

SprinklerScene

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FM Approval Guides Available Online

Architects, engineers, contractors and authorities having jurisdiction can now get Factory Mutual (FM) Approval Guides online at www.approvalguide.com. There is no cost to users for accessing the documents. FM has also included a searchable database to assist the user in finding the guide they are looking for. Information on tested products and services, including applications, has been made available with this release.

IFSA 2008

The biannual International Fire Sprinkler Association (IFSA) Conference 2008 that took place in Copenhagen, Denmark in June was a great success! Two full days of presentations and networking took place. About 300 participants attended. This was the 7th international conference for IFSA and it featured 27 guest speakers. Dr. Gunnar Heskestad of FM Research received the Harry W. Marryatt Award. The European Fire Sprinkler Network (EFSN) has supported and co-sponsored the conference. Moving forward, the EFSN will continue holding a European Fire Sprinkler Conference in 2010. Photos from the 2008 event can be found on the IFSA website at www.sprinklerworld.org.

4th Consecutive Year of Training Classes in Mexico

In an effort to consistently bring quality fire sprinkler training to Mexico and nearby areas, IFSA recently completed three days of training in Puebla. Topics included Inspection, Testing & Maintenance; Underground Piping for Fire Protection Systems; Fire Pump Layout & Sizing; and Sprinkler Protection for Special Storage. Due to the increased need for information, dates for 2009 training have already been set for 25-27 August and will again be held in the city of Puebla. To be included on a pre-planning list for next year's class, please send a short email to info@sprinklerworld.org.



EFSN Online Training Classes

The EFSN is beginning an online training series. Sessions will begin in September and will be offered once a month. Topics include Sprinkler System Hydraulics, Commodity Classification, General Storage, ESFR Sprinkler Systems, Sprinkler Systems in Earthquake Zones, and Sprinkler Systems in High-Rise Buildings. Lessons are scheduled to begin at 15:00 Central European Time. All sessions will be presented in English. This is a great way to continue your education without leaving the office. For further information visit www.eurosprinkler.org.

Americas' Fire & Security Expo 2008

The Americas' Fire & Security Expo (AFSE) was held in Miami Beach, Florida, USA from 29 to 31 July 2008. The day prior to the AFSE, the IFSA hosted a full-day training session on Fire Pumps, which was simultaneously translated into Spanish. The theme of fire pumps was also carried into the AFSE with different sessions regarding more specific topics such as proper application and maintenance of fire pumps. This was the 8th consecutive year IFSA has been represented at this exposition.

NFPA Mexico Fire & Safety Exposition

For the second year, IFSA will be represented at the Mexico Fire & Safety Exposition to be held at Centro Banamex in Mexico City, 12-14 November 2008. IFSA can be found in Booth #621 where we will present information regarding fire sprinkler systems and their installation along with membership information. Additionally, IFSA will be sponsoring technical sessions on fire sprinklers in areas subject to earthquakes.

IFSA Gains Two New Governing Members

IFSA welcomed two new governing members at its most recent meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 23 June 2008. Germany based Minimax GmbH will be represented by Mr. Klaus Hofmann and United States based Underwriters' Laboratories will be represented by Mr. Kerry M. Bell. These two new members join Viking Corporation, Anvil International, Job GmbH, Tyco Fire & Security, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company, Inc., Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Tyco Fire & Building Products, Potter Electric Signal Company, Marioff Corporation OY, Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation, FM Approvals, and Victaulic to bring the total number of Governing members to fourteen.

New Australian Extinguishing System Newsletter

The Fire Protection Industry Board, in cooperation with the Australian Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Fire Protection Association Australia, has launched a new newsletter addressing the use of fire extinguishing agents. The publication is titled Gas Bag and will be published on a quarterly basis. The Spring 2008 issue discusses the government's new Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme to be implemented 1 July 2010 and the upcoming 2009 review of the Industry Code of Practice for the reduction of emissions of ozone depleting and synthetic greenhouse gas fire extinguishing agents.

Stockmann Department Store Sprinkler Save

A fire started in an electrical distribution board on the seventh floor of Stockmann in Helsinki, Finland on 2 July 2008. Much of the fire was extinguished by the fire sprinkler system. Some smoke and water damage occurred but the department store was largely unharmed.

Fire Pump Manual Now Available in Spanish

The standards that govern fire protection equipment, such as fire pumps, can sometimes cause confusion. This manual provides information on fire pump systems and the applications of NFPA 20, 2007 Edition. For purchasing information contact Deborah Somers at somers@sprinklerworld.org.

Upcoming Meetings, Seminars, and Exhibitions of Interest

China Fire, Beijing, China www.cfpa-chinafire.com/CnHtml/index.html	28-31 October
NFPA-APSEI 2008, Lisbon, Portugal www.nfpaportugalconference.com	5-6 November
MFSE 2008, Mexico City, Mexico www.nfpafireandsafetymexico.com	12-14 November
InterSec Thailand, POSTPONED www.intersec-thailand.com	To Be Determined
NFSA Annual Seminar, Orlando, FL, USA	30 April – 2 May 2009
NFPA WSCE, Chicago, IL, USA www.nfpa.org	8-11 June 2009

Editor's Note:

If you have upcoming industry events, sprinkler saves, or industry news, please send it to valentine@sprinklerworld.org. Also, remember to visit the website www.sprinklerworld.org for industry news and updates on upcoming events.