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## EAPFP meets at UK fire test laboratory

European Association for Passive Fire Protection (EAPFP) representatives from across Europe met at Exova Warringtonfire on 6-7 June 2013.

The meeting gave members the opportunity to highlight areas of concern within their own states, as well as discuss areas of common interest. The visitors also enjoyed a tour of Exova Warringtonfire's laboratories and test facilities.

Discussions during the visit focused on CE marking, the development of European standards and test methods and fire engineering. Initiatives in each country aimed at raising awareness of passive fire protection and improving the quality of installations, were also reviewed.

The 12 delegates represented trade associations and passive fire protection companies from ten countries including, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, UK and the Netherlands.

Commenting on the event, EAPFP President Vicente Mans declared:

"The EAPFP aims to identify issues of interest and concern affecting its members throughout Europe. These may relate to standards and technical issues or initiatives to raise awareness within individual member states.

"By bringing representatives together from across Europe, we can identify those areas where a European wide campaign may be beneficial. We can also learn from the experience of individual member states to enable us to identify best practice and develop future initiatives to improve the understanding of passive fire protection throughout Europe.

"The EAPFP's broad membership enables it act as the European voice for passive fire protection. It was good to see such strong representation from so many different member states. The Association welcomes new members and would like to hear from other associations who are keen to improve fire safety within their own countries and across Europe."

EAPFP members are national associations representing manufacturers, contractors and other institutions involved in passive fire protection. They meet twice each year to discuss issues affecting the European fire industry.

The Association aims to raise the standard of fire safety in buildings through education and by raising awareness of passive fire protection. Currently, it is leading a campaign to increase the number of passive fire protection products that are subject to mandatory CE marking on the European market. Further campaigns to address concerns related to fire engineering and standards of installation are planned.

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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.

The Association campaigns to raise the standard of fire safety in buildings and offers a range of publications and guidance notes in several languages. The EAPFP also has representation on the European Union Technical Committees involved in developing product standards across Europe.

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