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Thatch research update

Monday 17 October, 2.30-5.00pm

Royal College of Surgeons

35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE

NFU Mutual, Historic England and RISCAuthority bring you an update of the latest full-scale research and developing new guidance



This workshop presents the results to date of an NFU Mutual Insurance and Historic England research project being undertaken at the FPA's advanced fire test laboratory. The investigation has the advantage of full-scale test facilities and state-of-the-art instrumentation systems to look at prevalent thatch fire causation.

The programme has identified and confirmed the predominant fire raising methods in thatch. This new knowledge will assist the insurance and heritage sectors in offering better advice to property owners on mitigation measures. The research will contribute to reshape the loss experience in the future.

Workshop agenda

- Insurer viewpoint
- Heritage perspective
- Statistics - the foundations of fact
- Research and conclusions
- User recommendations
- Q&A

This free of charge workshop will follow the RISCAuthority members' seminar and is one day before the Fire Sector Summit, all at the same venue, in order that those with a professional interest in thatch as well as fire safety may combine attendance at both events. See overleaf for booking details.

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Research conclusions

Fires in thatch occur for many reasons and represent devastating heritage and financial loss, in addition to significant personal loss. To mitigate these losses there is a need to identify the prevailing causes and to produce recommendations that will address them. During this research the complexity of the relationships between the building, the thatch, the chimney, the wood burning stove, and its operator were investigated. Based upon the findings practical recommendations are outlined, covering:

- stove design,
- operational factors and monitoring,
- factors affecting spark production and lift,
- chimney condition, configuration and lining, and
- chimney top fittings.



Book your free place

The workshop is open to everyone. To book a place at this **FREE** event, please contact **Dominic Louks** at dlouks@thefpa.co.uk or on **01608 812 513**.

It will follow on from the RISC Authority members' seminar earlier in the day, and we anticipate this thatch workshop being of particular interest to insurers, brokers, FRS, fire investigators, heritage specialists, thatch owners and thatching contractors.

Why not stay overnight and join us at the **Fire Sector Summit 2016** the following day?



Day pass £249 + VAT per person - a day place at the conference on 18 October with all refreshments included

Conference package £345 + VAT per person - a conference day pass for 18 October, plus the drinks reception, gala dinner with guest speaker Lord John Bird MBE on the 17 October

Dinner only £99 + VAT per person - drinks reception, gala dinner, evening entertainment on the 17 October with guest speaker Lord John Bird MBE

To book, please contact us on 01608 812 514, sales@thefpa.co.uk or at www.thefpa.co.uk/summit