

# Las Vegas proves to be a big winner for ASHRAE, AHR Expo

The 2017 ASHRAE Winter Conference at Caesars Palace, as well as the AHR Expo at the Las Vegas Convention Center, exceeded record-breaking attendance from the Conference and Expo that were held in Las Vegas in 2011. In total, 3,579 people attended the ASHRAE conference from January 28 to February 1, making it the best attended Winter Conference in recent years. The attendees represented 58 countries (with 350 Canadians attending) and included 537 first-timers.

The Conference also saw several collaborative efforts and agreements with associations and organizations from around the world.

At the conference, ASHRAE president Tim Wentz provided updates on several society initiatives and programs of importance to the industry. Among them was the creation of an ASHRAE University educational platform, which will locate all of ASHRAE's educational products in one place where users can select the products to meet their professional goals. Additionally, a personal dashboard is built into the new platform allowing users to track their progress toward their goals. The platform can be found at [www.ashrae.org/elearning](http://www.ashrae.org/elearning).

ASHRAE also has launched a new technology portal at [www.ashrae.org/technologyportal](http://www.ashrae.org/technologyportal). This gives members a method of connecting to the latest information generated by ASHRAE's research program. It provides access to more than 1,700 journal articles published since 1997 and more than 600 final reports from ASHRAE research projects. An online internship job board on ASHRAE's website was also unveiled (<http://jobs.ashrae.org>).

The technical program featured some



Rink refrigeration expert Claude Dumas (r) of Montreal, QC, accepts the Milton W. Garland Commemorative Refrigeration Award For Project Excellence from ASHRAE president Tim Wentz. The award is "Given in recognition of a non-comfort cooling refrigeration application which highlights innovation or new technologies." Co-winners of the award were: consulting engineer Peter Petropoulos, Costas Labos with the City of Montreal, and refrigeration specialist Victor Santangelo.

350 presentations and 300 speakers. The 2017 ASHRAE Annual Conference is June 24 to 28 in Long Beach, CA. Chicago, IL will host the 2018 Winter Conference on January 20 to 24.

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## AHR EXPO

The International Exposition Company has announced specifics for attendance, highlighting that the show has officially broken three of its all-time records. With 68,615 attending the 2017 Show, AHR Expo superseded its former all-time attendance record of 61,674 (set at the 2015 Show in Chicago) by 11.2 per cent. This number was also 28.7 per cent greater than the overall attendance (totalling 53,324) at the last AHR Expo held in Las Vegas in 2011. Total Canadian attendance (including visitors and exhibitor personnel) was 4,768 with visitors ac-

counting for 3,543 – a record at 33 per cent higher than the previous all-time record set at the 2011 Vegas show.

The 2017 Show's exhibits occupied over 500,159 net sq. ft., breaking the AHR Expo all-time record set in 2015 in Chicago. Of the 1,968 exhibitors, 147 were Canadian.

At 48,568, the total number of 2017 AHR Expo visitors also surpassed the show's all-time visitor attendance of 42,887, set in 2014 in New York, by 13.2 per cent. This year over 3,500 Canadian visitors were in attendance, yet another record at 33 per cent higher than the 2011 Vegas show.

The next AHR Expo, co-sponsored by ASHRAE and AHRI, will be held January 22 to 24, 2018 at McCormick Place in Chicago. <http://ahrexpo.com>