

**Firestop Contractors International Association**  
**FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference Agenda**  
**Marriott Long Wharf – Boston, MA - April 28 - May 1, 2009**

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**Firestopping and Life Safety for the Future**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>FCIA Registration</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>FCIA Quality Management System Education</b> <b>Bill McHugh, FCIA</b> <b>Gary Knief, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.</b>	
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	<b>Break Sponsored by FCIA</b>	
4:15 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>FM &amp; UL DRI Exam FCIA Education Session</b> <b>Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director</b>	

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7:30 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>FCIA Registration, Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>Salon Foyer</b>
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>FCIA / UL DRI Testing</b>	<b>Salon ABC</b>
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>FCIA / FM DRI Testing</b>	<b>Salon ABC</b>
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>UL Standards Technical Panel Issues Study Group Meetings at FCIA Exposure, Movement, Labeling</b>	<b>Salon DEF</b>
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>BREAK SPONSORED BY <i>Specified Technologies, Inc.</i></b>	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Lunch Service – Greet old friends, meet new friends Luncheon Speaker - Sean DeCrane, IFC</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
12:00 PM – 1:45 PM	<b>FCIA Presidents Welcome &amp; Update ‘Focus on Life Safety’ ~ Bill Hoos</b>  <b>FM 4991 &amp; UL Qualified Firestop Contractors Jeff Gould, FM Approvals Gary Knep, Underwriters Laboratories</b>  <b>FCIA Insurance Update – Jim Venezia, The Phoenix Group</b>	
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>BREAK – SPONSORED BY <i>3M Fire Protection Products, Inc.</i></b>	
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Committee Reports ~ Committee Chairs</b>	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>BREAK – SPONSORED BY <i>HILTI, Inc.</i></b>	
2:45 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>FCIA Committee Action Sessions Committee Chair Invitations</b> Accreditation – Aedan Gleeson Apprenticeship – Bob Hasting & Don Sabrsula Code – Gary Hamilton & Bob LeClair Marketing – Don Murphy Membership - Bill Hoos Program – Jodi Clem & Scott Rankin Technical & Education – Mike Dominguez Standards – Randy Bosscawen	
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>FCIA Welcome Reception</b>	<b>Grand Foyer</b>

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**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	<b>Registration Open</b>	<b>&amp; Foyer</b>
9:45 AM - 2:30 PM	<b>Spouse Program</b>	<b>FCIA Registration Desk</b>
8:30AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Arbitration, Mediation, which works?</b> <b>Blase Reardon, FCIA's 2<sup>nd</sup> President - BostonSolv, LLP</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Firestopping from an FM Global Field Engineering Perspective</b> Ever wonder what an FM Field Engineer does? How do they assess risk to insure a building? Don't miss this! <b>Jordan Collyer, Sr. Consulting Engineer, FM Approvals</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>BREAK SPONSORED BY <i>Thermafiber, Inc.</i></b>	
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	<b>New Inspector Accreditation Program</b> Firestop Contractor Firms believe in inspection and certification Mr. Ramani will explain how IAS Accredits Inspection Agencies and how education certification works with apprenticeship. <b>C.P. Ramani, International Accreditation Services</b>	
11:45AM – 12:00 PM	<b>BREAK SPONSORED BY <i>Specified Technologies, Inc.</i></b>	
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Break &amp; Lunch Service</b> <b>Luncheon Speaker – Robert Solomon, NFPA</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Healthcare Session – Doug Erickson, ASHE</b> The American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE) Learn what they expect from the experts at ASHE.	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>BREAK SPONSORED BY <i>3M Fire Protection Products</i></b>	
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Photoluminescent Marking Education Session</b> The 2009 International Fire Code has a mandatory requirement to install PL Marking Systems in stairwells. Firestop Contractors own the compartments- installing firestopping, inspecting doors and dampers. Why not PL? Learn PL Markings Technology, Application, Products. Who's the customer, and how it may open doors to PL Marking and firestopping retrofit business. <b>Phil Befumo – United Mineral &amp; Chemical - PSA President</b> <b>Manny Muniz, Manny Muniz &amp; Associates – PSA Consultant</b> <b>Marina Baritzke –American Permalight, Inc. – PSA Standards Chair</b> <b>Peter Logsdon – National Sales Manager - East Division, BALCO USA,</b> <b>Kach Hovanessian – CEO / President, Bright Path Lighting</b>	
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	<b>FCIA Reception</b>	<b>Oceana Restaurant ... Right of Check-in</b>

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**Friday, May 1, 2009**

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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<b>Salon A-F</b>
8:30 AM –9:45 AM	<b>Special FCIA 2009-2010 Code Development Session</b> <b>Bill Koffel, PE, FSPE, Koffel Associates, Consultant to FCIA</b> ICC Code Development Proposals are due June 1, 2009. Listen as Bill Koffel outlines FCIA’s strategy for the next code cycle in ICC, NFPA and for important fire and life safety protection.	
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>BREAK SPONSORED BY FCIA</b>	
10:00 AM – 4:15 PM	<b>OPTIONAL FM Approvals Laboratory Tour</b> <b>Johnston, RI – About 1 hour away.</b>	<b>Bus at Front Entrance</b>

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### **Sean DeCrane**

Sean is the Executive Director for the International Firestop Council. His responsibilities include administrative duties with an emphasis on educational programs.

Sean is a Battalion Chief for the Cleveland (OH) Fire Department and represents the International Association of Fire Fighters to the International Code Council.

In his spare time, Sean is the Director of his family's foundation, in memory of his sister Colleen. The Colleen DeCrane Family Foundation assists families, with an ill family member, meet their daily needs. Sean also is on the Board of Directors for the MetroHealth Hospital Foundation, MetroHealth is a community based hospital and is home to the John A. Gannon Trauma and Burn Center and is recognized as a national leader in caring for burn injuries.

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### **Jeff Gould**

Jeff is a Senior Engineering Specialist in the Materials Group of FM Approvals. Jeff has been with FM Approvals for 22 years in various engineering and managerial capacities. He represents FM Approvals on a number of technical committees including NFPA committees and other various code bodies. He has also been involved with the research and development of a number of test methods and standards that are used to assess products destined to become FM Approved.

Jeff has been involved in the development of the 4991 Approval Contractor program from its inception and worked closely with the industry in developing the Approval Standard.

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### **Gary Knef**

Gary Knef is a Field Services Area Manager for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and UL's audit manager for the Qualified Contractor Program. Gary has an extensive background in management system assessment in many industries including building materials, automotive, aerospace, and tooling. He managed the ISO 9000 quality management system registration division of Underwriters Laboratories Inc for northeast region of the U.S and has performed over 300 audits. Gary is a Certified Quality Engineer and past RAB Certified Lead Assessor. Gary is located in Powell, Ohio..

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### **James J Venezia, CPCU, Phoenix Group, Insurance Agency**

With over 22 years experience in insurance Jim has worked with businesses, professionals and individuals to develop unique solutions to resolve difficult loss financing needs. He has experience with various industries including Construction and Specialty Trades, Technology, Fuel Oil Distribution, Health Care, Retail, Legal Services, Terrorism Protection, Home Inspections and Community Services.

Using a risk management approach he works with clients to focus on the key organizational areas that contribute to financial losses. Jim earned a degree in Accountancy from Villanova University in 1985 cum laude and earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Designation in 1990.

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### **Blasdel A. Reardon, BostonSolv, LLP.**

Blase Reardon, formerly Chief Operating Officer for A.F. Underhill, Inc., Boston, an FCIA Founding Steering Committee Member, Lifetime Member, and FCIA's 2<sup>nd</sup> President, brings an interesting perspective to Alternative Dispute Resolution.(ADR). With a background in industrial and commercial construction, spanning 40 years, Blase brings a unique perspective to ADR in the construction industry where he focuses on dispute avoidance and mediation.

Blase has written for High Profile Monthly, and was co-author of 'A Guide for Procuring Public Construction in Massachusetts'. His affiliations have included FCIA, Boston Society of Architects, Association for Conflict Resolution, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Building Congress. He has also appeared before the National Labor Relations Board for several jurisdictional decisions, and in 1978, while working as an engineer for the Armco Steel Corp. assisted President Carter's initiative to reorganize the executive branch, focusing on computers and communications, through the Executive Loan program.

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### **Jordan Collyer, Sr. Consulting Engineer, FM Approvals**

Jordan Collyer is a Senior Consultant Engineer with FM Global. Jordan graduated from the University of New Haven's Fire Science Program in 2002 and began employment with FM immediately after. As a field based engineer, Jordan conducts property loss evaluations for property and business interruption insurance purposes. The field engineering position includes evaluation of many different facets of a building and its construction including, but not limited to, roofing, wall construction, fire protection and suppression systems, storage evaluations and water supply testing. While evaluations primarily include existing structures and occupancies, new construction and its compliance with FM Recommendations and Data Sheets is followed closely by the field engineer.

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### **C.P. Ramani, President, International Accreditation Services**

"C.P." Ramani is President of International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), a nonprofit, scientific, educational organization. IAS accredits calibration and testing laboratories; providers of inspection services and competent conformity assessment organizations. IAS is a wholly owned subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC).

Immediately prior to his current assignment, he served the International Conference of Building Officials in various capacities since 1973 and was Vice President of ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICBO ES). Effective February 1, 2003, all ICBO operations were consolidated into ICC.

Ramani is a Lead Evaluator for the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC). Ramani was on the team that conducted the APLAC evaluation of the national accreditation bodies of India (NABL) and Indonesia (KAN). He has also served as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Industry Advisory Committee, which helps formulate U.S. trade policies. He was on the board of directors of the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA). He has over 38 years of combined experience in senior technical and management positions, including quality management functions. He has conducted training seminars on several ISO guides and standards in the conformity assessment area. His areas of expertise are building products and materials, construction processes and methods, fire testing, and physical and mechanical testing. He is a member of the ASTM E 36 committee on conformity assessment and ASTM E 5 committee on fire testing.

Ramani holds a degree in civil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of California in civil and quality engineering. He is also an ICC Certified Building Official and a Lead Evaluator of Building Departments

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#### **Robert Solomon, PE NFPA**

Robert is the Manager for Building and Life Safety Codes at NFPA. He oversees the operations of the department whose projects include NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code* and the NFPA *Building Construction and Safety Code*™. Upon graduation from the University of Maryland in 1982, he worked with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Charleston, SC. Since 1986, he has held several positions at NFPA, including staff liaison for the NFPA water extinguishing systems project. He has been an editor for several technical handbooks for NFPA including the NFPA *Fire Protection Handbook* 20th Edition.

He has been active with numerous investigation projects for NFPA including the DuPont Plaza hotel fire, Meridian Plaza office fire, The Station nightclub and the Greenwood nursing home fire. He has managed much of NFPA's effort in developing code analysis and subsequent changes following the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

He is an active member of several organizations including the Joint Commission Committee on Healthcare Safety; Chairman of the Healthcare Interpretations Task Force; the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat; the UL Fire Council; ASTM International; The Infrastructure Security Partnership; and he serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the World Organization of Building Officials. He has recently chaired a Federal Advisory Committee for the US Access Board dealing with accessible emergency housing needs.

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#### **Doug Erickson, FASHE, CHF, HFDP, American Society for Healthcare Engineering**

Mr. Erickson is currently the Deputy Executive Director the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). He is a Fellow of the Society (FASHE), a certified healthcare facility manager (CHF), and a certified healthcare facility design professional (HFDP).

He has been providing service to the health care community for over 30 years in the areas of Joint Commission Environment of Care compliance, NFPA Life Safety Code® compliance, management evaluations of engineering departments and environmental infection control. He is the past director of engineering for the Joint Commission (1977 – 1981) and past director of design and construction for the American Hospital Association (1985 – 1995). He currently represents the AHA/ASHE membership on multiple National Fire Protection Association Technical Committees such as, NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code, NFPA 5000 Building Construction and Safety Code, NFPA 90A Heating and Ventilating Code, NFPA 70 National Electrical Code – Panel 15, and is the immediate past chairman of NFPA 110 Emergency Power Supply Systems and the current chair of NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Technical Committees. Mr. Erickson has served on the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Health Care Facilities since 1978, and was the Vice Chairman of the document for 12 years and is the Chairman of the 2010 edition. He is a past Chairman of the NFPA's Health Care Section and a past member of NFPA's Standards Council and a past member of Joint Commission's Committee on Health Care Safety on which he served for over 6 years. Mr. Erickson is a member of ASHRAE and served on its special project committee to write the Hospital and Clinics HVAC System Design Manual.

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### **Doug Erickson, Cont'd.**

He was also a member of the CDC review committee for the Guidelines of Environmental Infection Control. He is a featured speaker at national and local conferences on codes, standards, and environmental infection control.

### **Doug Erickson, Deputy Executive Director**

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### **Manny Muniz, CA Deputy State Fire Marshal (Ret.)**

Manny retired from the Office of the California State Fire Marshal in 1993. At the time, he was in charge of the Regulations Unit. Manny is a current member of the following national committees:

- *Standards Technical Panel (STP) member of UL 294 Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment*
- *ASTM E12.13 Committee member on Photoluminescent Safety Markings*
- *Code Interpretation Committee member and Code Development Committee member for the National Code Services Association (NCSA)*

Since 1993, Manny has been a fire protection codes and standards consultant specializing in the development of codes and standards for the International Code Council's International Building and Fire Code, NFPA Codes, Underwriters Laboratories Standards Technical Panels, ASTM Committees and also the National Building Code of Canada. His work has been pertaining to exit signs and egress path marking systems.

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### **Photoluminescent Industry Speakers (in order of appearance)**

#### **Phil Befumo – Manager, Special Pigments - United Mineral & Chemical**

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Bill Koffel is President of Koffel Associates, Inc, a fire protection engineering and code consulting firm with offices in Maryland and Connecticut. Bill is active in the codes and standards development processes of various organizations. Bill has a B.S. in Fire Protection Engineering, and has over 26 years of experience as a practicing fire protection engineer. He was very active in the code development process of BOCA, ICBO and SBCCI prior to the development of the ICC. He has been involved in NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000 Code Development Processes as well. He is past president and a fellow of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and has consulted worldwide. Bill was formerly with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office and has been a volunteer firefighter.

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