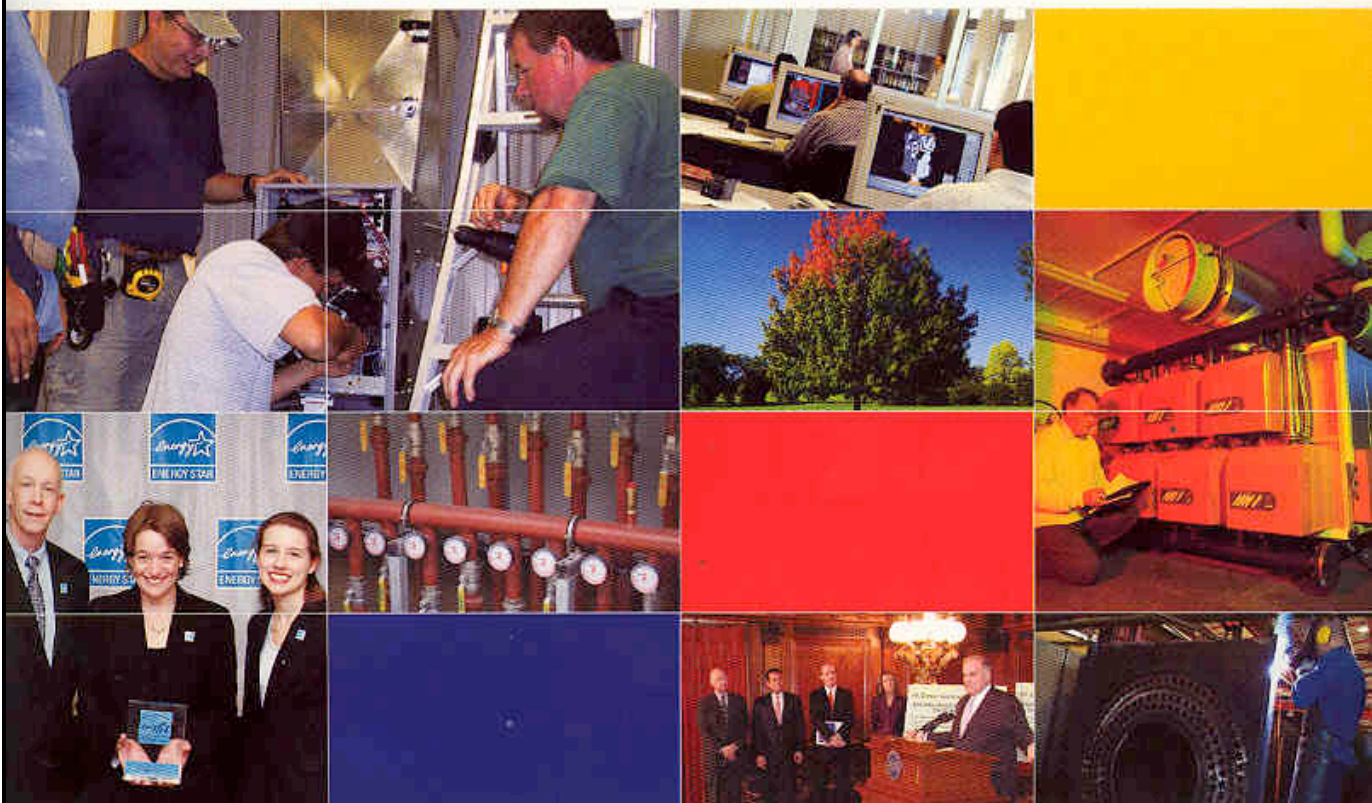


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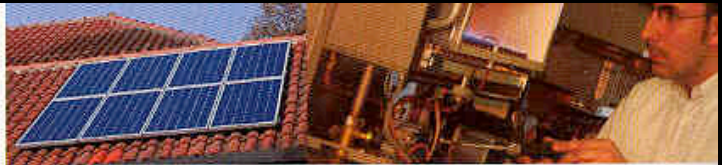
Energy Association

The Association of over 50 manufacturers and organisations setting the agenda for energy in industry and commerce





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75 YEARS OF CHANGE

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Association. The name may have been logical but not exactly one to trip off the tongue!

BCEMA

A further seven Presidents served between '68 and '86 when James Findlay was appointed and he oversaw a further change of name to BCEMA, the British Combustion Equipment Manufacturers' Association. George Foster was then appointed as President of BCEMA and subsequently seven further presidents held the post between '89 and 2002 when James Findlay took the reins once more.

At this point it would be remiss not to mention the association Director and Secretary Frank Hughes who ran the association for almost 10 years and on retirement was appointed an Honorary Life Member, reflecting the exemplary service he provided for the association and to its member companies.

BOGFEMA

On that day in 1933 the Royal Edition of The Times carried an advert for Beeston domestic boilers. The company became an association member some years later. Over the next four years, three further Presidents took office until the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939. Robert Sutton was appointed on 21st September 1944 towards the end of the war and there was a gap for a few years until, on 7th May 1952, Alfred Dobbs was appointed. Four further Presidents took office until on 15th May 1968 when George Foster was appointed as the first President of a now renamed association – BOGFEMA, the British Oil and Gas Firing Equipment Manufacturers'

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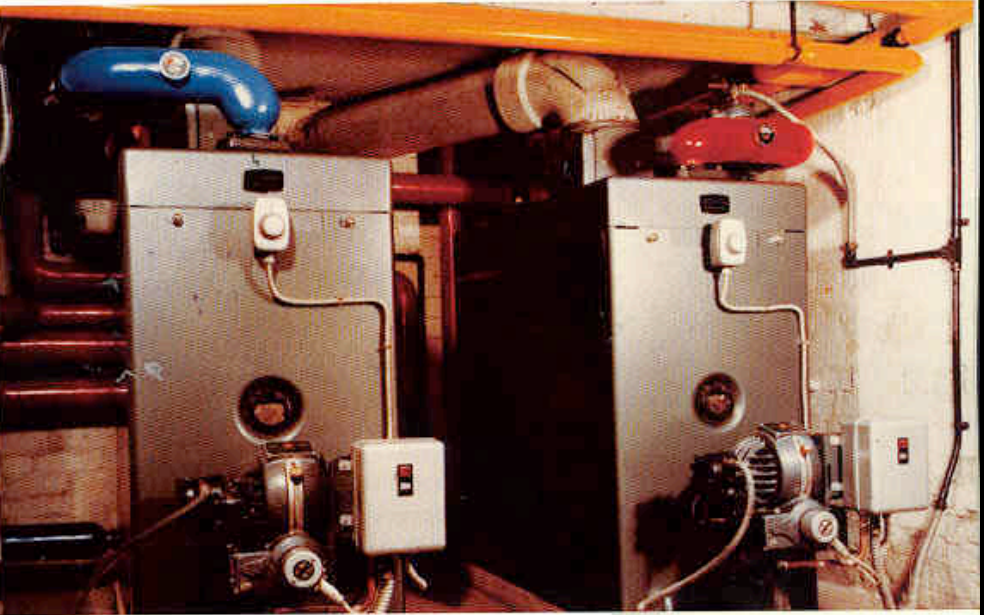
The association was founded on 29th December in 1933 and named BOBMA, which stood for the British Oil Burners Manufacturers' Association and the registered office was located at 69 Cannon Street, London EC4. Francis Herbert Horton of G N Haden & Sons was the first president and was appointed to the post on 21st February the following year. His vice president was Reginald Lancelot Nash who was at the time a director of The Clyde Fuel System Ltd.



Frank Hughes was followed by Alan Silvester as Director and during his term of office BCEMA was approached by the Association of Shell Boiler Manufacturers which was incorporated to create a new sector for Industrial Boiler Manufacturers and Importers (IBG). Around the same time the UK Commercial Boiler Group (UKCBG) was formed as a spin-off from the British Radiator Manufacturers' Association, which was run by METCOM, a trade confederation that BCEMA was a member of at the time. Both IBG and UKCBG then established themselves at the centre of association activities.

SBGI and EHI

As an increasing number of member companies were importers and as the importance of the European Economic Community became clear, the association joined the Association of European Heating Industries (EHI). This was and still is a joint membership with



SBGI (the Society of British Gas Industries) and membership of EHI has in recent years become extremely important as British legislation wanes and European Union Directives and Regulations become entrenched in our laws.

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As a result of this additional activity and the increased number of member companies, in 2004 the association decided it was time once again to reflect the changes taking place within the industry and ICOM Energy Association (Industrial & Commercial Energy Association) was formed. It is a major decision for a well established trade association to alter its name as, once established,

it becomes synonymous with the industry with which it is associated.

As part of the decision to change the name, the whole structure of the organisation was altered to ensure that the service provided to the expanding number of member companies is the service they rightly deserved.

This expansion enabled the association to appoint additional staff and over the last four years the association has ensured that it has been more active in many more sectors than ever before and taken its rightful role connecting with government bodies and related trade associations.

After a short period of discussions in the Spring of 2005, Council agreed that the association would benefit from being co-located with SBGI at their Leamington Spa offices and in September of that



year the close association with SBGI and in particular the domestic heating sector HHIC (Heating and Hotwater Industry Council) commenced.

This co-location has proved to be very beneficial for the association, and in particular in relation to our connections with EHI, and also by both associations taking a joint approach over impending EU legislation.

In June 2007 David Hughes was appointed as technical director designate in preparation to take over from





Alan Silvester when he retired in August of that year. This enabled a smooth transition and at the end of 2007 David was duly appointed Technical Director.

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Active groups

ICOM Energy Association currently has active groups covering Air & Radiant Heating, Controls and Components, Direct Fired Water Heaters, Industrial Boilers, Industrial Process & Packaged Burners, and Commercial Heating. Though it only has around 50 companies within its membership in the majority of its sectors, it represents in excess of 90% of the UK market.

OFTEC

Having started out as a trade association to represent the oil burner manufacturers in the UK the association moved with the times and as North Sea natural gas came on stream so manufacturers offered equipment tailored for that fuel. In 1991 OFTEC (the Oil Firing Technical Association) was formed to provide a service for the increasing number of domestic oil fired boilers in the market. Over the last few years BCEMA and subsequently ICOM E A has worked closely with OFTEC and in 2008 commenced a joint project to investigate whether a liquid biofuel mix could be made compatible with existing oil burners in

both the domestic and commercial heating sectors. This project and the outcome is essential to ensure that the oil firing market is allowed to continue to exist as increasing demands are made for renewable fuels to be used for heating purposes. This year-long project has commenced with laboratory trials of a wide variety of biofuel mixes (including waste cooking oil) and will then move to year-long trials with around 30 appliances in schools and social housing under the control of Norfolk County Council. Finally tests will compare the efficiencies of the successful bioheating oil with kerosene in the laboratories of BSRIA. Participants in the project will then be provided with the full results to ensure their products are fully compatible and take advantage of the ever-increasing renewables market.

CEA

Many member companies and individuals are also members of the CEA (Combustion Engineers Association) and both associations work together whenever possible to mutual advantage. The CEA recently developed the Boiler Operative Accreditation Scheme and it is hoped that later in 2008 both organisations will work together to develop a training scheme for commissioning and service engineers within the Industrial Boiler sector.

Building Regulations

Building Regulations in the commercial sector continue

to tighten, to ensure new and existing buildings reduce the use of fossil fuels. This trend is set to continue until 2019, when all new commercial buildings must be carbon neutral. What a challenge! How seriously will that neutrality be calculated? The creation of the materials; the transportation to site; the energy used while the construction takes place? One of the major questions is who accounts for the energy used by the occupants and their services such as canteen facilities. Association members will have to upgrade their products to match and exceed the major changes which are a very few years away.

All change

One thing is certain – the association and its member companies will be serving a very different market in the years to come. This is an immense challenge which I am confident both our members and ICOM Energy Association will rise to in the coming years. The speed of change has increased every decade and this one is no exception.

To conclude: we are very grateful to all the contributors to this special 75th Anniversary booklet. I trust that you will enjoy reading the very varied contents and that it provokes some serious thought about the future.

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