

# ASHRAE Chicago Meeting Activities Report

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As a recipient of the ASHRAE College of Fellows (CoF) Travel Award, I was privileged to attend the 2012 semi-annual ASHRAE meeting in Chicago, IL. This was the second of two meetings I attended with the support of this award. I was again invited to attend the CoF meeting where I met several ASHRAE Fellows. Following the CoF meeting, I was treated to lunch by Dr. Charles Culp, who discussed future opportunities, offered advice, and answered questions related to beginning a career as an academic faculty member.

At the ASHRAE Chicago meeting, I also attended technical talks related to my research, participated in technical committee meetings, and networked with professionals in the building industry at a company dinner. By attending the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) social events I was able to meet other engineers beginning their careers and discuss the challenges and opportunities in the field. I participated in technical committee meetings on sound and vibration control, which directly relates to my research interests, wherein I was able to note the areas of research that ASHRAE plans to pursue and consider how I might contribute in the future. I also continued my involvement in ASHRAE by serving as the Standards Subcommittee Chair for the Technical Committee on Sound and Vibration Control.

In summary, I benefitted greatly from both the financial and mentoring support provided by the ASHRAE College of Fellows Travel Award. This unique award has helped enable me to begin a research career in the building systems design field, and I plan to continue my involvement in ASHRAE for the next several years.