

BESA congratulates new IOR president Graeme Fox

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The Building Engineering Services Association (BESA) has congratulated its technical director Graeme Fox on becoming the President of the Institute of Refrigeration (IoR).

Fox was announced as the winner of a members' vote at the Institute's AGM last year and took over from Mike Creamer at yesterday's [IOR AGM](#).

A chartered engineer with more than 30 years' experience in the sector, Fox ran his own air conditioning contracting business for 25 years before joining BESA as head of technical at the UK's main F-Gas register REFCOM in 2016. He became head of technical for the whole BESA Group in 2020 and was promoted to technical director last month.

He is a Fellow of the IoR and was president of AREA, the European contractors' body, from 2010 to 2014. He has been working with the United Nations to develop a 'Refrigerant Drivers' Licence' scheme to help developing nations establish safety and competency criteria for refrigerant handling, which will be launched next year.

"This is a major accolade and is further evidence of just how highly respected Graeme is among his peers," said BESA chief executive David Frise. "He brings huge experience and practical expertise to the role so will be a great asset to the Institute.

"Our members and the wider industry continue to benefit from his in-depth knowledge of the technical aspects of building engineering services as well as his ability to analyse and explain legislation and complex guidance," he added.

“Graeme has also never been scared to voice an opinion, so I look forward to seeing him championing issues on behalf of the industry with the weight of both BESA and the IoR behind him.”