## SPEAKER INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Event: Technical Track "Alignment Through Collaboration" Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

## Ralph Suppa

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Ralph Suppa has played a key role in the development of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) programs and services since joining the association in 1988. He has worked closely with industry members, allied North American associations and government to help establish uniformity and harmonization of codes and standards. Mr. Suppa has also been instrumental in collaborating with allied associations including Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI), in an effort to establish memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to enhance common North American goals such as training, regulations and codes related support. He was appointed president and general manager in 2002.

During his career with CIPH, Mr. Suppa has managed key councils and committees within the organization and was instrumental for the inhouse management of the Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) and the Canadian Association of Pump Manufacturers (CAPM).

Mr. Suppa has also played a key role in combining Canadian trade shows as they relate to the plumbing, heating, cooling, piping and electrical the lighting industry.

A dedicated association executive, Mr. Suppa holds the certified association executive (CAE) designation from the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE). He is currently vice chairman of the National Association of Wholesaler Distributors Institute (NAW) Board of Directors.