



**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND
GLOBAL EXCHANGE(IRGE)
COMMITTEE TRANSITION
REPORT
2017 - 2019**

By: Saeed Hajarizadeh, Committee Chair

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- **IRGE Presence at International Events**

Under the direction of Chair Saeed Hajarizadeh and Vice-Chair Alan Zais, the International Research and Global Exchange (IRGE) committee members have attended and participated in several international events during this term to learn about housing and community development best practices from our international partners around the world.

Committee members have actively worked to sustain NAHRO's prominence as a leader in the affordable housing and community development industry by representing the United States and NAHRO at international events. In 2018, committee member Betsy Morris presented at the 2018 INTA Congress and in 2019, committee member Laurie Putscher represented NAHRO on a panel with other expert advisors who addressed how to recreate value and renew residential attractiveness in St. Fons, France. In addition, Chair Hajarizadeh attended the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association's (CHRA) conference in April 2019 in Victoria, British Columbia.

IRGE members also played a key role in the preparation and planning meetings for NAHRO's 2019 hosted event, "International Forum on Housing and Community Development," in Austin, TX, October 12-14, that followed the National Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio.

- **IRGE Presence at NAHRO Conferences**

Finally, in an effort to strengthen NAHRO's role as a thought-leader and to continue discussions relating to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, as well as participate in World Urban Forums and exchanges, IRGE successfully presented a session at the 2018 National Conference and will also present a session at the upcoming 2019 Conference on "How Your Housing Work Impacts the Global Community."