CTIF meetings
Delegate’s Assembly and Seminar
7th -9th of September. Helsinki, Finland

We have received two applications for ordinary membership:

The Republic of Korea (Population 50 801 405,
Area 100 210 km²)

Iran (Population 80 840 713, Area 1 648 000 km²)

Dramatic Floods in Germany and France, May-June

CTIF General Secretary presented CTIF in Chengdu China on May 5-7

The executives of Chengdu city (Sichuan province, China) have expressed their interest for the promotion and development of the voluntary sector, the protection of the vulnerable population and the specific training for risk emergency management actors. During a workshop organized in May 2016 an overview of the benefits withdrawn by the Chinese part from their collaboration with the EU-DRM (EU-Disaster Risk Management) Project during three years were presented. The General Secretary of CTIF was present as EU Expert and made a presentation of CTIF and our work.

CTIF groups meet in Helsinki
• Extrication and New Technology
• Training and Education

Volunteers Working Group
had their spring meeting 7th - 8th of March in Lenzburg, Switzerland.
Activities

CTIF working group Danube countries held a meeting on 15th of March in Zagreb, Croatia, with representatives from Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia. The role of fire-fighters in the refugee crises was discussed. With regards to the estimates that only 30% of the refugees will return to their home countries, volunteer fire-fighting units have the potential to play a significant part in the social integration of refugees. The working group "Danube countries" supports close cooperation between voluntary and professional firefighters to make sure that they can provide an effective fire-fighting system with an acceptable emergency response time.

The Volunteers Fire Club of Tallinn 30 years jubilee was celebrated on the 23rd of April

The EU project HyResponse – European Hydrogen Emergency Response training programme for First Responders with the key objectives to develop a comprehensive training for First Responders. Dealing with all safety aspects of transport and stationary applications

Educational training  Operational training     Virtual Reality training

The training events started in Aix-en-Provence in March and will be finalized in June. In total 71 trainees from 15 countries have participated (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Spain, United States, France, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Sweden, Czech Republic) Also 21 observers from 10 countries (Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Netherlands, Portugal, United States, Japan, Taiwan) attended.

More info: www.hyresponse.eu

Best regards Tore Eriksson and Michel Bour