

Session 1A: Copenhagen Stock Exchange Fire

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In the early part of her career she focused on fire testing and how the performance of different products can impact fire development. She was involved in the development and implementation of the harmonized EU fire testing and classification system for construction products. Other areas of work include fire performance of facades, fire toxicity, fire fighter health and safety, fire resilience of the built environment, fires in the Wildland Urban Interface and fire data collection and analysis. She has been active in international standardization and has advocated for fire safety policies around the world.

Making our built environment safer and more resilient to fire through better understanding of the impact of construction products and methods, as well as testing procedures and policy has been a career long passion. She has published and presented numerous papers on fire safety issues.