



## EAPFP President visits Firex International

European Association for Passive Fire Protection (EAPFP) president Vicente Mans attended Firex International at Birmingham NEC on 13-16 May 2013.

During his visit, Mr Mans met with representatives from other European associations to investigate areas of common interest and potential alignment. He also took the opportunity to speak to visitors to the EAPFP stand and to visit other exhibitors at the event, before attending the IFSEC & FIREX Awards dinner.

The EAPFP stand formed part of the Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP) Passive Fire Protection Zone at the international event. EAPFP representatives were available to offer guidance to visitors wishing to place products on the European market, providing information and advice on the Construction Products Regulations and CE Marking.

Visitors were offered detailed advice on which passive fire protection products will be required to carry a CE mark when the CPR is introduced on 1 July 2013. The EAPFP's range of publications and guidance notes, which are available in several languages, were also on display.

Speaking at the event, Mr Mans stated:

"The EAPFP is happy to exhibit at this major international fire and security event. We are pleased to support our UK member, the Association for Specialist Passive Fire Protection, by representing Europe in the ASFP Passive Fire Protection Zone.

"The exhibition serves to raise the profile of the passive fire protection industry as a whole. Some 15 ASFP members are exhibiting within the ASFP Passive Fire Protection Zone and I was particularly pleased to see two ASFP member companies receive awards in recognition of their high standards of workmanship."

The EAPFP campaigns to raise the standard of fire safety in buildings and has representation on the European Union Technical Committees involved in developing product standards across Europe. The EAPFP is leading a campaign to increase the number of passive fire protection products that are subject to mandatory CE marking on the European market.

Under the CPR, any product for which a harmonised European product standard (hEN) exists will be required to carry a CE Mark from 1 July 2013. The EAPFP has been calling for voluntary European Technical Approval Guidelines (ETAGs) for a range of passive fire protection products to be converted to hENs. According to the EAPFP, such a move will improve the quality of products available on the European market.

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## **Notes to Editors**

EAPFP was formed in 1988 to act as a European voice on behalf of national associations representing manufacturers, contractors and other institutions involved in the fire protection to steelwork, timber, and other passive fire protection applications, including penetration seals and ductwork.

Countries represented by EAPFP members include Austria; Belgium; Cyprus; Denmark; France; Germany; Ireland; Netherlands; Russia; Spain; and UK.

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