

ASHRAE — QATAR ORYX CHAPTER



September 2009



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The Formation of ASHRAE Qatar Chapter

The idea of establishing local ASHRAE chapter in Qatar goes back to mid 2005, when local members started communication with the society and expressed interest in setting the chapter. Dubai - Falcon Club showed full support toward forming ASHRAE Division of the Dubai - Falcon Club, as (at the time) the number of ASHRAE members in Doha was less than the minimum required by the Society's bylaws. An ASHRAE division was voted on and approved by the Society. Due to personal circumstances of its steering committee, the division did not become active.

Later in 2007, the interest to form the chapter raise again and larger number of local members gathered serious effort to establish the Chapter. Few months of weekly meetings, coordination and networking to gather the required minimum number of local members to form full Chapter succeeded in putting new petition for a chapter which was voted on during the ASH-

RAE winter meeting in New York City and approved. The steering committee was formed and consisted of harmonic mixture of ambitious ASHRAE members from multiple professional backgrounds (consulting, contracting and suppliers from the government and private - national and international - sectors).

The big effort was crowned on April, 13th 2008 during the ASHRAE – Qatar Oryx Chapter chartering ceremony at the Diplomatic club – Doha. The ceremony was lead by ASHRAE president (Mr. Kent Peterson), ASHRAE RAL (Dr. Samir Traboulsi) and Dubai Falcon club president (Mr. Gerish Hira).

Almost one hundred and thirty ASHRAE members, officials and other professionals attended the ceremony, which was (gratefully) sponsored by number of national and international firms.

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Ex-President's AddressCurrent President's Address²

It is with pleasure and gratitude I am addressing my fellow local ASHRAE members of the ORYX Qatar Chapter through this first ASHRAE chapter newsletter. First, I would like to remember and thank Mr. Imad Mobayed our first chapter president who was one of the main driving forces in establishment of the Qatar Oryx chapter along with Ramiz Gabriel our honorary secretary whose untiring effort has provided the required energy to keep the chapter moving and growing.

I would also like to recognize the invaluable service provided by all the board members in their individual positions of responsibilities in serving the Society and Chapter members: Mr. Mohamad Mokdad (CTTC), Ms. Denise Haladjian (Treasurer), Mr. David Brown (President Elect), Mr. Abdullah Abu Shaikha (Membership Promotion) and Mr. Subrata Kar (Historian). The local chapter has also benefited from the invaluable service and guidance of the Chapter VP's including Mr. Hassan Sultan, Mr. Hani Hawamdeh, Mr. Eugene Bautista and Mr. Abby Varghese.

It was a very dynamic first year of the local ASHRAE chapter with various seminars and activities arranged for the Chapter members and non members with the support of chapter members and sponsors.

I hope and pray that the new ASHRAE President and committee will enjoy similar support from all the Chapter members and local sponsors for the good of the society and country.

Good luck and Ramadan Mubarak.

Kamal Taj—ASHRAE Oryx Chapter President 08-2009

Ramadan Kareem Associates and Colleagues

As the incoming President of the ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter I would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 Chapter Year. My first order of duty is to thank Kamal Taj, our outgoing President, for all his hard work and dedication during the 2008-2009 Chapter Year.

It has been almost 1.5 years since the Chartering Ceremony that welcomed the Qatar Oryx Chapter into the ASHRAE fold. To date, response has been excellent with positive membership growth. The Technical Seminars that we have presented have been well attended with more events planned in the upcoming Chapter Year.

We are only as strong as our members and I encourage you all to become active and participate in our forthcoming Chapter Events and Activities.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me, or any other BOG members through their contact information listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Faithfully yours

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ASHRAE Oryx Chapter Endorses the “SUSTAINABLE FACILITY MANAGEMENT FORUM”

As part of the ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter's sustainability mission, the Chapter is participating in the coming “Sustainable Facility Management Forum” that will take place in the Millennium Hotel – Doha during the period 27-28 September 2009.

The event planner “Marcus Evans” applied their intensive global experience to ensure well diversified subjects and speaker backgrounds to cover this hot topic that is gaining more and more importance and becoming part of everyday discussions.

Speakers from different technical, geographical and environmental backgrounds have been engaged to cover the subject through twelve sessions over the two days.

The forum will discuss sustainable technologies, knowledge and best practices, ways of increasing reliability and energy efficiency, up front cost verses life cycle cost as well as building environmental awareness on sustainable issues.

The conference is designed for people who have a hands-on role in planning and implementing sustainability management strategies and those looking to improve their

facilities efficiency. This includes but is not limited to Managing Directors, CEOs, COOs, General Managers, Supervisor, Heads, Team Leaders of facilities, environmental, corporate responsibility, property, operational, engineering, integrity, energy, workplace design, planning and development.

The forum will attract professionals from the full spectrum of industries, such as Banking & Finance, Oil & Gas, Telecommunications, Freight / Logistics / Transportation, Trading / Import & Export, Travel and Hospitality, Retail, Construction, IT, Real Estate and Property development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure, FMCG, Food and Beverage, Government Agencies, Healthcare, Utilities.

The ASHRAE—Qatar Oryx Chapter will participate in the forum on two different levels. First, the Chapter is endorsing the forum. Second, on their personal capacity, Ramiz Gabrial – Chapter President Elect, and Seenu Pillai – Chapter Secretary will participate as technical speakers.

For more information about the event, refer to the planners' web site www.marcusevans.com or communicate with the ASHRAE Chapter on rgabrial@gmail.com

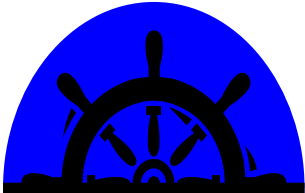
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Better Late Than Never

Since the inception of the ASHRAE—Qatar Oryx Chapter, we were looking to start issuing the Chapter's newsletter. The busy schedules of the Chapter's board members and having to look after other issues to establish the Chapter and run as many technical activities as possible, were delaying the newsletter works.

As you all know, the Chapter's board members and officers volunteer their time and effort to the local Chapter.

The newsletter committee is aiming at issues six newsletters during the first year (one volume every two months) of the newsletter. The newsletter will be built to become concise document that provide the local members and other non-member building professionals with headlines about the local HVAC industry and events.

Similar to all other issues related to the operation of the local Chapter, the newsletter welcome any suggestion from all members and non-members.

We also invite companies that are interested in supporting our mission by utilizing the news letter to advertize their companies (using the spots shown at the bottom of pages 2, 3, and 4), to communicate with the Chapter.

The newsletter will be issued electronically and e-mailed to the Chapter's mailing list (700 recipients approx.). Hard copies will (also) made available at the Chapter technical events.

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