



AGA NewsFlash

AGA Industry Forum - 24th November 2016

As previously reported in NewsFlash, the 2016 AGA Industry Forum will be held on Thursday 24th November at "Oaks on Collins" commencing with a Welcome Dinner on the evening of Wednesday 23rd November. At the Welcome Dinner you will be able to meet with international guests from United Kingdom, Japan, Korea, China and Nth America, as well as many distinguished Australian Speakers and delegates.

We are honoured to have Mr Paul Fearon, Victorian Sate Regulator and the Director of Energy Safe Victoria to officially open the Forum and senior executives from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to outline the obligations of suppliers, retailers and manufacturers under Australian Consumer Legislation.

Mr Andrew Brown, from GS1 Australia is a specialist in product recalls and he will outline some proven strategies for avoiding the circumstances that result in product recalls, as well as outlining strategies that can be adopted to effectively manage product recalls should the need arise.

Mr Enzo Alfonsetti, Manager Type A Gas Appliance & Component Safety will outline forthcoming changes to gas safety regulations. These developments are very important and will have implications for your business and we urge you to attend the Forum to ensure that your company is aware of and prepared for these changes.

Mr Graham McKay CEng MIGEM, Global Head of Electrical & Gas Products, BSI will tell us about the regulatory requirements for gas appliances in Europe and also the proposed changes to the Gas Appliance Directive and transition arrangements as Europe introduces new Gas Appliance Regulations in early 2017.

Senior executives from the Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA) will provide an overview of the regulatory framework for gas appliances in Japan and the strategies adopted to manage quality assurance.

Mr Bruce Deng, Operations Manager, Guangzhou PR China, CSA Group will outline the quality assurance measures and post-certification product surveillance measures adopted by CSA to assist manufacturers and suppliers meet and maintain the highest possible levels of product conformity.

Senior executives from the Korea Gas Safety Corporation (KGS) will explain the importance of quality assurance during manufacturing and how Korean manufacturers work closely with KGS to ensure the highest level of production quality and safety outcomes.

Other presentations include new and emerging technologies that are being developed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and certification requirements for butane gas cartridges.

There has been unprecedented interest in the Forum so please register soon to secure your place. The Registration Form can be downloaded from our website www.aga.asn.au or you can contact AGA's Mrs Kristy Stanley (Tel: [+61 3 9580 4500](tel:+61395804500) or Email: kstanley@aga.asn.au) and she will arrange registration for you. For those who require accommodation Mrs Stanley can arrange hotel accommodation at discounted rates at Oaks on Collins, 480 Collins St Melbourne Victoria. Register now and we look forward to seeing you at the Forum.



2017 Gas Appliance Certification Meeting (GACM) of the Asia Pacific Region

The Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA) will host the 10th GACM in Tokyo in October 2017. In preparation, JIA convened a meeting of the GACM Steering Committee which met on 12th & 13th October in Osaka, Japan. Senior delegates from the GACM member countries and regions of the Asia-Pacific attended the meeting and prepared the program for the 10th GACM which is designed to create a better understanding of regulatory and certification requirements in the Asia-Pacific region. This will enable member organisations to understand the regulatory differences in the countries of our region and find ways to smooth the product certification processes to enhance trade opportunities whilst maintaining the highest possible safety standards. The GACM will also consider new and emerging technologies and measures for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by using gas appliances such as m-CHP, fuel cell and advancements in condensing boilers. Managing Director and CEO, Mr Chris Wealthy represented AGA at the Steering Committee Meeting and will present a paper at the 10th GACM next year. Other organisations represented at the meeting included:



- China Quality Supervision & Testing Centre for Gas Appliances (CGAC)
- Electrical & Mechanical Services Department of Hong Kong (EMSD)
- Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA)
- Korea Gas Safety Corporation (KGS)
- Quality Testing Services (QTS) – Hong Kong
- Taiwan Gas Appliance Research and Development Centre

The meeting was very successful and we take this opportunity to thank JIA for the excellent organisation and warm hospitality extended to delegates.



AGA Welcomes New NATA Chairman

Dr Geoff Hogg was appointed as the next Chair to succeed Mr Alastair Ross at the Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) held on 18th October. Mr Ross has had a distinguished career with NATA spanning over twenty years and was elected to the Board in 2003 and served as Chairman since 2011.

Dr Hogg was the Director of the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit, Public Health Laboratory at the University of Melbourne and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Dr Hogg was elected to the Board in 2008 and served as Chair of the Board's Audit and Risk Committee until 2011. Dr Hogg has a long and extensive association with NATA as an assessor for Medical Testing and as an Authorised Representative for Medical, Veterinary and Biological laboratories.



AGA welcomes Dr Hogg's appointment and wish him every success in his new role.

AGA Laboratory R&D Assistance

Laboratory testing can be a daunting process for some customers. Unforeseen issues frequently arise during the course of testing to requirements of applicable Standards or in initial development of an appliance or component.



The AGA laboratory has a team of highly capable testing engineers with a wealth of knowledge and experience that they are more than happy to share in order to make the testing process run as smoothly as possible and get your products on the market in a timely fashion.

The laboratory has its own workshop in which prototype components can be fabricated or modified to assist with product development and testing. The laboratory also has a dedicated training area in which your appliance can be setup and run so that you can see first-hand any testing issues that arise enabling you to discuss and work with AGA engineers to determine the optimum solution to problems. R&D testing can be provided on an hourly rate basis or at a fixed quoted figure if the scope of the testing is known.

For more information please contact our Laboratory Manager Dennis Karafotias: dkarafotias@aga.asn.au

AGA Annual General Meeting of AGA Members

The 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Australian Gas Association will be held on Monday 28th November 2016 at AGA's Head Office, located at 66 Malcolm Rd Braeside Victoria 3195. A formal Notice of Meeting and associated documentation will be sent to all the Members. A light lunch will be served after the meeting which will provide an excellent networking opportunity. Don't forget to mark this date in your calendar.



Latest Standards Updates



The Standards for "Indirect Gas-Fired Ducted Air Heaters" (AS/NZS 5263.1.6) and "Decorative Effect Gas Appliances" (AS/NZS AS 5263.1.8) were published on 6th October 2016. In conjunction with AS 5263.0, these now replace AS 4556-2011 and AS 4558-2011 respectively. Accordingly, all Certifications under these Standards must now be updated. Please contact your Client Manager for more information.

AGA Customers please note: The AGA NewsFlash will be an important way that we communicate with you about issues that affect your certifications. This would include changes relating to our services as well as changes in respect of the regulatory framework within which we operate. Please do not unsubscribe to this email service unless you are confident that you have other ways of keeping informed.