

CTIF NEWS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE & RESCUE



European Working Time Directive

Meeting with Cabinet of Commissioner Marianne THYSSEN 29 June 2015, BRUSSELS

A briefing on the issues of concern and the operational context of the FRS (Fire and Rescue Services), especially regarding the impacts of the Working Time Directive (WTD) was provided by FEU and CTIF. Care was taken to explain the diversity, distinctly different approaches and cultural roles that the FRS undertakes in Europe

Additional comment from CTIF was made that related to the specific difficulties the WTD can pose for volunteers operating in small or remote units, the professional nature of the FRS, their quantified value to communities, the generally high standard of FRS employers and the mutually shared concern of all parties for the health and well-being of all firefighters.

<http://ctif.org/commission-europe/news/2015/important-information-european-working-time-directive>



The CTIF Commission for Extrication & New Technology left its footprint on the 5th of May in Paris.

The CTIF Commission wants to force a breakthrough in the **standardizing** of first responders **information**, provided by the industry and car manufacturers. The same structure in Rescue Sheets and Emergency Response Guides, will improve the work of first responders all over the world, optimizing **safety** for everyone aboard! Work is progressing in a constructive way.

By signing our **support letter**, every CTIF member can now give a powerful signal of trust and believe in the Commission's ISO efforts!

<http://ctif.org/ctif/news/2015/support-letter>

<http://ctif.org/knowledge/extrication-and-new-technology>



Delegates Assembly 2015. Zagreb, Croatia 3-4 September

The 2015 CTIF Delegates Assembly meeting will take place in Zagreb, Croatia on the 3rd of September with a symposium on the 4th.

For more information about the Delegates Assembly, please visit http://ctif2015zagreb.hvz.hr/CTIF2015/index_en.html.

Elections for Executive Committee

Nominated candidates for Vice Presidents

Tom van Esbroeck,	Belgium
Ole Hansen,	Norway
Leonid Belyaev	Russia
Milan Dubravac	Slovenia
Zdenek Nytra	The Czech Republic
Donald Bliss	USA

Candidates for reelection:

Vice President Ante Sanader,	Croatia
General Secretary Michel Bour,	France



Forest Fires Commission EDUCATION ON FOREST-FIRES SIMULATOR IN ZAGREB, CROATIA 2nd of September

The education on the simulator will take place on 2nd September 2015 (Wednesday) from 8.30-16.00 in the professional Fire Brigade of Zagreb.

There is some space available for other CTIF members.

<http://www.ctif.org/forest-fires/event/2015/forest-fires-commission-education-forest-fires-simulator-zagreb-croatia>

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This year CTIF shared stand with FEU. Our main messages were “Efficient Firefighters” and “Firefighter’s safety”



Youth Games 2015. Opole, Poland 19th – 26th July



It was a great event. Youngsters from 23 countries participated with in total 46 teams. A lot of events were held in the center of the city where people could get information about the various participating countries, about Firefighters and Fire Services and also a lot of fun for children and adults from the city and the region.



A lot of colleagues visited us and some interesting discussions took place. It seems that not everybody knows about our technical groups, like Extrication, Hazmat etcetera. It is obvious that we need to improve our information activities.

Many were really surprised when they heard about the ISO standardization project. Please note the important **support letter** mentioned above!



Special thanks to FEU President Chris Addiers and his colleagues, all the German colleagues, Milan Dubravac, Roman Sykora and Dennis Davis for great work at the joint CTIF-FEU stand

Best regards

Tore Eriksson and Michel Bour

On behalf of all of CTIF we would like to thank the organizers with Teresa Tiszbierek at the forefront, Jörn-Hendrik Kuinke, the competitors and everybody else who worked hard to make these games such an exiting and memorable event

Thank you all!

