

FCIA in Doha

F CIA's 'DIIM' Firestop Education this March in Doha, Qatar provided a great way for Firestop Contractors to prepare for the FM and UL Firestop Exams. There were about 30 FCIA Members bringing great conversation about how to improve fire- and life-safety through firestopping and taking the FM and UL Firestop Exams. Great programs, great FCIA Members and more plans for the future.

FCIA in Dubai

T he successful FCIA Member Meeting trip to Dubai, UAE in late February brought FCIA Members together for education, sharing ways to increase fire- and life-safety in the UAE, and a review of firestopping and the UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice. FM and UL Firestop Exams were also administered with great results.

Many thanks to [Thomas Bell-Wright International Laboratories](#) for the excellent guided tour of their fire-testing facility. This first-class lab provides fire-resistance-rated assembly testing to many standards.

FCIA Webinars

F CIA's webinars are always well-attended with tons of participation during these events. From Architects and Specifiers, Code Officials and Fire Marshals, Facility Managers and others to Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agency personnel, the reach of these monthly sessions is far and wide.

Each monthly session is presented live, and then posted online at www.fcia.org/articles/presentations.htm#Webinars.



FCIA Members: Did you know that we record the webinars and archive them? The Webinars are great training tools for Firestop Company employees. FCIA Members can visit the [Members Only](#) section, Educational Webinar Series, to find recordings. This is just one more Member Benefit that FCIA membership affords.

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Six Weeks to ECA '19

Only six weeks left before [ECA '19](#) – the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference](#). This [April 22-26, ECA '19](#) heads to the Windy City at the [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#) for three-days of dynamic content, FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams, networking events and a private, guided tour of the UL Fire Test Lab. Opening late-April, the event promises to be one of our best yet.

Check out the newly finalized [Agenda](#), featuring sessions like:

- Winning the War for Talent with Chris Czarnik (Career [RE]Search Group)
- Take the Plunge – FCIA Committees: Who Are We and What Do We Do?
- Mediation: Avoiding the Rabbit Hole with Paul Simon (Business Mediation Network)
- Modernizing Chicago's Construction Codes with Grant Ullrich (City of Chicago Department of Buildings) and Judith Frydland (City of Chicago Building Commissioner)
- Firestopping 20-Years in the Making: What Do We Know About Potential Sources of Liability? with Karen Layng, (M.A.I.T. Co.)
- FCIA & Code Development – Part 1 – Code Development Past to Now with Bill Koffel (Koffel Associates)

- ASHE, TJC and Hospitals with Jonathan Flannery (ASHE)
- The Firestopping Installation, Inspection and Maintenance Process with Corey Zussman, AIA (Pepper Construction)
- Pump Maintenance and Productivity with Graco
- FCIA, UL & Standards with Matt Schumann (UL), Eric Keeton (Dalton Protection) and Bill McHugh (FCIA)

Plus, the Partner Program Updates, the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams sessions, the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams, FCIA Committee Action sessions, networking events AND the UL Tour!

Don't delay! Early Registration discounts end soon! Register today!



Think you might attend ECA '19? Make your hotel reservation NOW. FCIA rooms at the host hotel are going fast and promotional rates expire April 1. Take advantage of the savings today.

Click Here to
Make a Reservation



*Book your return flight for 4:30 pm CDT or later to attend the entire UL Tour.

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FCIA Committees Forming

FCIA's [Board of Directors](#) meeting in January is where the yearly [FCIA Committees](#) take shape for the year. All Committees and Committee members are approved by the Board of Directors. Although Committee members are approved at checkpoints during the year, the bulk of the Committees are formed in January.

Get in on the action. Visit the Committee tables at [FCIA's Education and Committee Action Conference](#) in Chicago to learn more about FCIA Committees and their tasks, initiatives and how to get involved.

FCIA and Life Safety Digest Present at Trade Shows Around North America

Trade Shows around the world give FCIA an opportunity to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping & Effective Compartmentation to interested professionals worldwide. Through participation at these events and premier placement of Life Safety Digest, FCIA and our Members are exposed to decision-makers and key players in the industry. Here is a look at some of what's coming up for FCIA...

FCIA & Life Safety Digest Join NFPA Conference & Expo this June



The [NFPA Conference & Expo®](#) is the premier event for fire, electrical, and building safety. This is where you will find the industry's latest, most innovative products, practices, services, and techniques.

Designers and engineers will find products and services that keep their projects within code parameters. Installers and contractors will gain the insight and information on products and techniques to save time and expense by installing systems expertly, according to NFPA standards.

Facility managers can ensure their properties remain safe and code-compliant following new construction, renovations, maintenance, and testing. Code updates and

revisions, together with new product demonstrations, can provide code enforcers and inspectors with the tools they need to make accurate assessments in the field.

Grab your copy of [Life Safety Digest](#) while there!

And More...

Look for FCIA and [Life Safety Digest](#) at these other industry events around North America: [IFMA Facility Fusion](#), April 8-10 in Atlanta, GA; [CSC Conference](#), May 22-26 in Regina, SK; [NFPA Conference & Expo](#), June 17-20 in San Antonio, TX; [ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition](#), July 14-17 in Baltimore, MD; [NASFM Annual Conference](#), July 22-25 in Annapolis, MD; [CHES Annual Conference](#), September 22-24 in Saskatoon, SK; [CONSTRUCT](#), October 9-11 in National Harbor, MD; [IFMA World Workplace](#), October 16-18 in Phoenix, AZ; and the [ICC Building Safety & Design Expo](#), October 20-23 in Las Vegas, NV.

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FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Contractors, Consultant Firms, Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Rep Firms and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better Fire and Life Safety.

FCIA proudly welcomes new members, and **we thank them for their support and commitment to the Firestop industry.**

Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to grow FCIA and the Specialty Firestop trade, resulting in improved Fire- and Life-Safety Systems.



FCIA New Contractor Members

- Patriot 3 General Contractors - Tucson, AZ

FCIA New Associate Members

- ACE Firestop Consultants, Inc. - Saskatoon, SK
- Braun Intertec - Minneapolis, MN
- Door Hardware Consultants - Oxnard, CA
- Highland Engineering Group - Dallas, TX
- RJ Bartlett Engineering Ltd - Fredericton, NB

FCIA Members: Do you have more than one Branch location? Make it easier to be found worldwide with a 'Branch Membership and Listing' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.

Calling All Super Projects!

FCIA and [Life Safety Digest](#) are looking for Project Profiles for inclusion in future issues of the quarterly publication. Pieces should include job scope, challenges and how they were overcome. [Contact FCIA Staff](#) for more information.



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