



Upcoming Events

March 27- April 6	ICC Code Hearings
March 28-31	AGC Annual Convention
April 20	FCIA Webinar
April 24-26	ASTM E06 Meetings
April 26-28	IFMA Facility Fusion

FCIA'S FIRESTOP CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR CONTRACTORS, INSPECTION AGENCIES, SPECIFIERS, & AHJs

FCIA's **NEW eLearning System** that takes people through the **Firestop Level 1** and **Firestop Level 2 Programs** is up and running.

FCIA Members, the Firestop Level 1 and Level 2 Unlimited Access Subscription Program gets your company one year of access to the education, quizzes, and exams for an unlimited number of users*. Use the FCIA Certificate of Achievement to set your company apart from the competition.

DRIs – Are you short on Continuing Education for **FM 4991** or **UL/ULC Qualified Contractor Programs**? The FCIA FCAEP is a great way to get caught up AND expand your expertise! Visit <https://learning.fcia.org/> to sign up and raise the competence level of both Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Special Inspection Agency employees.

AHJ's and Specifiers with Design Firms or Independent Practice can now view the **Firestop Level 1 program** FREE. Email info@fcia.org for more information on how to get your free access.

*Unlimited Subscriptions are location-based. Each FCIA Contractor and Special Inspection Agency Member Branch must purchase their own subscription.



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FCIA COMMITTEES ACTIVE

FCIA Committees have already started work for the 2022 calendar year.

The [Accreditation Committee](#) regularly meets with both FM Approvals and UL-ULC to keep continuity and make adjustments to the third-party accreditation programs when needed. In the wake of Jeff Gould's retirement from FM Approvals a few years ago and other recent internal changes, FCIA's Accreditation Committee leaders Scott Rankin and Tyler Ferguson, along with Guy Mancini (FCIA Board Member) and Bill McHugh (FCIA), traveled to Boston, MA and visited with leadership from FM Global regarding the FM 4991 Approved Contractor Program in early January.

FCIA's [Inspection](#) and [Standards Committees](#) also meet jointly to gain input to help the ASTM E2174 and ASTM E2393 Standards stay meaningful.

The [Program Committee](#) has also already been hard at work developing engaging and educational programming for your 2022 Conferences. The group has even started discussions for 2023 Conference locations!

There's lots to get done this year. Consider volunteering your time for an [FCIA Committee](#) this year!



Gus Mancini (Director), Bill McHugh (Executive Director), and Scott Rankin (Director) visit with FM Approvals.

THE FCIA YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

What do FCIA, Baby Shark, last week's American Idol fails, how to use a garden hose to drain your pool, and Betty White and Johnny Carson as Adam and Eve all have in common?

They're all on YouTube of course!

[Check out the FCIA channel today!](#)



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ECA '22 REGISTRATIONS STRONG

Registrations for [ECA '22](#), the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference](#), are coming in hot! The event opens in [Nashville, TN](#) this [May 17-20, 2022](#), and we think you should be there.

ECA '22 brings three days of immersive firestop education, the [FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams](#), hybrid [FCIA Committee Action](#) sessions, countless networking opportunities, and so much more.

And, there is a registration option for everyone! Attend in-person. Attend online. Just be sure to attend.

Register to attend sessions on:

- Motivating your workforce
- How firestopping and barriers in existing buildings are inspected
- Contract Provisions that help minimize risk and negotiate from a position of strength
- How to get involved in protecting existing buildings
- Firestopping in hospitals
- The ASTM E814 and UL 1470 Ancillary Standards
- and so much more!

Registration is Open. Don't miss out on this one.



If your name isn't on this list, don't you think it should be? [Register Today!](#)

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FCIA RETURNS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Yep. You read that right. FCIA is coming back to the Middle East this June with our firestop education and the [FM & UL Firestop Exams](#)! FINALLY!

This is the first opportunity to take the FM & UL Firestop Exams in-person since 2019, the first time FCIA has been back to the Gulf Region since the global COVID-19 pandemic shut the world down.

FCIA will kick off our international trip this **19-21 June** with the [FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium](#) in **Doha, Qatar**. The event will feature a one-day Symposium focused on firestop education, followed by a full day of education for the Firestop Exams and the FM & UL Firestop Exams.

Then, FCIA will head to **Dubai, UAE** on **22-24 June** for the [FCIA Fire Code and Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai](#). The event will also offer a full day of FCIA education for the Firestop Exams, the FM & UL Firestop

Exams, and a full-day educational Symposium.

Both events offer Qualified Guests complimentary registration for the Symposiums. To qualify for free registration, guests must be one of the following:

- Architects/Specifiers/Engineers at Design Firms
- Members of the Department of Municipal Affairs
- Members of the Department of Civil Defence
- Fire Officials

Registration is NOW OPEN! Register Today!

- [FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium Doha](#)
- [FCIA Fire Code and Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai](#)

FCIA & FIRE-RESISTANCE INDUSTRY AT ICC

The International Code Council's "Cycle B" Code Development Hearings cover the IBC Chapter 1, Administrative and Chapter 15 and 16, Structural Sections. Key proposals altering Section 104 will be heard, specifically the alternative methods section. In Structural, more debate takes place on Performance Based Structural Fire Design. The hearings start March 27 in Rochester, NY and run through April 7.

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'Protecting Joints & Voids
in Fire-Resistive Construction'

Wednesday, April 20
10:00 am - 11:00 am CDT

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



FCIA's GLOBAL OUTREACH – INDIA & NEW ZEALAND

In 1998, FCIA's Steering Committee strategically inserted the word "International" into the "Firestop Contractors Association". To fulfill the international mission, FCIA's Board of Directors held its first conference in Canada (2004 and 2006) and continues to produce and host an annual Canadian Symposium.

In 2008, FCIA expanded our reach with the FCIA Middle East Symposiums, which also continue annually, with this year's event coming in June of 2022.

We've presented special webinars for interested professionals (and potential members) in India, and most recently, for passive fire protection professionals in New Zealand. We've also had conversations with and about the UK, Ireland, Germany, South

America, and Mexico.

As a result of personal visits, conversations, and ambassadorship, FCIA boasts a membership that is represented around the globe: from the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, India, Europe, the UK, and elsewhere in the world. [FCIA's 'DIIM' story](#) – the proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintaining Protection of firestop systems – is gaining traction worldwide.

FCIA Members, thank you for supporting the outreach.

Not a member yet? [Join FCIA now](#), and learn how you can make a difference in the firestop and effective compartmentation industry in your area.



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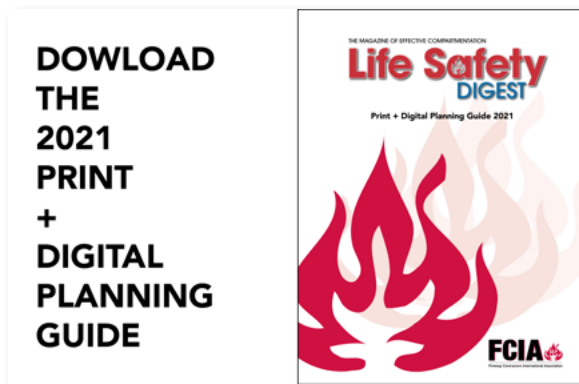
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Want to grow your business this year and get in front of new prospective clients/customers? Have a really neat project that you think would make a good job profile? Ever considered writing an article on fire-resistance-rated or smoke-resistant topics?

Then we want you!

FCIA is looking for interesting firestop installations to highlight, new contributing authors to feature, new advertisers to partner with in *Life Safety Digest*. If this sounds like it could be you, [reach out to us today!](#)



FCIA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

FCIAs works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM'** of **Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, 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 Associate Members

- SCI Engineering - St. Charles, MO

FCIA New Manufacturer Members

- MM Systems - North Tonawanda, NY

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.



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