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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE & RESCUE



Thank you Austria!

The Delegate’s Assembly 2017



and the 16th International Fire Brigade Competition in Villach, Austria

Was a success!

32 countries attended the Delegate’s conference.

Several interesting presentations were made, also by the Most recently acceded Member States; Iran and The Democratic Republic of Korea.

The new Financial Procedures and Regulation was adopted and The Delegates decided to **upgrade the Volunteer Firefighter’s Working Group to a Commission.**

The motto for the 16th International Fire Brigade Competitions and the 21st International Youth Fire Brigade Gathering of the CTIF from 9 to 16 July 2017 was „Villach on Fire“. The city of Villach and the Austrian Federal Fire Brigade Association managed to create excellent conditions for the three competitions and scoring groups:

- the Traditional International Fire Brigade Competitions (150 teams)
- the International Fire Brigade Sporting Competitions (27 teams) and Euro NCAP,
- the International Competitions for Cadet-Corps of Fire Brigades (59 teams) More info:

<http://www.villachonfire.at/>

Some of the Presentations held at Delegate’s Assembly:

Grenfell Tower Fire

- The issues as we know them today:
 - Fire caused by “exploding” refrigerator
 - Fire services had extinguished the interior fire was then discovered
 - Exterior fire spread
 - Rapid exterior fire spread
 - Interior staircase was compromised



Interesting statement

From Euro NCAP 2025 Roadmap:

“Rescue services require detailed but readily-understood information regarding the construction of individual vehicles to extricate trapped occupants as quickly and safely as possible”.

Euro NCAP in collaboration with CTIF, will support the timely availability of ISO 17840 compliant rescue sheets (ISO 17840-1:2015, 2015), consider the best options to centralise and maintain a database and have information available on the vehicle. (for instance, a standardised ID

tag with a link to the database).



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Some of the recent international activities



CTIF is participating in different events in China.

Dennis Davis attended **Fire Expo 2017 in Shanghai** on 8 November on behalf of CTIF and made a presenta-

tion about High Rise Fire Safety. Other organisations represented were: Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), CFPA-Asia, China Hong Kong FPA, Malaysia FPA, Indonesian Fire & Rescue Foundation, Indonesian Fire & Rescue Foundation.

5th International Conference: Structural Firefighting Olsztyn, Poland 23-24 October 2017

President Eriksson and Vice President Ole Hansen attended the conference and made presentations about CTF.



There were also some interesting discussions about setting up

a new special **CTIF group for structural fires and Fire behaviour.**



Firefighter's Health:

Groundbreaking research shows Ottawa firefighters absorb harmful chemicals through skin:



<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/groundbreaking-research-shows-ottawa-firefighters-absorb-harmful-chemicals-through-skin>

The work environment is getting more and more dangerous and also toxic.

CTIF and the Health Commission has a lot of work to do. We are going to restart the group and we are looking for interested delegates.

You will get more information directly during the spring and also to and through your

National CTIF Committee.



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Since 2016 the CTIF Hazmat Commission has after a long time ago, again a membership in the **UN ECOSOC**



sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG).

This sub-committee is the highest authority for TDG, in order

to ensure consistency between all regulatory systems. The United Nations has developed mechanisms for the harmonization of hazard classification criteria and



hazard communication tools (GHS) as well as for transport conditions for all modes for transport.

In the past we had a working group for the future of the different systems for labeling of dangerous goods and the hazard identification numbers. With this we will continue to get more useful guidance for our firefighters.

The possible new identification number code should allow them to start and sustain safe actions at an hazmat incident, minimize danger to themselves and to other persons and the environment. The new guidance should be for the initial stage until more valid and detailed information becomes available.

On the otherside we started bilateral conversations with the United Nations headquarters in Vienna and Geneva for the Security and Safety Services.

Our plan is to get the whole United Nations Security and Safety Service as a associated member to our CTIF family with advantages for both. The UN get a powerful source of knowledge, they can use worldwide for questions of fire and disaster management, for the CTIF easier contact to non member countries.



Autumn Executive Meeting Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Autumn EC meeting was held during the weekend 15th—16th of December at the training center in Ig.



The new CTIF Secretary **Neža Strmole** has started her work at the CTIF Office and participated in the meeting.



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