

Preface

The international seminar for fire safety of facades (FSF) was created in 2013 to gather international experts in the field of fire safety for façade, to provide them the opportunity to present their work and research activities, to receive feedback from their colleagues and to establish collaborations and discussion with their peers.

The 1st international seminar for fire safety of facades was held in Paris 14-15 November 2013. In response to the call-for-paper we received about 50 excellent abstracts coming from the entire world and illustrating the importance of the subject of fire safety of facade in the international community. The scientific committee, composed of well-known researchers in the field of fire safety, selected 23 abstracts for possible oral presentations at the seminar and 23 for posters. These abstracts led to 38 papers published in these proceedings. They were grouped into the following topics:

- Standardization and Regulations
- Test and assessment methods
- Fire safety engineering
- Facade systems
- Case studies
- Products and material.

These proceedings include papers from 98 authors from 21 countries: Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italia, Japan, Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America.

The papers provide an international state-of-the-art knowledge in the field of fire safety of facade. They show that the need of expertise in this domain is increasing and we feel confident that the FSF will provide a leading forum for information exchange between researchers and engineers, regulators and other stakeholders in the future.

Finally we would like to thank the members of the scientific committee who did a wonderful work in reviewing the submitted abstracts, the members of the organizing committee, the authors and the sponsoring organizations for their contribution to the success of the seminar.

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