Mid and West Wales IFE Branch

Centenary Seminar and Torch Relay

13:30 – 17:00 on 27th April 2018

Mercure Swansea Hotel, Phoenix Way, Llansamlet, SA7 9EG

Mid and West Wales Branch is proud to be taking part in the IFE Centenary event and Torch relay.

IFE Members and others are invited to attend this event at the Mercure Swansea Hotel. Dr Peter Mansi will present a Case Study on a Fire Investigation of the Great Fire of London and Adam Course will outline the philosophy of the newly launched Firefighter Safety Database.

The current international president Martin Shipp will close the event.

This is a ticket only event with limited numbers. Tickets cost £20 and can only be purchased at Eventbrite.  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mid-and-west-wales-ife-centenary-seminar-tickets-43973877050

Mid and West Wales IFE Centenary Seminar
Speakers will include

**Dr Peter Mansi**

Dr Peter Mansi was an operational fire officer within the London Fire Brigade for over 30 years; the last 12 of those as a Fire Investigator and since 2001 a Station Manager within the Fire and Arson Investigation Group. In October 2008 he took up post as the Borough Commander of the City of London and from May 2009 was also managing the Fire and Arson Investigation Group at its new central location within the City of London.

Having been part of the management team that supervised 28 dedicated fire investigation officers, 2 of whom were canine hydrocarbon handlers and several officers who were on fire investigation development programmes in London, he actively investigated fires and developed the role of a ‘protracted scene manager’ at complex, high profile or protracted fire investigations. One of Peter’s roles within the London Fire Brigade was as a Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection Officer (HazMat). Peter was the lead fire investigator on the double fire-fighter fatalities investigation that occurred in Bethnal Green, East London in July 2004; he was the lead fire investigator on the Iron Mountain storage facility major fire in Bow, East London, which attracted 20 fire engines and took several days to extinguish. He investigated the origin, cause and development of a fire in Bray, County Wicklow, Ireland, which claimed the lives of two fire fighters in September 2007 and reviewed the fire investigation into the fire in Warwickshire that claimed the lives of four fire fighters in November 2007. Peter is the lead investigator into the Lakanal fire, which claimed the lives of 6 members of the public.

Peter was involved with a working group during 2004/5, which developed the National Occupational Standards for Fire Investigation within the UK and was published in 2005 and rewritten in 2009 under Skills for Justice. He also sits on the IAAI Fire Investigation Standards Committee (FISC), the IAAI CFI Committee and the IAAI Membership Committee. Peter was elected to 2nd Vice President for the International Association of Arson Investigators (Global) in April 2012.

He successfully defended his PhD in April 2012 by carrying out research into the methodology of fire investigations focusing on both accidental and deliberate fires to help improve the prosecuting rates that currently exist (currently approximately 3%). He has published in the UK and USA his ‘Ten Stage System’ to assist in serial arson investigations. Peter a Member of the Forensic Science Society.
Adam Course; Crew Manager, Avon Fire & Rescue Service

Adam will outline the philosophy of the newly launched Firefighter Safety Database.

Since June 2016 Adam has been on secondment to a joint venture run by the IFE and National Operational Guidance/National Operational Learning (NOG/NOL) Project being run by London Fire Brigade.

The Firefighter Safety Database Project (FFSDB) was initiated by Adam several years ago, only becoming possible via the extensive international network of the International General Assembly (IGA) and the IFE Board of Directors and due to collaborative work with the National Operational Guidance (NOG) and National Operational Learning (NOL) programmes. Since initiation the IFE Firefighter Safety Special Interest Group was formed and plays a key role in directing, managing and maintaining the FFSDB.

Martin Shipp; IFE International President

After graduating in 1970, Martin Shipp joined Hawker Siddeley Dynamics (now British Aerospace) as a thermal design engineer, primarily using computational heat balance models where he worked on a number of satellite projects and the SpaceLab Pallet.

Martin joined the Fire Research Station (part of the Building Research Establishment (BRE)) in 1974 and is Technical Development Director, Fire Safety in BRE Global. He currently has responsibility for fire investigation, fire safety management, fire risk assessment and projects related to all aspects of transport fire safety.

Martin manages the BRE fire investigation programme for the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and has been closely involved with the investigations into Piper Alpha, Alexandra Palace, Windsor Castle and more recently, Atherstone on Stour, Penhallow Hotel, Newquay, and Lakanal, London, along with many others.