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Editorial

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Dear Friends,

It is an honour and pleasure for me to send you this first issue of FISUEL info - the liaison bulletin that your administrative board has decided to set up.

However, before going any further, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have agreed to give to this "project" that we have decided to develop jointly - the safety of electricity users.

But why a bulletin? Your board felt that the members of the federation should be informed of its actions and projects, but above all that they should be able to transmit their ideas, communicate and react: FISUEL INFORMATION will be the vehicle for this.

I therefore strongly encourage you to send us your reports for inclusion in this bulletin and to pass on your questions, observations and action suggestions to the members of the administrative board and the secretariat so that they can be taken into consideration.

By reacting we strengthen our federation. Thanking you in advance.

Philippe André

ACTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE 1ST HALF-YEAR 2002

The numerous administrative jobs inevitably required for setting up the Federation (an association under the law of 1901) have been carried out.

Information

- Within a very short time, the two reports of the Beirut meetings (founding general assembly and working session), translated into two languages, were sent to all members.
- At the same time, a general notice concerning the launch of Fisuel and the content of the work carried out were sent to all those invited but unable to attend.

A press conference was held on 21 June; on that occasion a press file was compiled and sent to all members for use in their countries.

External relations

- Fisuel was announced to numerous administrations, authorities and partners.
- ECI (European Copper Institute) was admitted on 22 April.
- Contacts were established with UATI (International Union of Technical Associations and Organisations) FMOI (International Federation of Engineers' Organisations) and UIE (International Electricity Applications Union).
- The Chairman, Philippe André, attended the 10th National Congress of FENIE, on 17 April in Seville.
- José Tomaz Gomès and Guy Geffroy were invited to present Fisuel at the next delegates' council of the AIE (12-13 September in London).
- Fisuel, together with ECI, UIE, and AIE (European Association of Electrical Installation Companies) has pledged its involvement in a project called FEEDS. The objective is to create a "Green Book" in 2003 which will serve as a support for lobbying action concerning systematic inspection in older properties.

This list could not be complete without mentioning the numerous letters sent to "prospects" in Poland, Saudi Arabia, Congo, Benin, Indonesia, Brazil, Italy and Greece.

Directory

An internal questionnaire has been sent to all members in order to produce the Fisuel directory and then at a later stage set up a data base for a future international watch body for electrical safety.

ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative board has decided to meet three times a year with an agenda sent 4 weeks in advance. Action decisions and resolutions will be made by seeking a consensus and not by vote.

Board members will be able to make suggestions for agenda items provided they give Fisuel sufficient notice (6 weeks). The main decisions and lines of development decided by the board will appear in FISUEL info so that the actions of this body can be widely reported to members.

Projects

FEEDS

(Forum for European Domestic Electrical Safety).

The objectives of this forum, whose creation was ratified in Barcelona this February, are as follows:

- **to produce** for March 2003 a **Green Book of electrical safety**, to alert authorities at national (cascading to local) and European level to the dangers arising from poor-quality installation and consequently to the desirability of setting up periodic technical inspections.
- **to organise** a feedback of experience from four countries concerning the feasibility of systematic inspection in older properties.

The work, to which Fisuel, AIE and UIE contribute and which is conducted under the aegis of ECI (associate member of Fisuel), forms part of the FEEDS programme (Forum for European Domestic Electrical Safety).

The first working meeting of this forum was held on 7 June in Brussels.

This Green Book is likely to be structured as follows:

- installation rules;
- age of residences;
- level of renovation;
- consequences and guideline costs / references of good practice;
- definition of electrical safety;
- procedures;
- justifications of the initiative;
- national activities and campaigns along these lines;
- current regulations / inspections and renovation.

Once drafting has begun, the first news will be released in Paris on 11 December during a meeting set up by Fisuel at the ELEC trade show.

The second meeting of FEEDS took place in Berlin on 6 September.

The federation requests members who have not yet done so to send:

- their brochure,
- the inventory questionnaire on electrical safety (access to the electrical profession, existence of inspections, organisations involved),
- and any other document likely to help the federation set up a solid data base (statistics, power distribution situation, safety campaigns, legislation).

PREPARATION FOR THE FISUEL DAYS OF DECEMBER 10 AND 11.

The programme should be as follows:

- 10 December, from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., board meeting (to which the Chairman of AIE may be invited), followed at 7.00 p.m. by a reception attended by Fisuel members and other organisations likely to be interested in the federation's initiative;
- 11 December at Villepinte, at the ELEC 2002 trade show: Fisuel Days open to everyone, which will include presentations of the initial work undertaken by Fisuel and the Green Book project developed jointly by ECI, Fisuel, UIE and AIE.
- In the afternoon, at 3.30 p.m. there will be a presentation by Consuel and Promotelec of the electrical safety watch body, to which Fisuel members are invited.

Dates to note...

- MATELEC at Madrid, from 8 to 12 October 2002
- ENDIEL 2003 (organised by Anima) at the Lisbon Exhibition Site (Parque des Nações), from 27 to 31 May
- Autumn trade show in Luxembourg
- FISUEL Days on 10 and 11 December in Paris
- ELEC 2002, Paris, from 9 to 13 December.



