intelligence and smart HVAC systems.



ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 23–27, 2027 | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Join the global ASHRAE community in Chicago for five days of learning, networking and industry innovation. The Winter Conference will feature technical sessions, ASHRAE Learning Institute courses, committee meetings, networking and social events, alongside the 2027 AHR Expo.



REGISTER NOW

Opportunities!

Supporting talent. Inspiring leadership

ASHRAE REGIONAL PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REGIONAL SUPPORT

LEADrS

This Regional program allows for the development of future Regional leaders, providing practical knowledge, useful resources and opportunities to exchange experiences with members from around the world.

This intensive programme allows participants to “**Shadow**” their **DRC** and attend all his meetings (committees and social functions), as well as those that the participant is involved in at Regional level. Learn how the Society works, and ask “How could I do this better?”. Talk to the DRC and mingle with as many as possible during the Winter meeting.



APPLY TO DRC

Deadline: Sept, 30

ASHRAE pays transportation, the Region provides a modest support (500 €). LEADrS participants get to enrol at reduced rate but must cover all other expenses (hotel, subsistence, transfers, etc.) with their own funds or chapter support.

TRAVEL GRANT

10 x \$1,000

The ASHRAE Student Activities Committee is offering **ten \$1,000 USD travel grants** to help students attend the Winter Conference in January 2027.

Recipients will have the opportunity to participate in the Student Program, technical sessions, committee activities, ASHRAE leadership activities and the AHR Expo.

Preference will be given to ASHRAE student members who have demonstrated involvement and leadership at university, Student Branch, or Chapter level.

+ **info:** ashraeregionxiv.org/student-competition



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