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Arlington, VA (June 18, 2010) -- The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), which serves as the Secretariat for the International Council of Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Manufacturers’ Associations (ICARHMA) is pleased to announce leadership appointments of two of its ICARHMA members. The Brazilian Association for HVACR (ABRAVA) announced that ABRAVA Associated Members have appointed Mr. Samoel Vieira de Souza as the President of ABRAVA Administrative Council and Board of Directors for a three-year period. The Korea Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Industry Association (KRAIA) announced that the KRAIA Board unanimously appointed Mr. Hwanyong Nho as Chairman of KRAIA at the General Meeting.

Mr. Samoel, who is currently President of air-conditioning company CACR Engenharia e Instalações Ltda., will assume his operational position on July 1 2010. Mr. Hwanyong Nho, President & CEO, Air Conditioning Company of LG Electronics, became the KRAIA Chairman on June 1 2010.

AHRI President and CEO Stephen Yurek congratulated Mr. Nho and Mr. Samoel. “AHRI highly values the partnership with these organizations, and with other ICARHMA members, especially in a period when the industry faces many global challenges,” said Yurek. “It especially welcomes leaders who will continue the positive leadership that has been the hallmark of previous leaders of the two organizations.”

Those interested in learning more about ICARHMA should go to http://www.icarma.org or contact Jim Walters, AHRI Vice President, International Affairs.

About ICARHMA
ICARHMA is a organization of associations representing manufacturers of air conditioning and refrigeration and heating equipment in their respective countries. The Council, which currently includes members from Brazil, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, Korea, and the U.S., serves as a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the global air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating industry. ICARHMA members provide a valuable contribution to the global economy and to consumers world-wide.

About AHRI
The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) is the trade association representing manufacturers of air conditioning, heating and commercial refrigeration equipment. An internationally recognized advocate for the industry, AHRI develops standards for and certifies the performance of many of these products. AHRI’s 300 member companies account for more than 90 percent of the residential and commercial air conditioning, space heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment manufactured and sold in North America.