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## **International RIMA Meeting a Success!**

In November 2006 the Reflective Insulation Manufacturers Association (RIMA) announced they were going global in an effort to meet the needs of reflective insulation manufacturers throughout the world. An initial meeting was held in October 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia; with a second meeting being held April 19-20 in Paris, France.

With seven countries represented in 2006, RIMA was pleased to welcome many more to the Paris event. Companies from Germany, Luxembourg, Israel, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Canada, United Kingdom, Argentina, Costa Rica, United States and France participated sharing information on various testing methods, code challenges and visions for the future. Guest speakers included:

- Mike Boulding, TVM Building Products, RIMA President
- Dr. David Yarbrough, R&D Services, Inc.
- Bernard Abraham, CSTB (Centre Scientifique et Technique Du Batiment)
- Brian Tikey, Air-Cell Insulation, AFIA President (Australian Foil Insulation Association)
- Ludovic Lauwers, Actis S.A.
- Alain Leluan, SFIRMM Chairman (Syndicat des Fabricants d'isolants Reflecteurs Minces Multicouches)

RIMA's membership currently includes companies from all over the world; however, until recently, RIMA has only focused on issues facing North American companies. Because of the growing interest from companies in other parts of the world, RIMA will now be expanding to develop the I-RIMA Committee within the association and better represent the needs and interest of our international membership. The next meeting of the I-RIMA Committee will take place October 27, 2007, in Tampa, Florida, in conjunction with the full RIMA membership meeting held the following day. The I-RIMA committee meeting will be for RIMA committee members and international companies who are considering membership. Guests will be welcome to attend the membership meeting on the 28th. If you have an interest in participating in this event, contact the RIMA office.

RIMA looks forward to growing the industry by working to develop more uniform methods of testing via involvement with the various international code and regulatory bodies and by providing more educational information and resources to reflective insulation and radiant barrier companies around the world.

The Reflective Insulation Manufacturer's Association is a group of dedicated people working together to propagate the knowledge and use of reflective insulations and radiant barriers. RIMA has been the major force in establishing fair ASTM standards for testing and installation procedures. RIMA welcomes all who are interested in promoting and directing the growth of the industry.