

# CTIF NEWS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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Dear CTIF members, colleagues, friends.

**This is the Christmas – end of 2013 letter** of information. I would once again like to thank all and everybody for the great performances in **Mulhouse, France** and in particular **France and the French organizer**.

As stated before we will do everything possible to develop the event further and also try to make CTIF even more recognized. However **the events must be adapted to the economical realities and must be fitted to the organizing country's available resources**. There are still strong challenges we have to face, where perhaps one of the greatest problems is the economy that seems to be getting worse in most countries.



**The new CTIF Website** is developing in a promising way.

The main focus is **distribution and sharing of knowledge**. Best regards and **thank you to the Slovenian Fire Association**.

Please contribute with your knowledge and information!



The first meeting for **the new group the Commission for Extrication and New Technology** have taken place. **Belgium is stepping forward leading that development**. All the knowledge shall be available from [ctif.org](http://ctif.org) and free of charge for all Fire and Rescue Service. The elected chairman is Tom van Esbroek and the Project Leader is Kurt Wollmacher, both from Belgium.

**CTIF is moving the office**. Due to internal reasons in DFV the agreement is ending by the end of 2013. The new provider of the service will be **The Swedish Fire Protection Association, SFPA**. The **CTIF office will be located at their premises in Stockholm, Sweden**. The office with the new secretary will be operational early January 2014. The new secretary is a Swedish Fire Officer/Fire Engineer with the name Lars Rang. Suzanne Weigl, expert on communication will be supporting him. The next Executive meeting will be held in Stockholm early February at the CTIF office. Information on contact will come soon.



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## A new Trophy for the CTIF

In Mulhouse 2013 for the first time we have distributed **the new trophy of the CTIF** to some of our members who were honored.

The design of this trophy was made by **the Captain Bernard Meister** retired French firefighter officer who is also an artist.



**Captain Bernard Meister**

## A new CTIF Commission: Extrication and new Technology

The first meeting in Gent, Belgium



*Tom Van Esbroek and Kurt Vollmacher to the far right*

Five countries are already now members: Belgium, France, Austria, Slovenia and Sweden.

More countries are invited.

Detailed information will be available on [CTIF.org](http://CTIF.org).

**The new CTIF office in Stockholm**



The Swedish Fire Protection Association, SFPA



*Lars Rang, Susanne Weigl, Tore Eriksson, Michel Bour and Anders Bergqvist CEO*

Finally we wish you



**Tore Eriksson, President**

**Michel Bour Secretary General**