

Fire Sprinkler International 2026
Conference Programme, 22-23 April
Protecting society from fire

Wednesday, 22nd April

07:30-09:00 Registration Desk Open

09:00-09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Welcome from the Chair of the Plenary Session

Alan Brinson, Executive Director of the European Fire Sprinkler Network

Welcome from the city of Paris

Général Arnaud de Cacqueray, Brigade de sapeurs-pompiers de Paris?

09:15-10:45 Keynote Speakers

The French sprinkler industry

Christophe Laborde, Vinci Energies Building Solutions, France

A review of the Notre Dame fire and measures taken to prevent a recurrence

Colonel Fabien Moigne, Brigade de Sapeurs-Pompiers de Paris

Fire suppression system reliability studies and fire incident data

Tom Roche, FM, UK

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-12:45 Session 1 – Plenary – Introduction to conference themes

Sprinklers in French regulations and the first applications of the Loi Essoc

Didier Rémy & Aurélien Sabourdy, Fédération Nationale des Sapeurs-Pompiers de France

Testing to sprinkler protection designs: an inside look at FM's development process

Ben Ditch & Matt Daelhousen, FM, USA

Life Cycle Analyses and sprinklers

Hanna Nauckhoff, Bengt Dahlgren, Sweden

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12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 2

How system performance is assured in France

Chair – Youcef Ouammou, EFSN

APSAD I.F1 installer accreditation scheme

*Jean-François Richard & Guillaume Janicaud,
CNPP, France*

Recent updates to the APSAD R1 sprinkler installation rule

*TBC, GIS, Guillaume Janicaud & Christophe
Liénéré, CNPP, France*

Additional requirements from French insurers

*Olivier Terrasson, Allianz & Gwendal Le Mentec,
France Assureurs, France*

Environmental Protection

Chair – Alfredo Álvarez, EFSN

SAGA for an active anti-freeze system

Hervé Roché, Equans, France

How sprinklers prevent the collapse of suspended building services from fire in a wooden building

Dale Kinnersley, The FPA, UK

Panel – Sprinklers and the environment

*Sarah Colwell, BRE, UK, Hervé Roché, Hanna
Nauckhoff, Bengt Dahlgren, Sweden, Mark
Fessenden, IFSA, USA, Youcef Ouammou, EFSN,
France*

Water mist

Chair – Max Lakkonen, IWMA

Design of the fixed fire-fighting system for the reconstruction of Notre-Dame de Paris

Benjamin Truchot, INERIS, France

Vortex Hybrid Fire Extinguishing System for Protection of Data Processing Rooms/Halls Above Raised Floors

Johnathan Carl, Victaulic, USA

Let's talk about nozzles, not droplet sizes

*Christophe Balayre, Vid Firekill & Nicolas
Lochet, Elen Risk Consulting & Adesys,
France*

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Session 3

Standards I

Chair – Björn Schaumburg, EFSN

An update on progress with EN 12845-2

Karim Karzazi, AXAXL, France

Following the data to proven solutions

Stuart Lloyd, Zurich, UK

Quality

Chair – Giorgio Franzini, IFSN

Introduction to Vapour Corrosion Inhibitors & Comparison to 98% Purity Nitrogen in Dry and Pre-Action Fire Sprinkler Systems

Clint Williamson, General Air Products, USA

The French 30-year sprinkler review scheme

Pierre-Eric Joannon, AMOPSI & Client, France

Sprinkler system ageing

Nico Gregor, VdS, Germany

Product Presentations

Chair – Piotr Tofiło, POLIG

Pump sets in accordance with EN 17451

Gianluca Straziota, Wilo, Italy

Sprinkler storage tanks for confined spaces

Nigel Snee, Franklin Hodge, UK

Blazemaster CPVC piping system

Adam Hessel, Lubrizol, UK

Fluorine-free foam

Gerard Visser, Johnson Controls, Netherlands

CLF Satrem innovations

Rodolphe Bassi, CLF Satrem, France

17:30-20:30 Networking Event

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09:00-09:05 Announcements

Chair of the Plenary Session

Jan Witte, Minimax, Germany

09:05-10:45 Session 4 – Plenary – Research & Innovation

Hazard of the Modern Vehicle (ICE vs EV): Experimental findings of Sprinkler Protection in Garages

Victoria Lutz, Fire Protection Research Foundation, USA

Preservation of natural resources and low carbon solutions for sprinkler systems

TBC, Vinci Energies, France

Beyond installation: Ensuring fire system integrity through lifecycle standards

Mark Fessenden, International Fire Suppression Alliance, USA

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-12:45 Session 5

Inspection and Remote Services

Chair – John van Lierop, EFSN

Sprinkbox: an Industry 4.0 approach to connected fire safety

Hervé Roché, Equans, France

Automatic testing of sprinkler systems

Jan Witte, Minimax & TBC, VdS, Germany

From Monitoring to Intelligent Asset Management – The Evolution of IoT in Sprinkler Systems

John de Gieter, AquaSecurity, Belgium

Applications I

Chair – Giorgio Franzini, IFSN

Extinguishing battery fires: effectiveness and consequent gas and particle emissions

Amandine Lecocq, INERIS, France

Optimising design for the Autostore system

Ingunn Haraldseid, Autostore, Norway

Protection of Data Centres

TBC, Vinci Energies, France

Foam

Chair – Inge Devalez, BFSN

AFFF to Fluorine-Free Foam Conversions: Five Years of Lessons Learned

Jeremy Souza, Code Red Consultants, USA

Foam replacement in aircraft hangars

Gérald Berriet, Allianz, TBC, Efectis, France

& Gerard Visser, JCI, Netherlands

How is the PFAS foam replacement going?

Panel – Jeremy Souza, Gerard Visser, Matt

Calveley, ProDecon, UK + TBC

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14:00-15:30 Session 6

Research

Chair – Inge Devalez, BFSN

Fire test research on storage flue spaces

Johan Hoogeweg, DGMR, The Netherlands

FM Approved Open-Top Combustible Containers:

Proven Solutions for Safer Storage

Wes Baker & Dong Han, FM, USA

Protection of wooden buildings with sprinklers??

Véronique Marchetti, CSTB, France

Standards II

Chair – Alasdair Perry, BAFSA, UK

Potential changes in NFPA 13 and NFPA 88A

Bob Caputo, AFSA, USA

**Understanding and applying FMDS 8-34 in France
... and across Europe**

Nicolas Lochet, Elen Risk Consulting, France

Applications II

Chair – Alfredo Álvarez, EFSN

**French insurance rule for protection of waste
recycling centres**

*Youssef Ouammou, AXA & Romain Souche,
AXAXL, France*

**ESG application, innovation and carbon
impact reduction**

François Chirpaz, Groupe Save, France

**Design, installation and maintenance
recommendations for heritage buildings**

Magnus Arvidson, RISE, Sweden

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Session 7 – Plenary

Chair of the Plenary Session

Alan Brinson, EFSN, UK

Sprinkler management in a pharma laboratory environment

Keith Brennan, MSD (Merck), Ireland

Sprinklers as an enabler of Net Zero

Simon Corbey, Alliance for Sustainable Building Products, UK

SprinkLab – training the next generation for the French sprinkler industry

Daniel Renaudin, CLF Satrem, France

Closing Remarks

Volker Bechtloff, EFSN Chairman

19:00 Optional Gala Dinner – Bateaux Parisiens