



Upcoming Events

July 4-5	Independence Day FCIA Office Closed
July 15-17	ASHE Annual Conference Baltimore, MD
June 22-25	NASFM Annual Conference Annapolis, MD
July 24	FCIA Webinar



ASTM E3157-19 Guide Published

An ASTM Task Group at [ASTM Committee E06](#), the [ASTM Subcommittee E06.21](#), has produced the [ASTM E3157-19, Standard Guide for Understanding and Using Information Related to the Installation of Firestop Systems](#) (ASTM Guide).

In the ASTM Guide are many optional directives that are not listed in the Manufacturers' installation instructions nor the UL, FM, Intertek, or other laboratory tested and listed systems.

According the Manufacturers participating at the meetings, the new ASTM Guide is an **OPTIONAL** document and **is not mandatory**. [FCIA's Standards Committee Chairs](#) participated in the development activity and provided much input to the document; however, **FCIA's objections - over 100 items - were voted down and were not addressed before publication.**

As a result of the ASTM Guide's publication, FCIA's Standards Committee suggests that FCIA Members include an additional line to contracts with customers:

"We propose to furnish and install firestop systems and EJ/EFRRAs in accordance with the Manufacturers' installation instructions, the EJ/EFRA and the listings submitted. We exclude non-mandatory Guides from Standards Development Organizations such as ASTM, UL, Intertek, or others."

As with all contract issues, consider contacting your own attorney or legal department about your specific needs.

For more information, contact the [FCIA Standards Committee Chairs](#) or [FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh](#).

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Registration Opens for FCIA's Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Symposium Canada

Registration is now open for the [FCIA Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Symposium Canada](#).

Heading to the [Hotel Omni Mont-Royal](#) in **Montreal, QC** this **September 25**, the full-day event features technical education for those involved in the 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintenance of Firestop & Effective Compartmentation systems in Canada. Last year's event welcomed more than 50 Firestop Contractors, Special Inspection Agency personnel, AHJs and more, all professionals interested in learning more about how to improve life-safety systems in buildings, thereby protecting occupants and buildings better.

This year's [agenda](#) includes sessions like:

- 'NBC/NFC Fire-Resistance & Fire Separations Code Requirements' with Tony Crimi (AC Consulting Solutions, Inc.)
- 'National Research Council of Canada & Firestopping, etc.' with Andre Laroche (NRC)
- 'Fire Dampers 101 - Back to Basics - Life-Safety Dampers' with Dane Carey (TAMCO)

- 'Swinging Fire Doors 101' with Sebastien Dubois (DMA architectes)
- 'Perimeter Fire-Containment Systems - Today and Tomorrow' with Thermafiber
- 'FCIA's 'DIIM' - Firestop 101, An Executive Summary & FCIA Recommended Professional Practice, Labeling' with Bill McHugh (FCIA)

Then, on **September 26**, Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agencies wanting to pursue [ULC Qualified Contractor](#) or [IAS AC 291 Accredited](#) third-party accreditation programs, can enhance their Symposium experience with the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exam and the [ULC Firestop Exam](#). The Firestop Exam is one of the first-steps towards attaining these distinguishing accreditations.

[Visit us online](#) to learn more and to [register](#).



FCIA Tours New UL Fire Test Lab

On February 27, 2018, the international testing and certification company, UL, opened their new fire-test lab in Rosenheim, Germany. The state-of-the-art lab offers a portfolio of testing and certification services for building materials, with a concentration of fire-safety testing, that can test to European and British standards, European Assessments Documents, and North American standards.

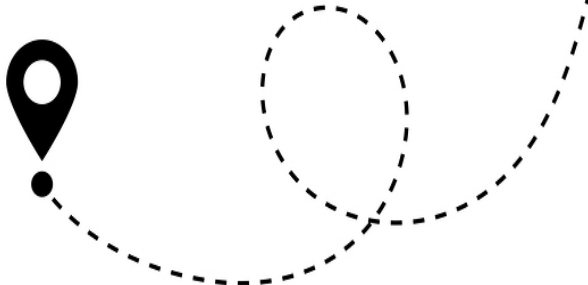
This June, FCIA leadership traveled to Rosenheim to tour the new facility. The tour of UL's Rosenheim Germany Fire-Test Lab was amazing. While there, the group saw several full-scale vertical and horizontal furnaces for full wall and horizontal assembly and firestopping testing.

Many thanks UL's Juan Pablo and Patrick Diedre for the tour!

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FCIA at NFPA FPF Meetings

As a voting principal member of the NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee, Bill McHugh was able to provide testimony that it makes sense to have a quantified air leakage (L) rating for firestop systems. Quantified values are always better than a 'best guess'.



FCIA Education Session Featured at CSC Annual Conference

FCIA's Bill McHugh travelled to Regina, Saskatchewan to speak at the [Construction Specifications Canada's Annual Conference](#).

The session had a large number of key Canada Specifiers at the program that turned into a great exchange of key points to include in specs about Division 1 references to Division 7 to build a Firestopping Inventory.



FCIA Crosses the Pond

FCIA's Vice President, President Elect Ben Urcavich, Past President Aedan Gleeson, and Executive Director Bill McHugh travelled to Ireland, England, UK, and Germany to build relationships. We visited with the [Association of Specialist Fire Protection \(ASFP\)](#), UL's UK/EU Personnel, and FM Approval's EU Team.

The trip had a wealth of information shared about firestopping and fire-resistance standards and codes and is sure to make great in-roads with new partnerships abroad.

FCIA Presents at PFPNet Conference

This June, FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, spoke at the PFPNet Conference in Manchester, England about the ['DIIM' of Fire-Resistance](#).

[PFPNet](#), or the [Passive Fire Protection Network](#), is a not-for-profit organization focused on raising standards in the use of passive fire protection in industries where hydrocarbons are present. The group of Industrial Fireproofing and Firestopping Consultants and Manufacturers, along with a few Contractors, focuses on the oil and gas industries.



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FCIA Webinars

Each month, we venture into fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assembly subject matter with the [FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#). PDFs of the monthly presentations are [available online](#). FCIA Members get access to recordings in the [Members Only](#) section.

Not an FCIA Member? [Join FCIA](#) to get access to the recordings.



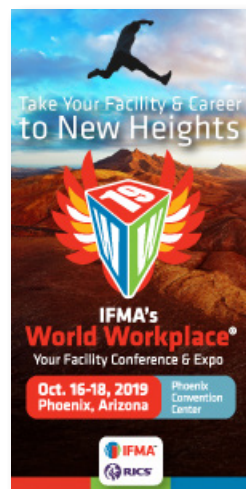
Wednesday, July 24
10:00 am CDT
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FCIA and Life Safety Digest Present at Trade Shows Around North America

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 Partner with IFMA World Workplace

[IFMA's World Workplace](#) is the largest annual gathering of our Facility Management community. This year IFMA's World Workplace will be held on Oct. 16-18, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Attendees are provided the opportunity to learn new tips and techniques to take back to their organizations. Exhibitors at IFMA's World Workplace get to network with FM leaders and influence the trends they implement in their organization. The World



Workplace educational program is regarded as the finest in the FM industry. Presenters have the opportunity to gain recognition as a topic expert among FM leaders and workplace decision makers.

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: [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

- Les Constructions Lovail Inc. - Gatineau, QC
- Manganaro Midatlantic LLC - Beltsville, MD

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- FAST Finishing Contracting Company Ltd. - Jeddah

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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