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International Institute of Refrigeration World Refrigeration Day 2025 Event

“The critical role of refrigeration and heat pump solutions in advancing human well-being, animal welfare and climate sustainability”



Date: 18 June, 2025 – **Venue:** Les Salons Hoche – 9, avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris

INTRODUCTION

The 2025 IIR World Refrigeration Day event brings together key decision-makers from governments, industry, academia and partner international organisations to foster dialogue and collaboration about the importance of the refrigeration sector in society. This event will be celebrated exactly one year after the new IIR strategy 2024-2028 was endorsed and it responds to our mission to foster collaboration and exchange knowledge.

The event will provide an opportunity to celebrate World Refrigeration Day and a platform for discussions about the refrigeration sector's vital role, from ensuring access to safe food and temperature-sensitive health products through refrigeration and cold chains, to supporting the decarbonisation of the heating sector through heat pump technologies and advancing energy security.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

The event will have a special feature, a curated exhibition that traces the evolution of refrigeration and the pivotal role of the IIR since its inception in 1908.

Participants will have the opportunity to discover rare historical documents, publications, and the stories of emblematic figures who have shaped the refrigeration field, offering a unique perspective on how past innovations and visionaries continue to inspire future advancements.



AGENDA (PROVISIONAL)

DESCRIPTION
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE Attendees arrive, register, and enjoy a welcome coffee.
OPENING SESSION Welcome Address: Director of the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR). Opening Remarks: Officials from Ministry of International Affairs France (MFA) - TBC
SPECIAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Official from the International Energy Agency (TBC).
OFFICIAL PHOTO
Panel 1 – High-Level Country perspectives: Addressing national needs for refrigeration applications to ensure food, health and energy security Country representatives discuss relevance of refrigeration for the wellbeing of their societies, in terms of access to safe and quality food, human health and animal welfare, and scaling up technology services such as AI. Current state, success stories and challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Representatives from Ministries of Senegal, Qatar, Norway, France, Japan and China (TBC)
COFFEE BREAK
Panel 2 - Science perspective: Scientific information and research as the foundation for advancing refrigeration and heat pump technologies This panel will feature the IIR’s Scientific and Technical council sharing insights of the main refrigeration applications and their critical role in addressing human needs and reduce environmental impact. Scientifically validated information is crucial for informed decision-making. Introduction and context: President of the Scientific and Technical Council Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">President IIR Section A – Cryogenics and liquefied gases, Brno University of TechnologyPresident IIR Section B – Thermodynamics, equipment and systems, Purdue UniversityPresident IIR Section C – Biology and food technology, London South Bank UniversityPresident IIR Section D – Storage and transport, University of SalfordPresident IIR Section E – Air conditioning, heat pumps and energy recovery, Tsinghua University
LUNCH BREAK



DESCRIPTION

Panel 3 - Industry leaders: refrigeration innovations and technology solutions for well-being and climate sustainability

This panel will feature industry leaders (sponsors) discussing current trends and innovations in refrigeration to deliver on health, food, energy security and decarbonisation.

- Representatives from: Carrier Global Corporation, Chereau, Daikin Industries, Danfoss Climate Solutions, International Institute of All-Natural Refrigerants, Sofrigam

COFFEE BREAK

A short break for refreshments, networking and exploring the historical exhibition.

Panel 4 - International cooperation: strengthening the science, industry and policy nexus to ensure resilient, accessible and sustainable refrigeration

This panel will feature representatives from international organisations to discuss ongoing efforts, as part of the collective action, to ensure accessible, affordable, inclusive and sustainable refrigeration infrastructure and applications.

- Representatives from international organisations including: COP14/MOP37 President, FAO, MLF, IFC, WOA, WHO (TBC)

CLOSING REMARKS

Highlighting the key takeaways and future steps for sustainable refrigeration.

Closing Address by United Nations Environment Programme (TBC) and the President General Conference, International Institute of Refrigeration (TBC).

NETWORKING COCKTAIL

“Your presence would be highly valued by the organisation, and we believe that this event will provide an exceptional opportunity for meaningful discussions, knowledge exchange, and strengthened partnerships.” **Yosr Allouche, IIR Director General**

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Historical photo gathering the world refrigeration pioneers at the International Congress of Refrigeration, Washington 1975



Historical photo of the IIR Executive Committee meeting at the International Congress of Refrigeration, Washington 1975