



2008, Refrigeration Year

REFRIGERATION YEAR was launched on February 6, 2008, during Interclima, by Ambroise Guellec, European MP, former minister and President of the Sponsorship Committee. Numerous events will be held in 2008 in France and many countries worldwide, under the auspices of the International Institute of Refrigeration and the IIR, to celebrate Refrigeration Year:

- **In France**

An **international conference** will be held on **Thursday June 12, 2008** at UNESCO, Paris. It is entitled "100 years of History at the service of the development of refrigeration and its applications". See the programme: www.iifir.org.

A **centennial evening**, with the awarding of the Charles Tellier Medal and the IIR Medal of Merit on June 12, 2008, at UNESCO, Paris.

A **file for young people**, containing interactive CD-Rom presenting training programmes, university courses and accounts from former students, is being prepared by SNEFCCA and AGEFOS-PME.

An **"Open Day" operation**, making it possible for young people to get in touch with the professional sector, will be organized in numerous French locations (museums, manufacturing plants, research centres...).

A **70-page "Centennial Booklet"** will be soon published in French and English.

The **"Revue Générale du Froid"** will present in each 2008 issue files/articles dedicated to Refrigeration Year.

Strong visibility in the press: many specialized journals and trade journals have mentioned the Refrigeration Year.

- **Numerous countries worldwide will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Refrigeration:** The Netherlands, Czech Republic, China, Switzerland, Croatia, Poland, the United States, Korea, Morocco, Argentina, Serbia, Slovenia, and Japan...

In Russia, the first event of the year was a conference held in Saint Petersburg, on January 29 "One Hundred Years that Changed the World". After having presented the last 100 years, the conference focused on current and future challenges and technologies.

In The Netherlands, whose national refrigeration association (NvVK) is to celebrate its centennial and the IIR's centennials (www.nvvk.nl) with:

- a series of 1 ¾ h presentations at Delft University, on February 18, March 3 and March 17, on current refrigeration issues;
- a half-day seminar on May 21, dedicated to Kamerlingh Onnes, will take place in Leiden;
- a conference on September 23, followed by celebrations in Arnhem.

These conferences will be delivered in English and open to everyone.

Moreover, the Dutch Refrigeration Association has published a 60-page illustrated book, in Dutch, presenting the state of the art and uses of refrigeration in The Netherlands and the rest of the world. An English edition of a book about Kamerlingh Onnes, by Mr Dirk van Delft, *Freezing Physics* has also been published.

In the Czech Republic, an IIR conference, Cryogenics 2008, will be held in Prague on April 21-25, 2008. It will be introduced by a 1-hour session on the IIR's centennial, the centennial of the liquefaction of helium and the 50th anniversary of the liquefaction of helium in Czechoslovakia. To register, consult: www.icaris.info.

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