Newsletter Chair Message

Dear ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter Members,

It has been a very exited and fruitful activities the chapter was doing in the past few months; The “Energy Conservation & Indoor Quality For Hot Climate Conference” was an example of where Qatar the engineers working in Qatar would like to be. We managed to have the contribution from all over the world with the true participation and support from many internationally recognized bodies and entities. The Chapter has guested DL speakers to share their knowledge and research results with our engineers within the region.

It is proving by evidence that the ASHRAE is acting as a strong and solid ground form many of the HVAC and Life Safety of Building and Facilities, to use and launch from. The ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter BOGs, have taken a lead in Qatar and the level of the Society, in facilitating the cooperation and collaboration between the local technical and industrial society and the world.

It is a call for all Mechanical Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Architects and relevant industry professionals, to be members with the ASHRAE in order to take the best advantage of the huge available knowledge and experience and at the same time share with others the knowledge that they have.

Looking forward for more success and prosperity to our industry in Qatar and the region.

Hani Hawamdeh
President 2013-2014
ASHRAE Oryx Chapter

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INTERVIEW

"We are so taken by a professional environment adapted to business as usual that routine has taken its toll of our approach to business, then came Abdel Rahman Al Zaeem’s discussion, his energy and ambition brought youth and energy to our usual perspectives, reminded us why, back then, we too decided to start our engineering journey…”

As mentioned in our last letter, with the support of Qatar University’s Mechanical Engineering Dean, ASHRAE ORYX chapter was able to open the first student branch: Qatar University Palm Branch.

This was also possible to the motivation and energetic drive of Abdelrahman Shamesedin. ASHRAE’s student branch first president and leader describes the story:

Q1. How did you get to know ASHRAE and specifically ASHRAE Qatar.

A. As I was studying thermal and heat transfer courses, we learned that ASHRAE has all the standards regarding the technical aspects of our studies. To our surprise we had a visit from ASHRAE Oryx that same year as they were introduced by our department’s dean and had a presentation about ASHRAE.

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Q2. What drove you to join and to put time and effort to the benefit of ASHRAE Qatar’s student chapter?

A. ASHRAE Qatar is a leader in the cooling sector of the Qatari economy, suppliers and contractors refer to their standards for the execution of their works. As a student our interest was both technical and professional, we were able to have a reference and people to connect with regarding the application of our studies in our market and as well to have contacts with prominent contractors, consultants and engineer. This opportunity provided potential for all students to experience their future at work today.
Q3. Would you become an ASHRAE member once you graduate?

A. Of course, but as I graduated last year, I remained active in the student body to promote and enhance this amazing knowledge to my fellow students… I can only stay there for another year and then I will join the professional as a member.

Q4. What are your activities?

A. We have provided the introduction seminars of ASHRAE ORYX chapter at our university, have organized presentation from our Advisor and University doctor to ASHRAE members, but most importantly we plan this year to have site visits to ongoing construction sites in Qatar, encourage students to participate in the conferences set by ASHRAE such as the indoor quality conference this coming 24th of February, and finally we hope that our students projects make part of the HVAC exhibition this upcoming month of May where they get the opportunity to present themselves and their experiments to international suppliers, contractors and consultants.

Q5. What message do you provide to fellow students?

A. I believe that today’s world provides a lot of opportunities for continuing education. ASHRAE is one, I also believe that it is not only what you know but also who you know, and ASHRAE also provides that. Both are a treasure waiting for you to experiments your future today. It only takes one good act and a proper exposure to succeed, ASHRAE provides that platform.
SEE YOU IN SEATTLE IN JUNE Abundant rain and thriving evergreens keep the city of Seattle green and lush, but the city has taken the concept of “green” to a whole different level. Sustainability is promoted in all aspects of life, which makes Seattle the perfect location for ASHRAE’s 2014 Annual Conference. The Conference addresses topics such as ground source heat pumps, operations and maintenance and indoor environmental quality, as well as the second annual ASHRAE research summit.

Registration is now open for ASHRAE’s next FREE webcast, entitled “Buildings in Balance: IEQ and Energy Efficiency,” The webcast will broadcast live on April 17, 2014. The presentation will feature industry experts who will identify the link between energy efficiency and Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) through the integrated design process. This FREE webcast program will broadcast live via the internet. To register, please visit our website www.ashrae.org

How do you spend your days at work: I wear several hats at work. My role is Senior Vice President – operations at one of the largest mechanical contractors in Houston, Texas. While we are a registered engineering firm, we also self-perform piping, plumbing, sheet metal, and service. Current duties include; operations management, market forecasting, profit and loss responsibility, estimate evaluations, sales, negotiation, and contracts.
Thank You!

For the first International Conference on Energy & Indoor Environment for Hot Climates.

We appreciate your support.

Dear All,

Your participation is acknowledged and appreciated not only by the organization but by all the attendees of the conference.

Your support to achieve was an inspiration to us all, and really helped make the International Conference on Energy & Indoor Environment for Hot Climates a Success!

We congratulate you for partnering with ASHRAE, QEERI and ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter on this event and we share our success with you.

We will continue to view you as partner in supporting our activities, your observations, comments and ideas are welcome to improve our future conferences.

Sincerely,

Hassan Sultan
Former President
ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter
ASHRAE RAL SA, RVC
E&IEC Organizing Committee
March 2014

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Dear ASHRAE Members, Engineers and Sponsors,

Welcome to our newly redesigned website! Knowing that you are interested to be always updated regarding our events, innovative ideas and because the chapter has grown rapidly since 2010, we have rebuilt our site to make it much more informative and easier in terms of finding & sharing resources.

As part of our commitment to keep our work easily accessible, we have created a more navigable website with additional resources, better tools, and a new visual design to support your work.

With our completely redesigned site, now you are able to find your queries more easily.

Site update includes the following:

1. Message of ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter President;
2. ASHRAE News including all the activities, webcast, bookstore, membership and etc.;
3. Review and download our old and new presentations, articles and newsletters;
4. Registration for Seminars;
5. Upcoming Seminars in Qatar and at Society Level;
6. Big space for photos gallery where you are able to download and share the photos;
7. ASHRAE membership benefits;
8. Search for Job and for Employee;
9. Highlights including all chapter and Region-At-Large activities;
10. Link to our sponsors websites;
11. Link to our Facebook page;

We also will be adding articles and interviews with open space for discussion using blog.

Reflecting our long-standing commitment to learning and continuous improvement, we welcome your feedback as we continue to improve this site.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey available at www.ashraeqatar.org so we can serve you better.

Sincerely,

Kinan Fahs
President Elect
Webmaster 2013-2014
ASHRAE Qatar Oryx Chapter
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