AGENDA

-Welcome-
Specifiers, Architects, Building Officials, Fire Marshals, Contractors, Consultants, Manufacturers, Manufacturers Reps, Distributors, Governmental Officials

0800 - 0830  Exhibitor Setup
0830 - 0900  Coffee, Tabletops Open

0900 - 0915  Firestopping, FCIA, and DIIM – Design, Install, Inspect and Maintain
  How Firestopping fits in with Total Fire Protection & Compartmentation.
  Mr. Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director

0915 - 0945  Design – Codes mandate the use of UL & ASTM Firestop Standards, tested and listed Firestop Systems. Their use is key to safe buildings. Focus on High Rise Construction and building envelope.
  Mr. Fouad Hajj, Specified Technologies, Inc.

  Firestopping must be installed to the tested and listed system. Listen as FM Approvals and Underwriters Laboratories present their programs.

0945 - 1030  Install - FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors
  Mr. Mark Tyrol and Mr. Vidur Berry, FM Approvals

1030 - 1045  Break – Sponsored by Firestop Insulation Technologies WLL

1045 - 1115  Tabletop Exhibitor Presentations, 2 minutes each

1115 - 1245  Install - UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program
  Mr. Ahmed Eldidi and Mr. Romnish Kapoor, UL, LLC

1245 - 1300  Break – Sponsored by Narang Projects WLL

1230 - 1300  Inspection – Inspection to ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393, by IAS AC 291 Accredited Inspection Agencies, and Inspection of Firestopping adds reliability for installed firestopping.
  Mr. Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director and Mr. Sajid Raza, Butler Engineering ME

1300 - 1330  Maintenance – The NFPA 101 and the International Fire Code require that fire resistance be maintained throughout the building life cycle. Learn about protecting people in existing buildings at this session. Special focus on High Rise Buildings, Photoluminescent Markings.
  Mr. Ahmed Ghoneimy, Hilti Qatar

1330 - 1430  Luncheon
1430  Exhibitors dismantle
Education Session from 0830-1200 is open to all FCIA Member Contractors. Non Members may attend for $495US.

0730 - 0830  
*Continental Breakfast*

0830 - 1000  
FCIA Education Session for FM & UL Firestop Exams  
*Mr. Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director*

1000 - 1015  
*Break*

1015 - 1030  
FCIA Education Session for FM & UL Firestop Exams  
*Mr. Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director*

1030 - 1130  
FM Approvals Management System Education

1130 - 1230  
UL Management System Education

1230 - 1330  
Lunch

1330 - 1730  
FM & UL Firestop Exams – Pre Registration Required
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Vidur Berry is with FM Approvals as an Approvals Engineer. FM Approvals certifies industrial and commercial products and services for thousands of companies worldwide. In addition to the FM APPROVED mark, FM Approvals has been appointed by the European Commission as a Notified Body under the Construction Products Directive (CE Mark). FM Approvals also offers ISO 9000 Registration Services and the FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractor Program.

Vidur’s responsibilities as an engineer with FM Approvals include working with building material manufacturers to obtain FM Approval of their products and services. In his current position, Vidur provides engineering technical support for customers and Department of Civil Defence in India and the Middle East, including FM 4991 Approved Contractors.

Vidur began his career in 2004 with a building materials manufacturing company, CBSL Infrastructure Ltd. and further with Havells India Limited. He joined the FM Approvals Division of FM Global in 2008 and is a graduate engineer of the University of Pune, (India), Maharashtra Institute of Technology in Mechanical Engineering.

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Mr. Eldidi is Underwriters Laboratories’ Regional Manager for Middle East and Africa. Ahmed is responsible for the region’s operations as well as management of their Dubai office.

Ahmed’s experience started as a fire engineering consultant and he has been in the life safety industry ever since. He was involved in numerous major projects as well as working closely with AHJs in the region; including developing the UAE fire code with Dubai Civil Defence. He has a Masters in Engineering Management from Australian University of Wollongong, and Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from the American University.

With more than a 116-year proven track record, UL has been defining safety from the public adoption of electricity to new breakthroughs that help protect our future. UL is committed to safeguarding people, places and products in new and innovative ways for today’s borderless world.
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Fouad Hajj is STI’s District Manager for the Gulf Region. He has been working for STI since 2011, first as Territory Manager for Qatar and Kuwait, and then in his present position. Fouad is highly trained in firestopping and has played a key role in supporting firestopping contractors, General Contractors and their subs, as well as Authorities Having Jurisdiction, in their efforts to improve fire safety at the best cost. As a result, he helped consolidate STI’s reputation as one of the technical and market leaders for firestopping in the Gulf Region.

Fouad has a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the American University of Beirut (AUB). Prior to joining STI, he worked for five years as an engineer in the Oil and Gas industry where he held numerous positions, including those of Construction Supervisor and Project Manager. This gave him hands-on and management experience which has allowed him to add value in his present position that extends beyond just firestopping.

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Mr. Kapoor is Sales Manager, Building at Underwriters Laboratories, developing sales in the Middle East and Africa. His responsibilities include Product Safety, Knowledge Services and Environmental Safety. Romnish joined UL in October, 2012. He has experience as an Assistant Sales Manager, Fire Protection and Detection Systems, and was with Qurainban General Trading LLC, Dubai. He holds a BE Mechanical Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Operations and Marketing.

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Bill has been Executive Director of the Firestop Contractors International Association since its inception in 1998 and continues full time as its Executive Director. He has a background in the construction industry participating in the Effective Compartmentation, Firestopping, Roofing and Waterproofing industries in manufacturing, consulting, distribution and contracting, both nationally and internationally since 1981.

He is active in the Building and Fire Code Development process at NFPA, International Code Council (ICC), the State of IL and the City of Chicago. At NFPA, he is a member of the Fire Protection Features Committee and has participated in the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation’s Research on Smoke Barriers. He is a member of the 2015 ICC Fire Safety Committee and was a member of the ICC Ad-Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant
Buildings. He has served on the ICC Code Technology Committee Vertical Openings Study Group. Bill is also a member of the International Accreditation Services Board of Directors.

At ASTM, Bill chairs the ASTM E06.21 task group that manages the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 On Site Firestop Inspection Standards. He participates at Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) Standards Technical Panels and monitors international standards activities. Bill is principal author of and works with the committee that maintains the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice. He has been published in leading journals including Engineering News Record, the Construction Specifier, Construction Canada and is publisher and editor of the Life Safety Digest. He holds an MBA from Western Illinois University.

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Sajid has a BS Mechanical Engineering and an MBA. With 20 years of experience, Sajid has a sound track record in the field of Fire Protection and Life Safety. Under his leadership, Butler Engineering provides a wide range of services including but not limited to Special Inspections, Fire Engineering, Code Consulting, Evaluation Services, Training & Education and Inspection & Quality Management. His current portfolio includes active association with ASTM, CIDC, NFPA, FCIA, UAE Society of Engineers, ICC-ES, FM, UL. Sajid is a UL Standards Technical Panel member on Underwriters Laboratories STP 1479, 2079 and 555, Education Section of NFPA, UAE Fire Code Committee. Being IAS AC 291 Accredited and passed the FM Firestop Exam, Sajid plays active role in the Design, Install, Inspect, Maintain and Manage (DIIMM) Philosophy of Fire Protection Systems.

He has been publishing papers, authoring articles, presiding at press conferences, speaking on topics like Fire & Life Safety, Inspection & Quality Management, Training & Education, Code Requirements. All of these are his passion.

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Mark has over 24 years experience with the evaluation, testing, and Approval of building materials. Mark’s responsibilities as an engineer with FM Approvals include working with building material manufacturers to obtain FM Approval of their products and services.

Mark began his career with FM Global in 1987 and joined the Approvals Division in 1993. Mark is a graduate of the University of Lowell, MA, College of Engineering with Post Graduate Studies from Northeastern University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.), Mechanical Engineering in several states. He is also a member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Steel Door Institute (SDI), International Firestop Committee (IFC), National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers (NABIE), National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee E.05 Fire Testing, National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), and Roof Consultants Institute (RCI).