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IAPMO Rounds Out Its Reach With United Arab Emirates Office

Ontario, CA (July 20, 2006) | The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has added representation in the Middle East to its world presence. Hrair Arzuomanian has been retained as IAPMO's link to the area. Starting with the seven Emirates of the UAE, Arzuomanian will serve as liaison between IAPMO and the UAE, eventually expanding his territory into surrounding countries.

From a base office in Abu Dhabi, Arzuomanian will be interacting with architects, designers and contractors, as well as with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and various government municipalities. Though IAPMO's Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) has already been translated into Arabic, it is yet to be fully adopted as the area's standard. "Wider, exclusive use of the UPC can only benefit the UAE," stated IAPMO Executive Director GP Russ Chaney. "Currently, a confusing patchwork mix of UPC and European standards are guiding officials and industry."

With a background in the manufacturing side of the plumbing industry combined with extensive knowledge of code development, Arzuomanian is uniquely qualified to serve as IAPMO's representative in the Middle East. His familiarity with the area's culture and language will enable him to provide support for the UPC, as to introduce the product certification programs available through IAPMO R&T.

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