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## **Richard J. Prospal, ASSE International Past President, Re-elected to World Plumbing Council Executive Board**

**Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 22, 2011** — On Sept. 7, 2011, Richard J. Prospal, International Past President of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), was re-elected to serve on the World Plumbing Council's (WPC) Executive Board. This election took place at the conclusion of WPC's business meeting, the opening event of the 9th Triennial Conference, held Sept. 7-11, 2011 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Prospal's first term on the WPC Executive Board began in 2009 when he was elected, by postal ballot among Full Members, to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the WPC has over 100 member organizations from more than 24 countries. The mission of the WPC is "to unite the world plumbing industry and promote the role of plumbing in improving public health and safeguarding the environment."

Prospal has over 45 years of experience in the plumbing and mechanical field. His career began in 1964 as a plumber apprentice with Local Union #55 in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his professional career, he worked as a plumber, estimator, project manager and contractor for Reliance Mechanical Corp., a company that has worked on some of the largest projects in Northern Ohio and averaged over \$100 million in sales during his last 10 years of employment. Prospal retired as Vice President of Plumbing Operations in 2003.

Prospal has been a member ASSE since 1981 and has served on several committees, including the ASSE Product Standards Committee (past Chairman), the ASSE Scholarship Committee (founding and current Chairman) and the ASSE Scald Awareness Task Group (current Chairman). In 2009, he served as the Society's International President. Prospal has delivered numerous presentations and has published many articles and papers, including the WPC's "Environmental Aspects of Plumbing," which he co-authored with Blane Judd (UK).

The 2011-2013 WPC Executive Board is chaired by GP Russ Chaney (USA), CEO of The IAPMO Group. Joining Chaney and Prospal on the Executive Board are: Deputy Chairman Sudhakaran Nair (India), Honorary Secretary/Treasurer Hans Tiedemann (Canada) and Directors Hua Mingjiu (China), Elmar Esser (Germany) and Shayne La Combre (Australia).

"Being elected as a Director of the World Plumbing Council is a tremendous honor for me and for ASSE," said Prospal. "To be an active part of such a prestigious group and have the ability to bring the ideals and principles of our motto, 'Prevention Rather Than Cure,' to the entire world's plumbing community is simply awesome. The goals of the two organizations are very similar; to protect the health of the world and to spread the word of the importance of good plumbing practices."

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### **About the World Plumbing Council**

Established in 1990 and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the WPC maintains NGO status with the World Health Organization and carries out a mission to unite the world plumbing industry and promote its role in improving public health and safeguarding the environment. For more information, visit <http://www.worldplumbing.org>