

Dear Member

**Fire & Rescue 2008 – In conjunction with the World Firefighters Games
27-29 August 2008, New Arena & Convention Centre, Liverpool**

As a valued member of the IFE I should like to personally invite you to join me at the **Fire & Rescue 2008** Conference to be held on 27 & 28 August at the Arena & Convention Centre, Liverpool, shortly after I begin my year as International President. Organised by Fire Conferences & Exhibitions Limited (FCEL), this is a truly historic occasion for those connected with the fire & rescue service both from the UK and internationally since this year's conference is set to take place alongside the World Firefighters Games.

An important event for all IFE members

An important event within the fire community calendar, the **Fire & Rescue 2008** conference programme will feature a number of issues currently high on the agenda such as *Operational Doctrine, Flooding and the Environment, Health & Safety, Comprehensive Area Assessments (CAA), Fire Insurance, Sprinklers and Equality and Diversity*.

A distinguished speaker panel

The speaker line-up for **Fire and Rescue 2008** includes some of our industry's foremost leaders and authorities, boasting such distinguished names as Sir Michael Pitt – Author of the Pitt Review, Professor David Charters – former International President, IFE, CFO Bill Stewart – International President Elect, IFE, Ann Jones AM of the Welsh Assembly, Mike Hall – National Commander New Zealand FRS and Grant Lupton – CFO South Australian Fire Service. In addition the conference will open with a lively presentation from motivational speaker, Heather Wright, and will be followed by the customary political address from a senior member of parliament.

Comprehensive workshop programme

The main plenary sessions will be supported on the first afternoon by five highly topical and practical workshops covering: *Innovation & Technology, Skills & Competency Framework for the FRS Sector, Industrial Relations, National Standards & Interoperability and Post Fire Business Continuity*.

Show floor & other attractions

As well as the 100 plus **Fire & Rescue** exhibitors, other attractions for 2008 include:

- *Technical Rescue Demonstrations* where courageous members of Merseyside FRS will perform simulated rescue operations involving specialist tools and skills
- *Fleet Management Solutions* giving delegates an opportunity to inspect the latest appliances such as an alternative carbon footprint reducing firefighting vehicle
- *Water Rescue Demonstration*, comprising of the latest techniques in water rescue and flood resilience
- *World Firefighters Games*, with 5,000 participants from all round the world competing in a variety of team and individual events

Register today!

The **Fire & Rescue 2008** conference is designed to give you the utmost flexibility. For those of you pressed for time, you may decide to opt for a one day conference pass or simply choose from the wide selection of workshops on offer. For organisations booking more than five delegates FCEL are offering one place completely FREE of charge. Whatever you decide, I would urge you to book your

place by **27th June**, and save yourself as much as £40 with an early bird discount offer.

For full details and to register your place at **Fire & Rescue 2008** visit <http://www.fireandrescueexpo.com/>

Yours sincerely,

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