

AREA acts as a mediator between CHILLVENTA and IKK



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All stakeholders agree on the fact that there is room for only one international (European) and biennial major exhibition to complement the national and regional initiatives. Today, the conflicting situation created by the organization of two events in 2008, IKK and CHILLVENTA, gives a negative signal and generates a detrimental division among the relevant industrial partners.

The policy of AREA is to defend and develop the **unity** at the European level and represent and bring together the **refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump** installers as one professional community with its own identity and specificities.

We pay particular attention to the protection of the highest standards of quality and the need for the required qualifications, competencies and certification for the personnel and the companies involved in the operations that belong to our trade.

AREA has accepted the offer of VDKF, Verband Deutscher Kälte-Klima-Fachbetriebe e.V., to be named as an honorary sponsor of IKK 2008, as a mark of official recognition of its European representation of the RACHP contractors, the objectives that it pursues and the mission that it carries out.. This sponsorship was granted on a non exclusive basis.

The Board of our other German Member, BIV, Bundesinnungs Verband des Deutschen Kälteanlagenbauer Handwerks, has asked AREA to similarly become an honorary sponsor of CHILLVENTA.

BIV will hold an assembly on March 15, 2007 to debate about this question and if the demand is confirmed by the German Guilds, AREA will also accept their offer.

In its initiative of being a mediator between both parties, AREA has obtained from CHILLVENTA that the door is still open to VDKF, in order to work jointly on a viable solution in the coming three months.

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