

International Fire Instructors Workshop



Introduction

Over the years, a lot of knowledge has been gained from and by the fire service, thru experience and experimental work. In addition, the development of technology to be used by the fire service has been tremendous over the last years. There is and there has to be a growing interest to look at the fire service from a more scientific standpoint.

Also, it should be noted that problems faced by the fire service are similar all over the world. But there is still a tremendous amount of knowledge to be discovered, which eventually has to be transferred to the international fire service community.

However, development is ongoing all over the world, by scientists, by the fire service or by the industry. Connections between individuals and organizations involved in developing the fire service is occasional, temporary, random and is generally driven more by dedicated individuals than by long-term analysis of needs and possibilities.

This has to change!

Scope of IFIW

The scope of the International Fire Instructors Workshop is that it should be an inspiring and informal meeting between leading instructors and scientists involved in the international fire service community.

Based on presentations, discussions or practical experience, the workshop should develop into a dynamic and fruitful event, giving the attendees inspiration to push the fire service forward into the future, based on sound science and approved experience in concord.

Objective of IFIW

The objective of the International Fire Instructors Workshop is that it should be the basis for a resolute development of the fire service on the international arena.

Through internationally well-recognized and reputable scientists and instructors, development of the fire service should be made on a broad front.

General outline of IFIW

IFIW is not any organization; it's a concept under which anyone could meet and share knowledge. IFIW do not develop any documents or similar describing the "truth" or "best practice", simply because there is no such "truth" or "best practice". The general answer to any question should be "it depends".

The general idea of IFIW is that it should be a source of inspiration, based on science and practice in sweet harmony.



Guidelines for arranging IFIW

- Participation should be based on personal willingness and commitment to develop the international fire and rescue community, not on any official standpoint of an organization
- There should be participants from at least three countries
- There should be a reasonable number of participants from each country
- There should be a reasonable ratio of participants from different countries
- Location of and invitation for an IFIW event should vary
- There have to be practitioners as well as scientists present
- All participants should contribute, by presentations, demonstrations, during discussions, etc. on equal terms
- It should be at least/approximately a one day meeting with seminars, discussions, live-training or demos
- It might be arranged within another meeting, seminar, conference or similar but still as an exclusive IFIW event
- IFIW is not a formal organization and have no budget
 - Any costs should be covered for by each participants and/or by contributions from other organizations, partially or fully
 - Contributors cannot put demands/requirements on IFIW, other than participating in the sharing of knowledge (on equal terms as everybody else). No extra seats!
- There should be some kind of documentation from an IFIW event.

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