

# AASA: A Dream Come True?

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ASHRAE, in its desire to broaden its scope of activities in the world and thereby make possible a more effective and fruitful exchange of knowledge and ideas among engineers engaged in the arts and sciences of HVAC&R, created the ASHRAE Associate Society Alliance (AASA). The purpose of AASA is to enable its members to participate collaboratively in the advancement of the arts and sciences of air-conditioning, heating and refrigerating technologies and to foster effective and fruitful exchanges of ideas and information between international participants. This forum invites a discussion on the effectiveness of AASA and discusses the ways to further enhance the participation of its members.

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## Notes from forum:

- A success has been networking
- Learning of other technologies
  
- In 1999 International Meeting
  - EU revolution led to 3-year term for chair
  - AASA became a body
  - Improvement came in baby steps
- Position statements with explanations would be helpful
- Industries have become more global which has changed the landscape
- Key research reports would be beneficial - Follow-up from AASA?
  - Better knowledge exchange
- Potential in AASA
  - Contributions from professional exchange
  - We need to resolve the challenges that inhibit this exchange
- Benchmarking Seminar
  - Speak to relevant issues
- White Papers under continuous maintenance
- Work on material properties unique to other countries

- Review survey taken 3 years ago
- Chair of various Societies
  - Speak to challenges
  - Common focus items
- SCANVAC/REHVA/ASHRAE "Cold Climate Guide" is a success story
  - How to have similar efforts?
- Provide advanced information before hand with agenda
- ASEAN energy efficiency goals
- Local Standards
  - Pakistan adapted 90.1 - it is not perfect but has been successful
- Hold an AASA conference with co-sponsorship from AASA members
  - Location to be outside of North America
- A proper Secretariat is needed
- Establish committees
- Weaknesses
  - No budget (money)
  - Time
  - People
- Agree on objectives
  - Not such a technical issue
  - What do we want to do as a group?
  - Not do it on a one time meeting basis
- Need continuity from various Societies - not different persons at each meeting
  - 3-year terms?
- Only we can do
  - Great potential if structured with Secretariat
- Need a vision for the future
  - Long term thinking