

# **CTIF MEETING**

## **- THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION**

**Day: Monday: From 7.6.2010, 14.00-16.00h to Tuesday 8.6.2010, 10.00-12.00h**

**Place: Center Leipzig, Messe-Allee 1, 04356 Leipzig, seminar room 6/7, level +2**

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### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The chair of the Fire Prevention commission Matti Orrainen opened the meeting at 14:00. President of the CTIF Walter Egger visited the meeting and thanked everyone of their outstanding work in the field of fire prevention.

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2. Minutes from Ostrava meeting 21.-22.7.2009

- AJ commented that his proposal is available now.
- GW-V asked for the statistics for the fire deaths, MO will send them.
- Ostrava minutes are available at [www.ctif.fi](http://www.ctif.fi) > Activities > Fire Prevention > Minutes. Leipzig minutes will be published at the same address.

3. Reports from different activities/meetings

- Ratified guidelines are available at [www.cfpa-e.org](http://www.cfpa-e.org) > Ratified guidelines (MO).

4. Proposal for Handbook: Tactical information about buildings (IL)

Draft for Info Card CTIF Guideline. General idea is to inform the fire brigades into what kind of building they are entering and what kind of situation may be waiting. Buildings possessing e.g. special protection systems or cultural values require an info card. In Finland all buildings don't necessarily have one. Card would help also fire inspectors to operate. Discussion:

- Which buildings require an info card? Should there be one general or different cards (e.g. tactical and inspective cards)?
- What should be the minimum content of the information? See e.g. Luxemburg model ETARE no 10 041.
- Alternative solutions: paper or computer data base?
- Future development ideas, e.g. PARK project?
- IL presented two proposals and asks for idea exchange.
- IL presented also the inquiry. E.g. Russia has training for employers and fire brigades concerning special (public) buildings.
- AJ told that building owner has to deliver a plan for fire brigades. This fire safety plan is different than evacuation plan. Plan shows e.g. fire loads, electrical cables, hazardous materials, fire partitions, access routes, fire fighter tactical access etc. Problem is that building owner doesn't usually update it.
- ZH told that they have a similar system for public buildings but fire fighters make the plans themselves. Intervention control room is a new system (2008); ZH will send the cost analysis. Fire safety plans include employers training once a year. ZH will make a description about the procedure.

## 5. Proposal for Handbook: Evacuation drill (AJ)

How to work in evacuation drills. Fire safety engineering concerning evacuation from buildings (CFPA-E). Code is good and key terms can be used. Draft will follow as an attachment and includes e.g.

- Scope: basic rules for how to organise evacuation.
- Procedures: see also annex A (physiological effects if exposure to fire)
- Priorities
- Organisation and responsibilities
- Types of evacuation
- Evacuation drill

MO commented that the guideline helps fire fighters to inform building owners.

## 6. DVD

JW-V introduced the information film for fire brigades about sprinkler and gas extinguishing systems. The film is made by VdS, GDV and vfdb. Now in German only, other language versions may follow. JW-V will send the German text for subtitles.

## 7. How to prevent fires in the homes and reduce the number of fire deaths - discussion

Finland: new Rescue Act probably Jan 2011; obligatory smoke detectors; draft proposal – evacuation safety of hospitals, nursing care, sheltered housing and assisted living; CFPA E guideline no 6 and simple fire risk assessment; draft proposal – reform of fire inspection system; from April only self extinguishing cigarettes are on sale.

## 8. Cost analysis (questionnaire; will be done again by MO)

- ZH: Hungary is working on new safety regulation; builders are worried about the costs of new act.
- Portion of the fire safety in the whole of construction costs. AJ: Slovenia 3-7 %. ZH: Hungary 3 %. IL: Finland 1-2 %. MO: cost analysis is obligatory.
- AJ: MINAS book/cd for architects is very useful.
- NIST: Benefit-Cost Analysis of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.

## 9. Bulgarian Act 2010

Rumen Bogoev introduced the new fire safety requirements of the Republic of Bulgaria and share also other information for the meeting. The meeting congratulated Bulgaria of its notable work for fire prevention.

## 10. Next meeting

19 – 20 May, Slovenia.

## 11. Time limits until next meeting

- As discussed in the minutes.

- Comments for the AJ's draft no later than end of September to [ales.jug@guest.arnes.si](mailto:ales.jug@guest.arnes.si).
- IL will send examples of infocards in autumn. Comments before end of year. Example cards will be published in web 2011.