

Let's communicate more worldwide for greater **electrical safety**



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International Federation
for the Safety of Electricity Users

Electricity plays a key role in our life and is increasingly at the heart of social and economic development. However, its perceived image as a safe energy source too often leads to its misuse or to a failure to comply with all appropriate safety rules resulting in fires, injuries and, tragically on occasion, deaths.

One way of minimising such risks: a number of countries have established the systematic and regular inspection of all installations, both existing and new, to ensure their due compliance with the relevant electrical Standards.

The idea of creating FISUEL arose eight years ago in France, where for the preceding 30 years such inspections had been made by CONSUEL (Comité National pour la Sécurité des Usagers de l'Électricité), a state approved, not-for-profit Association representing users, energy distributors and electrical contractors.

In creating this international Federation, its then President Philippe André had two goals:

- to share French experience and best practice with other countries;
- to provide a forum so as to improve electrical safety by sharing ideas, and comparing methods, procedures and experiences, so as to the benefit of all those organisations around the world which have a responsibility for or an interest in these matters.

Since then, over 30 members from more than 20 countries, with differing requirements and degrees of maturity, have joined the Federation so as to improve or accelerate their own particular national objectives.

While the user remains its core concern, FISUEL increasingly needs to consider the many different ways in which electricity is used, and therefore has to be ready to adapt in real time to an ever growing range of applications.

To be able to benefit from technological advances, such as renewable energy, energy saving, and intelligent networks, electrical installations and facilities need to be safe and fully compliant with all relevant Standards: they must be have been systematically inspected.

In a continuing commitment, FISUEL today aims to further expand its global membership. It is with such a support that its belief will prevail more quickly and more strongly along the road to Electrical Safety, for the greater good of the entire industry.



Why Fisuel?

To help each member to make progress “faster” and efficiently Electrical Safety in its country, in accord with its own national, historical, economic and legislative custom and practice, especially by:

- encouraging the promotion of Standardisation and the establishment of relevant regulations and inspection procedures in countries where they do not already exist, based on tried and tested systems already in use elsewhere - especially useful in foreseeing future trends and needs.
- promoting better Electrical Safety worldwide through the facilitation of international partnerships and contacts and the circulation and sharing of professional information and experience.
- seeking to achieve common frames of reference, publicising best practice and contributing to the continual enhancement of international safety Standards in general.

Organisation



20 countries represented by Active or Associate members

France, Portugal, Spain, Poland, United Kingdom, Ireland,
Switzerland, Belgium, Lebanon, Korea, Argentina, Chile,
Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Senegal,
Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Morocco, Benin, Gabon

2 Associations

One International (UIE) and the other European (ECI)



Structure

- A General Assembly composed of two Sections

Active members: legal entities with an operational responsibility for the safety of electricity users and uses.

Associate members: legal entities which have concerns for the safety of electricity users and uses and wish to contribute to its improvement.

- A representative Board of Directors composed of legal entities from different countries represented by physical persons. Consisting of at least 8 Directors with a maximum of 13 Directors.

- Regional Working Groups

- A Technical Committee composed of the Regional Working Groups chaired by a vice-president who is also a member of the Board of Directors.

FISUEL is funded by the annual contributions of all its members according to annual membership dues proposed by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.

A platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences and information

The basic tool is the website: **www.fisuel.org**



The best way for all member countries to exchange, share experiences, and news from the worldwide electrical community, consult the schedule of events and meetings, read the minutes of Working Groups and post feedback.

The website also gives members immediate access to the “FISUEL Memory” bank, with complete data collected from numerous countries and all the main reports published since 2002, a continuing information service updated each and every year.

A practical way for non-members to increase their awareness of the importance of checking compliance with Standards, notably by having access to the online press releases posted by the different countries represented by FISUEL.



Annual Meetings

Annual meeting in various countries of the globe (represented or not in FISUEL). Nothing replaces face-to-face contact, so all FISUEL members are invited to attend each Annual General Meeting to report on work undertaken, approve projects, develop professional contacts and experience and to generally simplify the giving and sharing of information.

A second specific initiative has been set up: The “International Forum on Electrical Safety”. An open platform which uses the experience of its members to publicise its convictions and persuade non-member countries to join the Federation



Biannual Newsletters

Available on the website it is also circulated in hard copy. Each issue gives an individual country the opportunity to present its Electrical Safety policy – a highly effective way to provide everyone with immediate access to examples of best practice and to save precious time when introducing new regulations and procedures or implementing control systems.



Working Group Reports

Argumentation in support of FISUEL’s aims and objectives e.g. the inspection of electrical facilities; electrical accident statistics; the organisation of verifications on domestic electrical installations; inspection requirements for solar energy plants; and FISUEL Manuals (old and new installations, what a contractor should inspect before leaving a building site); the five minimum requirements of electrical safety; the setting up of a National Electrical Safety Data Collection Centre, etc.



- Plus d'échanges entre les États pour plus de Sécurité Electrique
- Więcej wymiany między państwami polepsza bezpieczeństwo elektryczne
- Más intercambios en el mundo para una mayor seguridad eléctrica
- Mais diálogo no mundo para uma maior segurança elétrica
- 電気保安のために世界と通じ合おう
- هيا معالـمزيد من التواصل العالمي ، من أجل مزيد من السلامة الكهربائية
- Membangun komunikasi global untuk keselamatan instalasi listrik
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