



## **Federation of European heating, ventilation and air-conditioning associations**

REHVA, established in 1963, connects European professionals in the area of building engineering services (heating, ventilating and air-conditioning for energy efficient healthy buildings) and **representing more than 100 000 engineers from 28 European countries**. REHVA's main activity is to develop and disseminate economical, energy efficient and healthy technology for mechanical services of buildings.

REHVA is the leading professional organization in Europe, dedicated to the improvement of health, comfort and energy efficiency in all buildings and communities. It encourages the development and application of both energy conservation and renewable energy sources. In these areas, REHVA has a significant impact on National and International strategic planning and research initiatives, as well as on the associated educational and training programmes.

REHVA provides networking and cooperation opportunities for both member associations and companies with European and International organizations, which have similar goals in the building sector. This is achieved through the exchange of technical information, practical experience and research results etc. by REHVA's working groups, seminars, publications and journal.

### **European Commission**

REHVA has developed contacts with important Directorates in European Commission. DG Energy and Transport in for energy issues, and DG Health and Consumer Affairs for indoor environmental issues. REHVA regularly keeps the contact with most important officers and informs them regarding the needs of HVAC industry, and also REHVA's members regarding the upcoming directives and regulations on European level.

### **Dissemination of Knowledge and Information:**

REHVA being a large network of European associations active in building engineering services, its strength lies in the fact that its national associations can serve as strong communication vehicles.

- **Publications and Conferences in 28 European countries:**  
Professional journals and conferences from several REHVA member associations can be used for dissemination.

- REHVA CLIMA 2000 International Congresses:

REHVA organizes this 4 days **international congress every 3 years**, gathering between 500 - 1000 participants in the building engineering services sector. These congresses are usually attended by experts from some 50 different countries (mostly from Europe but also from the USA and from Asian countries).

Besides the Plenary, Technical and Poster sessions, a dense program of **Technical Workshops** is also offered to the attendees. These technical workshops offer the perfect platform for peer exchanges on current hot topics and are therefore the ideal place to present, discuss and disseminate projects results.

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the congress took place in Helsinki, Finland, where close to 500 technical and scientific papers were presented, and 19 workshops organised, with an attendance of over **1000 people participants from the building engineering services sector coming from 60 countries**.

The next international congress REHVA organizes is in: Antalya, Turkey, May 9-12, 2010 [www.clima2010.org](http://www.clima2010.org).

- REHVA Conferences/Seminars:

- REHVA organizes several seminars every year on key topics, such as the implementation of the new EC Directive of Energy Efficient Buildings, where experience and knowledge from different countries are exposed and compared.

These seminars are often organized in conjunction with important fairs or conferences in the HVAC industry, such as the yearly CLIMAMED conference series on air-conditioning in Mediterranean countries, Climatizacion Fair (Madrid, February 2009); ISH fair (Frankfurt, March 2009), Mostra Convegno fair (Milan, March 2010); etc...

- REHVA also organizes technical seminars during its annual general assembly, which takes place on a rotating basis in one of the 28 European Countries where REHVA has a member organization. These annual conferences typically gather around 120 European building engineers. Next annual assemblies will be in Amsterdam (May 2009) and Antalya (May 2010).
- REHVA national members organises training events in their own geographical event on current technical and economical issues, more that 100 events annually with more than 10000 person-training day a year.

- REHVA Journal and Newsletter:

- REHVA publishes a bimonthly magazine, "REHVA Journal", distributed to its members and to key people in the industry throughout Europe subscribe from [www.rehvajournal.com](http://www.rehvajournal.com).
- REHVA national members publishes more than 20 journal and magazines in European languages, more than 100 issues per year.
- REHVA also publishes a bimonthly Newsletter in electronic format, subscribe from [www.rehva.eu>publications>newsletter](http://www.rehva.eu/publications/newsletter).

- Website:

REHVA's website is largely visited and is an ideal tool to promote and disseminate information ([www.rehva.eu](http://www.rehva.eu)).

Besides, its 28 national associations having their own website in their local language constitute an efficient mean to reach professionals in the building engineering services throughout Europe.

### Translation of Technical Knowledge:

- **REHVA** is a partner in the **EPBD Buildings Platform**, a European Commission initiative in the framework of the Intelligent Energy - Europe programme. REHVA's main role is translating Information Papers related to the implementation of the EPBD into several European languages (papers have currently been translated to 14 languages) and helping disseminating them.
- **REHVA has a history of translating technical documents.** REHVA currently runs 18 Task Forces (several of them are related to efficient use of energy), bringing International knowledge together and working on publishing guidebooks on specific topics. These guidebooks are originally published in English and are very often translated into other languages by experts from REHVA national associations. As an example, REHVA Guidebook on Displacement Ventilation has been translated into 15 languages, and more than 10 000 copies of the book have been printed and distributed.
- REHVA has also published an **International Dictionary of building Services in 12 languages**, which is being extended to some 13000 terms (<http://www.rehvdictionary.eu/>).

### Partnerships with important organizations in the HVAC&R field:

REHVA has partnership agreements and privileged contacts with **EUROVENT** (European Committee of Air handling and Refrigerating equipment Manufacturers); **ASHRAE** (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers); **IIR** (International Institute of Refrigeration); **AIVC** (Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre), **European Ventilation Hygiene Association** and many other organisations.

### Administration

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