



JOIFF

‘Planning Today to Safeguard Tomorrow’

Mike Evers – JOIFF Chairman

Welcome everyone to the first ever conference organised by The Industrial Fire Journal in association with JOIFF – For those who don’t know me my name is Mike Evers and I am the Chief Fire Officer for Ciba Speciality Chemicals and Chairman of JOIFF.

It’s a pleasure to be here in Manchester today to make the opening address at this conference for what will be an extremely informative event. We are very excited by the excellent line up of speakers. A number of which have travelled overseas to make this a truly international event.

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- What is JOIFF ?
- The Conference

Some of you may not have heard of JOIFF so I plan to show just a few slides which will provide an introduction. Throughout the next 2 days if you would like to ask me any questions or require more information then please stop me and ask. You will have a small brochure in your welcome packs which does provide the salient points. Also there are a number of JOIFF member delegates so I'm sure there are many avenues for information should you need it.

Secondly I would like to provide a short introduction to the conference themes, the speakers, the chairpersons and the conference organisers.

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JOIFF Around the Globe



Australia
Bahrain
Belgium
England
France
Faulkland Islands
Germany
Holland
Ireland
Malaysia
New Zealand
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Scotland
Singapore
South Africa
Sweden
USA
United Arab Emirates
Wales



JOIFF is a worldwide organisation represented by emergency services management. We currently have members in 20 countries. No part of the globe is untouched by our presence and message – we know this from e-mails which arrive from countries which have no JOIFF membership.

JOIFF provides a ‘vehicle’ for emergency services management to have access to a worldwide network of their peers. There are many and varied benefits of membership.

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JOIFF - Benefits

- Discussion Forum – ‘Shared Learning’
- Information Dissemination
- Technical Advisory Group
- Training

There is access to ‘**shared learning**’ and provision of a **discussion forum** -

There is an email distribution from the elected Secretary of the JOIFF Executive to all Members, of reports on Fires, incidents and other related matters which he receives from Members and other sources to share lessons learnt. This gives valuable information and encourages discussion and mutual exchanges of information either from individual Member to individual Member or through the Secretary, to the whole Membership.

Information Dissemination - JOIFF publishes a quarterly Newsletter called The Catalyst which includes information submitted by members as well as other information relative to the on going activities of JOIFF. All copies of The Catalyst are posted on the JOIFF website. JOIFF also organises Seminars and Workshops on subjects of interest to JOIFF Members such as the one we are attending today.

Technical Advisory Group - JOIFF is recognised by Regulatory Authorities and other policy making Organisations. JOIFF comments and makes submissions on the nature and control of Safety issues in Process Industry such as Fire Risks, Training Competences, Standardisation, Legislation, Codes of Practice etc. with a view to improving Standards of Safety and of the Working Environment in which Industries operates World wide.

Accredited Training - Through its Training Standards Committee, JOIFF has developed a series of accredited Hot Fire Training Courses. Courses are specifically directed at Fire Safety & Emergency Response Staff in Industry and they are carried out at JOIFF approved Training Establishments. JOIFF is at the forefront of developing competency based training which is dovetailed to meet the needs of the new National Occupational Standards. This new initiative now allows operational firefighters to achieve NVQ’s in line with the changing environment of the fire services. This mornings session will add much to your understanding of these recent developments.



Conference Key Themes

- Risk Assessed Competence
- Assurance
- International Operations & Response
- Major Incidents, Lessons Learned

Risk Assessed Competence – There has never been a more dynamic period of change in the fire service and the first of our sessions looks to examine some of the major factors involved in this change – New working practices, risk based response rather than the restrictive prescriptive standards of old and the foundation stone of every organisation competence to carry out the new emerging roles. **Assurance** - We do need benchmarks in industry and it's important that we acknowledge the excellent work done by those involved in raising the bar on standards and testing. We will hear from those involved in this important field. Whatever policies, practices, technologies or methodologies we adopt for providing a safe work place we must do it against a backdrop of compliance with regulation. Should we push the boundaries too far with our new thinking we may find ourselves somewhat exposed. We will hear some of the pitfalls from a legal viewpoint. **International Operations & Response** – Here we will hear from practitioners and experts in the field, from a facility fire chief, an expert fire investigator and an international fire fighter. We will hear about resilience to threats such as terrorism and also learn about the impact of your actions in terms of media application and the challenges this poses moving forward. **Major Incidents, Lessons Learned** – When things go wrong – and they do all too frequently are we learning the lessons from the unfortunate and in some cases plain stupid mistakes of others. We have two world renowned speakers who are going to share with you two very different approaches to looking at these issues



Conference Speakers

- Gordon Russell
- John Judd
- Peter Bowyer
- Mark Scoggins
- Philip Field
- Luc Jacobs
- Richard Coates
- Alec Feldman
- Pine Piennar
- John Williamson
- Roger A Klein
- Kelvin Hardingham
- Mike Hodge
- Trevor Kletz
- Gene Allen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the speakers who will be presenting throughout this conference. I hope like me you are excited by this world class line up. The themes will I'm sure prove to be informative and thought provoking.

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Conference Chairmen

- John Judd
- Bob Docherty
- Richard Coates
- Mike Evers

Thanks up front to the chairmen who will ensure the proceedings go smoothly and ensure we stick to our tight timetable.



Conference Organising Committee

- Katie Phillips
- Stacy Watts
- David Thomas
- Aiden Turnbull
- Alec Feldman
- Bob Docherty
- Gerry Johnston
- Mark Scanlon
- Richard Coates
- Kevin D Westwood

Last thank you goes to the organising committee who have worked so hard to bring this event together.

JOIFF in association with Industrial Fire Journal have a goal – that is to make you a more informed person leaving this conference and we truly hope to achieve this over the next 2 days.

We thank you very much for taking the time from your busy diaries to participate in this event.

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