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FIGUK and Fire and related information sources

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Fire Information Group UK – FIGUK

- Established in 1988
- Information and technological exchange co-operative in the fire, loss prevention and resilience fields.
- FIGUK membership comprises information professionals, librarians, researchers, firefighters, fire and rescue services, forensic and fire investigators, fire information publishers and others, from a range of well respected organisations. See the [Directory of Members](http://www.figuk.org.uk/directory.html). www.figuk.org.uk/directory.html



FIGUK Members...

- benefit by being able to identify specific areas of expertise, industry contacts, printed and electronic published information and help in lobbying for better information provision in this important sector.
- exchange information on all aspects of fire technologies, developments and statistics.
- As technologies have developed FIGUK members have taken advantage of the various products and services that have been produced internationally and have been able to recommend to each other new sources as they emerged.



FIGUK Members...

- FIGUK's earlier publications such as the Directory, the Newsletter and Minutes were all print based - but for many years now have been available on FIGUK's own website www.figuk.org.uk
- Meet every six months to discuss new developments in members' areas of expertise. e.g. recently concerned with product recalls and fire
- A newsletter and minutes are produced after each meeting
- News items – are constantly transmitted to the FIGUK members -



FIGUK...International Links

- with inFIRE (international network of Fire Information and Reference Exchange)
www.infire.org – based in the USA and has members throughout Europe and also in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
- Over the years - collaborative international conferences with inFIRE - notably the 1st International Fire Information Conference held at Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, UK held on the 27 April - 1 May 1992 and the 2nd International Fire Information Conference, held at the Imperial Hotel, London, UK on 27 - 31 May 2002.



FIGUK welcomes new members

- FIGUK welcomes new members and there is a membership form on the website www.figuk.org.uk
- Alternatively please contact:
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Updating “Mind the Gap” - Worldwide Fire and related information

Talk will cover good news, bad news and concerns:

- Current coverage
 - legislation: UK, European, Rest of the World
- Public, private and commercial information
 - web sites
 - journals, magazines
 - value added services: print and electronic
- Centres and fire collections disappearing
- Recommendations
- Keeping-up-to-date



Information abounds.....

- **By 1900, it had taken 150 years to double all human knowledge.**
- *Twenty years ago information doubled every 15 to 20 years.*
- **In recent years took only 1-2 years, moved on double every 72 days, and according to new estimates – about every 12 hours. How does it make you feel?**

So Work Smarter not Harder.....

Use the technologies to get fire and related information and keep up with the latest trends and information!



Information abounds.....

- Increased access to large amount of validated and authoritative information sources – but warnings
- Keeping up with developments – information flowing in via many different pieces of equipment – can be confusing
How many different pieces do you have compared to last year? How much faster is it all? Choices are mind blowing!
- - better faster browsers
 - bigger capacity, faster personal equipment
 - technology more robust
 - mobile
 - variety of full text delivery, sgml, html, xml, pdf, word docs, photos, videos etc



Worldwide Fire and related information: legislation

- Legislation: UK Acts and Statutory Instruments now quickly available as published on www.legislation.gov.uk/browse
Acts from 1800 (partial) to-date & SIs from 1948 (partial) to-date
- Legislation: European Official Journal of the European Union Directives etc available daily on
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>
- Legislation: Rest of the World
www.worldlii.org
The World Legal Information Institute (WorldLII) - research facility developed collaboratively by Legal Information Institutes and other organisations.



Fire information Public, private and commercial information: web sites, journals, magazines, value added services: print and electronic

BELGIUM

www.wpi.edu/Academics/Library/InFire/anpi/anpi.html

ANPI - Belgium National Fire and Intrusion Protection Association gives brief details of the Information and Documentation Section, Publications and Seminars, Training, Control Activities and Laboratories

CANADA

<http://archive.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/programs/irc/fr.html>

Institute for Research in Construction Fire Risk Management research is assisting Canada's construction industry and concentrates on four areas: Active Fire Protection; Fire-Resistant Construction; Residential & Commercial Buildings; Industrial Buildings.

CANADA

www.jibc.bc.ca/fire

Justice Institute of British Columbia training in action for safer communities including fire training.



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FRANCE

www.ctif.org

CTIF have members from Europe and other countries around the world. Comité Technique International de prévention et d'extinction du Feu (CTIF), which was founded on August 16, 1900 in Paris as the Great International Council of Firefighters changed its name to International Technical Committee for the Prevention and Extinction of Fire in 1929, is involved in a wide range of activities including research and developing practices relating to preventative fire protection and firefighting. CTIF runs seminars, competitions and produce guidance.

UK

www.means-of-escape.com

Means of Escape online magazine addresses the key issues surrounding safe evacuation and the increasing importance of risk assessment and self regulation particularly in fire safety. Specific information on any aspect of risk assessment, or the five disciplines of fire safety are including in the articles database. The Discussion Forum helps to share knowledge, seek comment or answers from fire professionals



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■ www.figuk.org.uk

Fire Information Group is a UK based network of people working in fire industry as fire information specialists, consultants, fire and forensic experts.

■ www.thefpa.co.uk

The Fire Prevention Association is the national fire safety organisation in the UK, one of twenty similar bodies existing worldwide for the promotion of great fire safety. It is supported by the Association of British Insurers and Lloyd's. Offers training, advice, consultancy, and publishes the journal 'Fire Prevention' which disseminates information about the widest possible range of fire safety matters. It publishes other guidance, advice, recommendations, codes of practice and videos. Collects, analyses and publish statistics, identifying trends and promotes research.



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■ **www.bre.co.uk/frs**

Fire and Risk Sciences FRS of BRE Ltd is one of the largest fire testing laboratories in Europe, is the UK's leading multi-disciplinary centre for research based consultancy all aspects of fire safety/ security.

■ **www.ife.org.uk**

Institution of Fire Engineers site lists activities, publications, events and more news.

■ **www.fire.org.uk**

FireNet's extensive site contains What's New, Aviation Fire Journal, Information Exchange, including Bulletin Board System, Advice and links to national and international fire service departments.

■ **www.cfoa.org.uk/**

Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association CACFOA gives information for both members and non-members, FINDS database, information and links.



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■ **www.london-fire.gov.uk**

London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority covers: description of London Fire Brigade activities, first steps to becoming a firefighter, gallery of pictures, contacts and advice.

■ **www.bafe.org.uk**

British Approvals for Fire Equipment BAFE established to raise and maintain high standards of quality in active fire protection products and services. Firms registered with BAFE are all ISO 9000 certificated and have adopted one or more of BAFE registered schemes. Also contains news, resources and links to associated organisations.



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www.fabig.com

Fire and Blast Information Group FABIG site contains an wide range of information, activities, meetings.

www.fbu-ho.org.uk

Fire Brigades' Union UK represents all uniformed employees of local authority fire brigades. Contains details of meetings and publications.

www.feta.org.uk

Fire Extinguishing Trades is the UK trade association of manufacturers and maintainers of portable firefighting equipment.



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www.figuk.org.uk

Fire Information Group UK website contains details of meetings, diary events, news, contacts, links etc

[www.figuk.org.uk/links.html#Product Recalls](http://www.figuk.org.uk/links.html#Product_Recalls)

Starting to list sources of product recalls

www.fireservicecollege.ac.uk

Fire Service College UK site containing information on courses, national and international, consultancy, library services, research, higher education and online shop.

www.fsdg.org.uk

Fire Service Development Group UK site gives details of mission, burning issues, All Party Group, Who's Who, Conference report, forthcoming events.



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www.hse.gov.uk

Contains a wide range of guidance and advice such as advice on all aspects of workplace health and also workplace fire safety.

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/flamindx.htm

The UK Health and Safety Executive is concerned with process fire precautions, such as working with flammable substances. A number of leaflets, in full text, concerning fire, explosions, and also construction site fire safety.

www.hse.gov.uk/lau/lacs/a_f.htm

The UK Health and Safety Executive Local Authorities Enforcement Liaison Committee - HELA Fire and Explosions pages contain a number of publications on fire safety.



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www.gov.uk/government/policies/supporting-fire-and-rescue-authorities-to-reduce-the-number-and-impact-of-fires

Department of Communities and Local Government and Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser

www.firesafetytoolbox.org.uk

Fire Safety Toolbox, designed as a practical resource for professionals and covering a range of key issues, with guidance, facts and figures, examples of good practice and contact networks, based on national research as first-hand experiences from the fire brigades.

www.firesectorfederation.co.uk/index.php

The Fire Sector Federation is a forum of debate and discussion It is where representatives of organisations who work with or within the built, natural, fire and rescue and national resilience environments in the UK can expertly consider issues of common interest. The Federation seeks to give voice to and exert influence in shaping future policy and strategy related to the UK Fire Sector.



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USA

www.nfpa.gov

National Fire Protection Association offers a wide range of information.

www.fs.fed.us/fire/fmt/

Fire Management Today formerly Fire Management Notes full text international journal is published quarterly and aimed at the wildland fire community, it contains a wide range of subject on fire behaviour, fire ecology, fuels management, firefighting experiences, incident management, preparedness, prevention, safety, suppression, training, and wildland-urban interface.

www.pennwell.com

Fire Engineering and related [journals](#) published by the Pennwell publishers.

www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/Fire/Resources

Fire information resources and links to organisations internationally including governments.



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USA

www.fire-eng.com/index.html

Fire training information provided by the Fire Engineering Magazine information for training programmes, classes and educational development needs, books, videos and articles.

www.firesafe.org

The home page and resource directory for safety information which also offers website and document hosting to agencies and non-profit organisations.

www.firesafe.com/cyberspace.html

Fire safe information from the Worcester Center for Fire Safety Studies, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



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www.fs.fed.us

Forest Service contains details of News, programmes, fire information and reports, managing fires, and also the National Interagency Fire Centre Daily Report.

www.fsi.uiuc.edu

Illinois Fire Service Institute covers news, calendar, programmes, information, Library, bulletin board, links to other sites, research, facilities and other details.

www.wpi.edu/+inFIRE

International inFire Group is a useful group of specialists exchanging information and for links around the world.

www.lrc.fema.gov

National Emergency Training Center, Learning Resource Center provides service to both on site staff and students at the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute also functions for Internet users as a bibliographic database on fire service and emergency management topics.

www.cdc.gov/niosh/firehome.html

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Fire Collection contains the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Programme, other NIOSH publications on fire fighting hazards, links to other fire fighting web sites, What's New and how to contact NIOSH. 22



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<http://fris.ntis.gov>

National Institute of Standards and Technology Fire Research Information Service is a resource both to Building and Fire Research Laboratory staff and to fire protection engineers, scientists and fire service personnel around the world. Extensive site with links to experimental fire data, conferences and other fire resources. Good starting point. The database of bibliographic sources FIREDOC is also accessible.

www.firewise.org

National Wildland Urban Interface Fire Protection Programme FireWise contains publications, events, forum, links, videos etc.

www.okstate.edu/ceat/fpst/links.htm

Oklahoma State University information sources supports students and faculty in the School of Fire Protection and Safety. A range of sources from the sites include links including National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Fire Prevention Association etc.

www.bfrl.nist.gov

Building and Fire Research Laboratory site contains details of the work of the Laboratory, what's new, conferences, standards, activities, products and services, research and the Fire Research Information Services.

www.fs-world.com

FS-World USA covers news, e-articles, new products arena, F-S World in print , events and an information centre. Part of the Fire and Safety Group.



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www.ifca.org

International Fire Chiefs Association covers conferences, media information, common questions, online databases, member services and links.

www.nfsa.org

National Fire Sprinkler Association NFSA USA gives information on events, seminars, members and provides a range of fire-related links.

www.iafss.org

International Association of Fire Safety Science encourages research into science of preventing and mitigating the adverse effects of fires and providing a forum for presenting the results. News, resources, Online Newsletter and members areas.

**■ ADVICE IS TO GO TO KNOWN CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE -
“PORTAL WEBSITES” e.g.**

[www.oshworld .com](http://www.oshworld.com)

**INCLUDES 100S OF LINKS TO FIRE AND OTHER MAJOR
SOURCES**

Fire Collections and some concerns

- Fire Service College – **now bought by Capita**
- Fire Research and Statistics User Group FRSUG
- Forensic Science Service - **now gone**
- Health and Safety Executive – diminished service web only
- HM Fire Service Inspectorate Fire Information Service - **now gone**
- London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority – Librarian made redundant -
- Private organisations including publishers – NB competitive and some very expensive

Fire Collections

- UK Government

Home Office/DTLR /ODPM/DCLG diminished fire resources

- Emergency Planning College The EPC Library - official UK Documentation Centre for Emergency Planning

www.epcollege.com/epc/knowledge-centre/library/#sthash.mAFIOzAa.dpuf

- Universities in the UK – BUT check the Information Centres/ Libraries websites – lack of information for those being trained in fire sciences

- US Government – many new web based information sites

- World Fire Statistics Centre – future concerns about quality of data www.genevaassociation.org/publications/newsletters



Fire Collections - Commercial value added services: print and electronic

Again wide ranging collection of authoritative sources of fire, fire related, including health and safety information

- Barbour – www.barbour-index.co.uk collection of fire and OSH information sources
- British Standards Institution www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/ over 2500 fire and fire related standards ... ARE INCLUDED IN OSHWORLD + FIRE, IHS OHSIS and also Barbour
- Croners www.healthandsafety-centre.net products include print, looseleaf, and now online *Fire Risk Management, CHEMBANK, EINECS PLUS*
- OHSIS www.ihs.com/products/design/uk-solutions/ohsis/index.aspx



Fire Collections - commercial

- **OSHWORLD +FIRE** - www.oshworld.com Two major collections – via one access point – **full text and bibliographic**– containing UK and European Legislation, information e.g. DCOLs, Fire Service Circulars, statistics and many other publications. Contains over full text documents to **worldwide** sources of information – journal articles, reports, leaflets, guidance and advice, research reports, conference papers, videos and standards via the Internet.
- Constantly updated. 1,114,938 records with over 90,000 full text documents – arguably the world’s largest collection of fire and OSH information and especially at the price available – user and especially budget friendly



Fire information – keeping up to-date

- Fast moving scene.... Strategic moves...
 - European Commission
 - UK Government
- What is happening worldwide – since 11 September – US Government have really made available massive amounts of information on “preparedness and prevention” e.g. NIOSH
- Research – Conferences - Papers – Publishers more information is available – but be sure that it is validated and authoritative



Fire information collections- recommendations

- Need to examine the current situation and ensure that fire information collection and access in the UK is adequately funded
- British Library and the Document Supply Centre www.bl.uk
- But where else?
- Funding needed: staff, sharing information and making it available FIGUK members are active.... and share information or guide information seekers to validated and authoritative information sources.

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