Memorandum of Understanding
ASHRAE and REHVA

REHVA (Federation of European Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Associations) is a
Pan-European federation currently representing 26 member associations (with about 120 000
individual members) headquartered at 40 Rue Washington 1050, Brussels, Belgium. REHVA is
dedicated to the developing and disseminating economical, energy efficient, safe and healthy
technology for mechanical services of building; to serve its members and the field of building
engineering (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) by facilitating knowledge exchange,
supporting the development of related EU policies and their national level implementation.

ASHRAE is an international individual membership organization (with about 54,000
individual members) headquartered at 180 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners, Georgia
30092 USA, dedicated to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating,
ventilation, air-conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields. ASHRAE engages input from
its members worldwide and others to support research and develop standards for international
application.

REHVA and ASHRAE have a long relationship of cooperation for over 50 years. ASHRAE has
always had members in Europe and some of them, were and are highly integrated in the REHVA
governance. Similarly, REHVA has had some individual members of their national associations
highly integrated in ASHRAE governance.

The basis of this Memorandum of Understanding is the belief that by working together, both
organizations can amplify their abilities to serve their members and the general public while
simultaneously eliminating duplication and conflicts. Collaboration between ASHRAE and
REHVA will also allow both organizations to address major issues facing our industry
worldwide, including adapting to a rapidly evolving climate condition and technology in the
framework of mutual information exchange. The natural outcome of elevating and magnifying
membership value will be an increase in the communication, cooperation and collaboration
between ASHRAE and REHVA.
Establishing the Relationship between REHVA and ASHRAE

Both entities enter into this MoU with the objective to start a new era of potential cooperation, by agreeing to build their cooperation scheme with mutual benefit.

In implementing this MoU, REHVA and ASHRAE will investigate collaborative activities related to ASHRAE and REHVA.

The intent of this MoU is to explore and enhance communication, cooperation and, where applicable, coordination between ASHRAE and REHVA, which recognizes the following levels:

- Global: between ASHRAE and REHVA at the Society and Board level respectively
- European regional: between ASHRAE Region XIV and REHVA
- Country: between the national association and the local ASHRAE chapter, group, section.
- Individual members: when they are member of REHVA national associations and ASHRAE

As a starting point, ASHRAE and REHVA seek to cooperate in the areas contained in Annex 1.

ASHRAE and REHVA agree to work together in harmony at all levels.

To create a harmonious relationship and improve communication, the following regular meetings are envisioned:

- A meeting between REHVA and ASHRAE will be held yearly in conjunction with the ASHRAE Winter Conference.
- A meeting between REHVA and ASHRAE will be held yearly in conjunction with the REHVA General Assembly.
- Additional meetings may occur, either face-to-face or electronically, as conditions warrant.

The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Ensure ongoing advancement and monitoring of collaborative projects underway.
- Keep each respective organization informed of on major or new initiatives.
- Discuss new opportunities for collaboration.

Development of international bodies

Each organization remains free to participate in any other international initiative with the same goal and will inform each other of its intention.
REHVA and ASHRAE agree to join efforts, in conjunction with other organizations, to help develop the Indoor Environmental Quality - Global Alliance (IEQ - GA).

**Duration**

This MoU will enter in force at the signature date executed and will cancel and replace the previous MoU. This MoU will terminate the May 1, 2024, unless either ASHRAE or REHVA desires to renew or negotiate a new MoU.

**ANNEX 1**

An annual work plan will be developed under the principles of this MoU to define future joint initiatives of the following items:

- Events, publications and dissemination tools
- Education and International Student Competition
- Standards and policies
- Research and Technical cooperation.

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**FOR ASHRAE**

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Signature  
May 7, 2021  
Date

Signature  
11 May 2021  
Date