

REPORT OF TAINA HANHIKOSKI, VICE PRESIDENT OF CTIF

Annual Report

Since Delegates' Assembly 2021, my focus has been on developing CTIF's communications in cooperation with the rest of the EC. I initiated the updating of CTIF Newsletter, which is meant to become a regular newsletter in 2022. The aim of the newsletter is to keep members and other interested stakeholders updated in our work and share the information on current issues.

I have also initiated, already in 2021, a cloud-based storage service to be used for minutes, MoUs and other important documents. As an organization with long history and hopefully at least equally long future, it is important to preserve our actions and decisions for future CTIF actives.

I have also worked on the subject of Working Time Directive and participated in the meeting with the European Commission and members of the European Parliament concerning the issue. In addition, I have been active in establishing the Scientific Advisory Committee, which will hopefully increase the impact and value of CTIF's work in the coming years.

Health Commission

Since Delegates' Assembly 2021, The Commission has updated their CTIF webpage under The Firefighters Health Commission. They plan to have their next online meeting July 2022 and are planning a physical meeting for 2023.

The focus for The Health Commission work has been planned to inform about the different risks and prevention based on science, studies, technology, experience, and Best Practices and to create our own CTIF material in a way that can be used as guidelines for fire services around the world.

The long-term risks can unfortunately not be eliminated entirely but we can and are obligated to do our utmost to reduce the risks as much as possible. Occupational cancers and mental illnesses should be recognized through regulations and presumptive legislation as work related injuries and must also be compensated as such. These topics will be covered also in 2022-23.

We recommend more countries to participate in the HC. If you are interested in participating in our work, please contact the HC chairman and together we will make it happen.

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