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## Statement from the Incoming Director General of the IIR

As the incoming Director General of the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), I am honoured to invite participants from around the world to the 8<sup>th</sup> IIR Conference on Cryogenics which will be held in April 7 – 11, 2025, in Prague (Czech Republic). This event promises to be a remarkable gathering of experts, researchers, and professionals dedicated to advancing the cryogenics field. Our shared goal is to enhance the efficiency, sustainability, and overall impact of these technologies for the benefit of society while taking care of the environment.

The IIR has always been committed to fostering collaboration and innovation, transcending borders and bridging diverse perspectives. It is important to underscore that the IIR, as a global organisation, operates independently of political tensions and conflicts that may exist in certain regions. Our conferences and network remain open to all who are passionate about contributing to the advancement of the refrigeration and heat pumps field, regardless of nationality, background, or geopolitical circumstances.

We extend a warm welcome to all participants, and we deeply value the rich diversity of experiences and insights that each of you brings to our community. However, I must highlight that the process of obtaining visas for entry into the host country, in this case, the Czech Republic, is governed by the policies of the respective national authorities.

While the IIR and the local organising committee will do everything within our power to support your participation, we cannot influence visa decisions or processes. We encourage you to initiate your visa applications as early as possible and to seek guidance from your local embassies or consulates if needed.

The IIR Cryogenics 2025 conference in Prague is not just an opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas but also to strengthen the global network that drives our sector forward.

I look forward to seeing many of you there and to the fruitful discussions that will undoubtedly emerge from this unique gathering.

Thank you, and I wish you all the best in your preparations.

Incoming (October 2024) Director General Dr.-Ing Yosr Allouche

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