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The AQMRC at UWE, Bristol has played a significant role over the last seven years in the development and implementation of the UK Local Air Quality Management Regime. Over the last two years, we have increasingly applied our expertise to air quality management issues in other countries and even continents. Key activities have included participation in the European INTEGAIRE project, developing best-practice guidelines on AQM and sustainable urban governance within Europe, an EU part-funded project training Bangkok Metropolitan Administration in Air Quality Management techniques, and participation in workshops at Better Air Quality 2003 a very large pan-Asian conference on AQM. These activities have been undertaken as a two-way process so that AQM experiences in other parts of the world can be compared with those in the UK. Even within the UK, it has become very apparent that suitable techniques vary radically between locations, this is even more true between continents. However, what has surprised us is the extent to which the same key problems rise over and over again, no matter where you are. This paper will look at the key differences and similarities between the applicability of AQM techniques in the UK, Europe and Asia. Core differences in the problems faced will be analysed along with a look at some of the cultural differences, which have lead to some pollution reduction measures being implemented far more successfully in Asia than in Europe and vice versa.