
SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Ralph Suppa is senior advisor to the CEO of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) and has played a key role in developing programs and services since joining the association in 1988. He was appointed president and general manager in 2002 and has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 2023.

He has worked closely with industry members, allied North American associations and government to help establish uniformity and harmonization of codes and standards. Ralph has also been instrumental in collaborating with allied associations, including Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI), to establish memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to enhance common North American goals such as training, regulations, and codes-related support.

During his career with CIPH, Ralph has managed key councils and committees within the organization and was instrumental in the in-house management of the Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) and the Canadian Association of Pump Manufacturers (CAPM).

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

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