Minutes – IAFSS Committee Meeting – 27 April 2021

Venue: Zoom (https://lu-se.zoom.us/j/62577478118)

Date: Thursday, 27 April 2021

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1. Welcome
BJM called the meeting to order at 12:03 CET.

2. Apologies
Apologies were received EG, MG, BMer and PvH.

3. Brief discussion on 15th Symposium bids
BJM asked if they were questions or comments before beginning the review process.

4. Q&A with Poland Team
Guests: Piotr Tofilo, Mariusz Feltynowski, Kees Booth, Wojciech Węgrzyński, Nicole Testa-Boston and David Grossman

The Main School of Fire Service will partner with SFPE to plan for the 15th Symposium. There are several possible venues in Warsaw that would be able to host the event. Poland is starting to take a leadership role in fire safety in Europe. They welcome the opportunity to host and bring together industry and academic researchers.

5. Q&A with Poitiers Team
Guests: Thomas Rogaume, Alexis Coppalle, Paul Antoine Santoni, Eric Guillaume, Pierre Carlotti and Benjamin Batiot

There is support from the entire French membership on hosting the 15th Symposium in La Rochelle. They have experience with hosting meetings and attracting industry support and participation. There are also a number of students.
who will be able to be involved in the organization and provide assistance during the meeting.

6. 15th Symposium Bid Decision

It was agreed that there are 2 excellent bids and the decision will be difficult. Committee Members were asked to consider:

- Historical connections to IAFSS
- Research contributions
- Participation in IAFSS
- Expanding awareness of IAFSS to new areas

After discussion, BJM called for a vote. Poll was conducted via Zoom and the proxy votes were added. Poitiers bid was selected.

The teams were provided with the results. The Poitiers team was requested to prepare a brief presentation so the results can be announced to the membership at the conclusion of the current symposium.

7. AOB

Nothing had been presented for discussion.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting is 28-29 April 2021, depending on geographic location.

BJM thanked members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 13:18 CET.