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***FIGUK – 31 YEARS ON
and Worldwide Fire and related information sources***

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Fire Information Group UK – FIGUK 31st Anniversary Seminar 2019

- 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](#).
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 Grenfell investigations, cladding, high rise building, product recalls and all aspects of 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
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“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, Twitter, Instagram etc., professional networks
 - journals, magazines many e-based
 - 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.*
- Recent years only took 1-2 years, moved on to every 72 days, now according to latest estimates about every 12 hours. How does it make you feel?

So Work Smarter not Harder.....

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

Information abounds.....

- Increased access to large amount of validated and authoritative information sources – but warnings
- Rapid developments in technology
 - better faster browsers
 - mobile, bigger capacity, faster personal equipment of all kinds
 - technology more robust
 - variety of full text delivery, SGML, HTML, XML, PDF, Word docs, etc.
- Wide choice
 - whilst on the move contact with the information world
 - networked e.g. in organisations
 - services via the Internet, Priced and free.

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

Sources such as www.oshworld.com saves a lot of time – covers health, safety, environment, chemical, fire and fire related information

- 2 MAJOR LISTINGS
- BY COUNTRY – IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER
- BY SUBJECTS – IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

others are worth checking on regular basis

- book publishers
- government departments

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see www.oshworld.com

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.

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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.org.uk

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

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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

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

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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.

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.

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

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

www.firesectorfederation.co.uk

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.

USA

www.nfpa.gov

National Fire Protection Association offers a wide range of information.

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www.nfpa.gov

National Fire Protection Association offers a wide range of information.

www.pennwell.com

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

www.wpi.edu/academics/departments/fire-protection-engineering/resources

Fire information resources and links to organisations internationally including governments.

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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.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/firefighters/

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.

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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.

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 - 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.epcresilience.com/services/thought-leading/knowledge-centre/library-information-centre
- Universities in the UK – BUT check the 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
now disappeared except for 1 example.

Fire Collections - Commercial value added services: print and electronic

- Barbour – www.barbour-ehs.com
collection of mainly UK fire and OSH information sources
- British Standards Institution www.bsigroup.com/en-GB
over 3000 fire and fire related standardssee also linked with
OSH UPDATE + FIRE (BSI New update every month with link),
also IHS OHSIS and also Barbour
- Croners <https://croner.co.uk> Products include print, looseleaf
- OHSIS www.ihs.com/products/design/uk-solutions/ohsis offers a
range of information and standards on health, safety and fire. Mainly
UK information.

Fire Collections - commercial

OSH UPDATE+FIRE www.oshupdate.com

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OSHWORLD www.oshworld.com major portal to worldwide authoritative and validated sites in many countries. Also gives news, events, FOCUS and EDITORIAL and much more.

Fire and OSH information – keeping up to-date

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

Fire information collections – plus 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.
RememberWork Smarter not Harder.....

Use the technologies to get fire and related information and keep up with the latest trends and information, watch new research being published worldwide and consult fire information specialists!