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National Plumbing Forum - Melbourne

The Institute recently continued its series of Australian National Plumbing Forum's with the 2008 theme being Training – a journey not a destination. This latest forum was held in conjunction with the Designbuild Plumbing Show at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on 17 June 2008.

The Institute of Plumbing invited leaders from a number of sectors of the wider Plumbing Industry to discuss in open forum the way ahead for consistent training across the wider plumbing community with particular emphasis on retaining the training of plumbing designers within the national training package. The speakers included Fred Baltetsch – Chairman National Plumbing and Services Training Advisory Group, Doug McClusky – Training Manager Plumbing Trades Employees Union (unfortunately Doug was called away and could not stay to join the panel discussion), Shayne LaCombre for Michael McGuinness – Chairman National Plumbing Regulators Forum, Paul Naylor – General Manager Master Plumbers Association NSW speaking for the National Plumbing Associations Alliance, David Steblina – National Training Officer Association of Hydraulic Services Consultants Australia and Mike Quade – Project Manager Construction, Plumbing and Services Industry Skills Council. Each speaker provided a succinct outline from the perspective of their particular sector of industry and then joined a panel for open discussion and debate with the assembled delegates.

After serious debate the outcome of this forum was a decision to move ahead and investigate the provision of a "Design Stream" into Certificate IV of the training package. It was further agreed to take up the offer from the Construction, Plumbing and Services Industry Skills Council to set up a review committee to include input from the representatives from the design sector so as to advance the investigation to conclusions acceptable to the wider plumbing community.

In reaching this outcome the consensus opinion of forum delegates was that it is essential to maintain not only a robust Operations Stream with prerequisites through Certificate III to Certificate IV and onward but this must also lead to a nationally consistent pathway to Plumbing Contractors License. It is further proposed that any Design Stream is to be quarantined from the Contractor License Stream without effect on the overall career path for a Plumber.

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It is interesting to note that the assembled delegates and presenters represented the wider plumbing industry and all appeared to have one voice on the urgent need for nationally consistent regulation, standards, training and licensing in plumbing.

National Plumbing Forum - Perth

The Institute of Plumbing will conduct a second National Plumbing Forum for 2008 to continue the theme "Training – a journey not a destination" on Friday 17 October 2008 at the Designbuild Plumbing Show in Perth 17 to 19 October 2008. Issues such as National Consistency, Long term career path for all in plumbing, Skills training for Plumbing Designers, Consistency of Skills for Designers and Contractors, Plumbing Diploma for the wider Plumbing Industry and Maximise use of our (Plumbing's) Training Package will be included together with progress update and further discussion on the outcomes from the Melbourne Forum.

Our Event Sponsors in Melbourne were:

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Training Package – Continuous Improvement

Further to the outcomes from Melbourne the Skills Council National Plumbing Industry Reference Group will reconvene in July as the Plumbing and Services Review Continuous Improvement Reference Group. This group will continue work on outstanding issues arising from the recent review of the training package including the development of a new pathway for plumbing designers into the higher certificates.

The Institute Secretary represents the IPA on this important committee, any member wishing to contribute views on the following or other training matters should provide in writing to the Secretary at secretary@plumbing.org.au :

- Environmental sustainability knowledge and skills, where should they sit within the overall training package.
- Use of Certificate IV for contractor licensing
- Minimum of 5 streams in Certificate III (Apprentice Training)
- A pathway for cadet plumbing designers into Certificate IV and beyond.

Sustainability Training for IPA Members

MPA Skills has kindly offered a discount rate of \$180.00 to IPA Members for their **Enviro West™** Sustainability in Plumbing Course. This popular 1 day course is run at the Skills Centre in Maylands and six dates are available during August, October and November 2008. Give Sally Erwood-Carryer a ring on 08 9471 6600 for further information and enrolment form. Or visit www.masterplumbers.asn.au/enviro_west/

Committed advocate for the plumbing industry

After a stint on the hill where he never forgot the importance of plumbing Stuart Henry takes up a new challenge and the Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. takes this opportunity to congratulate Stuart on his new role and to thank him for his assistance to plumbing over the past three years.

The following press release from IAPMO says it all:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Stuart Henry to lead IAPMO R&T Oceana

Melbourne, Australia (July 1, 2008) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) is pleased to announce longtime plumbing advocate, former chairman of the World Plumbing Council (WPC) and recent member of Australian Parliament Stuart Henry has joined the organization as Managing Director of IAPMO R&T Oceana, IAPMO's base of operations in the South Pacific.

Henry brings a uniquely diverse wealth of experience to R&T Oceana, where he will oversee daily operations and expand the business unit's reach and influence in the region. In addition to his international business savvy, Henry's stewardship of the WPC (2002-2005) has well prepared him for this new endeavor.

In October 2004, Henry was elected to Parliament as a member of the Coalition Government, working on two House of Representatives standing committees and several Government Member's committees, including serving as secretary of the Trade and Foreign Affairs Committee. Last November, Henry lost his bid for reelection by a mere 1,853 votes. During his time in the House, Henry was the driving force behind a Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage report titled "Managing the Flow: Regulating Plumbing Product Quality."

"IAPMO's desire to make a positive contribution to the Australian plumbing industry will certainly be fortified both by the groundwork Stuart Henry laid while previously serving the Australian plumbing industry, and more recently during his time in Parliament, and his continuing of those efforts now with IAPMO Australia," said Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director. "His House of Representatives led inquiry into plumbing quality regulations produced a watershed report that echoes many of the tenets of IAPMO's commitment to clean, safe water systems."

Following an early career in farming, Henry founded a small specialist concrete drilling and sawing operation in Western Australia that expanded into the construction and demolition industries. He next came overseas to join a U.S. venture promoting an innovative technology for onshore oil production based in Dallas, Texas, before ultimately returning to Perth, Australia, to serve as chief executive officer of both the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association and the Master Painters, Decorators and Signwriters Association. Henry served in this capacity for nearly two decades before resigning upon winning election to Parliament.

"Stuart Henry will make a huge impact on IAPMO and the industry," said Allen Inlow, IAPMO senior director of Business and Product Development. "I have known Stuart nearly 20 years, periodically working with him both on the World Plumbing Council and during his time as a member of Australian Parliament. His contributions and commitment to the industry are exceptional and continuous. IAPMO Oceana R&T and Stuart will make a great team in continuing that constructive progress."

Henry calls himself a "committed advocate for the plumbing industry" and is excited to be able to continue his career in that capacity with IAPMO. He offers an essential complement to the direction already provided by IAPMO Oceana R&T Director Michael Kefford.

"IAPMO, in my mind, encapsulates the leadership opportunity available to this industry, both with regard to its global outreach and its application of strategies at the local level that have helped grow the organization to where it is today," Henry said. "I'm proud to have the opportunity to work with such a progressive, visionary organization and hope I can make a positive contribution to The IAPMO Group's future objectives."

Based in Melbourne, IAPMO R&T Oceana is accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ). It certifies plumbing and drainage products to use the WaterMark™ symbol and strongly supports the federal government's introduction of the Water Efficiency Labeling Scheme (WELS), an important initiative affecting manufacturers of plumbing products, sanitary ware and white goods.

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Emerging Technology Symposium

The Institute of Plumbing Australia is pleased to support the International Emerging Technology Symposium as it fits neatly into our major objective to promote and improve consistency in the application of standards, education, regulations and practice of plumbing across Australia and in association with IAPMO and the World Plumbing Council across the World.

This symposium and its associated “Webinar” will demonstrate the need for early exposure to the wider plumbing fraternity of emerging technologies so as to enable the timely review and research of possible impacts on existing plumbing systems such as the current research being conducted in Australia and New Zealand on the impact on drainage systems of low flush volumes including removal of grey water from sewer stream flows but more about that in later issues.

The keynote address to this symposium by Stephen Johnson, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promises an exciting start to an intense two days, see the IAPMO/WPC press release below:

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**EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson to Keynote
International Emerging Technology Symposium**

Ontario, Calif. (July 2, 2008) — Stephen Johnson, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will deliver the keynote address at the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)/World Plumbing Council Emerging Technology Symposium, Aug. 19-20, in Chicago.

Johnson is the 11th administrator of the U.S. EPA, a post he's held since 2005. In this role, he leads EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment, managing more than 17,000 agency employees nationwide and overseeing an annual budget of \$7.7 billion. As administrator, Johnson implemented the Clean Air Interstate Rule, one of the most health protective air quality standards in EPA history, and led a nationwide effort to introduce ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, the most important achievement in clean fuel since the removal of lead from gasoline.

Johnson is a scientist and 27-year veteran of the EPA who is deeply committed to vigorously enforcing the nation's environmental laws.

"I cannot think of a more qualified and better choice to launch our emerging technology symposium than Stephen Johnson," said Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director. "His knowledge of environmental history and well-documented foresight will perfectly frame the presentations and discussions that follow his remarks. We are grateful for Mr. Johnson's contribution to our efforts bringing to light future advances that will reshape our industry and the ways in which we do business."

The two-day symposium at the O'Hare Marriott in Chicago will allow participants to learn how the manufacturing, engineering and trade industries devise solutions to international regulatory developments on topics including: water, sanitation and health; water and energy efficiency; water reuse; solar and other renewable energies; and fat, oil and grease discharges.

Worldwide sponsors include the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), World Plumbing Review Magazine, the Indian Plumbing Association and The Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. For those who cannot be present, a film crew will record the event in front of the symposium registrants. At its conclusion, a "Webinar" will be produced for event sponsors to make available in the ensuing weeks (via the Internet) to their respective members, customers and the groups and individuals they serve.

Registration to attend the event is \$295 and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the O'Hare Marriott. Mention the IAPMO event for a special room rate of \$129 per night.

For sponsorship opportunities and/or information on participating in the event, please contact Maria Sol Alba at (708) 995-3005 or Career.Services@iapmo.org.

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Sponsor of the Uniform Codes, IAPMO – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials – works in concert with government and industry for safe, sanitary plumbing and mechanical systems. Learn more about IAPMO at www.iapmo.org.

The mission of the World Plumbing Council is to unite the world plumbing industry to safeguard and protect the environment and the health of nations, for the benefit of all.

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Connect to the Technology Pipeline **International Emerging Technology Symposium**

AUGUST 19 – 20, 2008 ♦ O'Hare Marriott

8535 West Higgins Road,
Chicago, IL 60631
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This two-day event will provide an engaging discussion on how the manufacturing, engineering, and trade industries have found solutions within emerging technologies in the plumbing and mechanical industries, as well as green building concepts.

Presentations and panels will discuss emerging technology trends, practices and products.

Program:

- ◆ Meet international representatives providing global perspectives on plumbing and mechanical efficiency opportunities
- ◆ Learn about field data on what's working and what's not
- ◆ Get the latest information on testing and research
- ◆ Understand concepts on plumbing system design efficiencies
- ◆ Participate in one-on-one discussions with high level company representatives
- ◆ Listen to Industry Association perspectives on water and energy efficiency issues
- ◆ Hear the latest information regarding the WaterSense program
- ◆ Discover manufacturer perspectives and updates
- ◆ Water re-use systems
- ◆ High efficiency fixtures and fittings
- ◆ Sanitary waste systems and products
- ◆ F.O.G abatement
- ◆ Leak detection

Interested?

To attend as an audience member, please contact:

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Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after. If you are not already a member why not join and really help us provide a voice for plumbers and plumbing. Simply email the Secretary below.

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