



UNCSAAL

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Represents the sector at all institutional levels
Promotes its Members and quality products



SEGRETERIA GENERALE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Federazione Europea
delle Associazioni di
Costruzioni di Serramenti

*Federation of European
Window Manufacturers'
Associations*

FEDERVARIE

Socio effettivo Federazione
delle Associazioni
Nazionali di Categorie
Industriali Varie

*Active member of the
Federation of the National
Associations of Various
Industrial Categories*



Federazione Industrie
Prodotti Impianti e Servizi
per le Costruzioni

*The Federation of Products,
Machineries and Services
for the Building Industry*

SOCIO

Ente Nazionale Italiano
di Unificazione

Italian National Standard Body

carta riciclata

Up to July 2007



ABOUT UNCSAAL

Uncsaal is the Italian Architectural Aluminium and Steel Manufacturers' Association. Founded in 1972 by a small group of Italian metal frame and curtain walling manufacturers, Uncsaal is today a member of the Italian Manufacturers' Confederation, Confindustria.

Uncsaal represents quality operators across the whole supply chain: extruders, manufacturers of accessories, insulating and sealing components, producers of metal, aluminium-wood window and door frames or curtain walling, system installers, and professional consulting practices for outer building envelopes.

Uncsaal is represented at the European level within Faecf [Federation of European Window and Curtain Wall Manufacturers' Associations]. Uncsaal's General Manager, Pietro Gimelli, has been Faecf's General Secretary since December 2003. Since March 2004, Uncsaal's Vice-President, Libero Ravaioli, has been Board Chairman of Eurowindow, the European federation of manufacturers of construction glass, and windows and curtain walling in metal, wood and PVC.

Uncsaal is also an active member of Federvarie and Finco (Italian Federations grouping industrial, construction and services manufacturers). His actual President Mr Libero Ravaioli is Vice President of FINCO since May 2007.

REPRESENTING THE SECTOR AT ALL INSTITUTIONAL LEVELS

Uncsaal represents its members before the Italian Parliament and Government through membership of numerous Ministerial Committees, including the Building and Construction Committee of CNEL (Italy's National Economic and Labour Council), actively participating in the drafting of sector regulations, and promoting rules to ensure maximum transparency in the construction industry.

At the European level, Uncsaal participates actively in the drafting of European Union Directives impacting the building envelope sector.

At the national level, Uncsaal is an active member of discussion panels providing Italy's National Certification Board with useful inputs for the drafting of standards regarding all aspects of the building envelope.

At the municipal level, we are at the forefront of the fight against *metal discrimination*, actively promoting the use of aluminium in old town regeneration projects.

Uncsaal is a member of the Price Lists Committees of the various Chambers of Commerce in numerous Italian cities.

PROMOTING ITS MEMBERS AND QUALITY PRODUCTS

TRADE FAIRS

Over the last 25 years, Uncsaal, together with Federlegno-Arredo, has organised the trade fair Saiedue Living in Bologna, representing the industry at the sector's most prestigious show in Italy. Since 2001, Uncsaal has also promoted Sates – Technologies and Systems for the Building Shell, the biennial show bringing together all technologies regarding the design and realisation of the full range of opening, closing and facing solutions for the building envelope. From 2007, again within the framework of Saiedue Living, Uncsaal will be organising SATES Alluminio-legno, dedicated to window and door frames in aluminium and wood. Starting from year 2008 UNCSAAL, always together with Federlegno-Arredo, will organise the new trade exhibition MADE Expo' in Milan from 5th to 9th February.

THE AE CATALOGUE

The AE Catalogue is the sector's most complete and widely circulated multi-media cd-rm directory listing the top Italian companies and their most innovative building envelope products. Easy to consult, intuitive and interactive, the AE catalogue is a



quality acknowledgement for all the Italian companies listed. Over 30,000 copies are distributed to architects, engineers, building surveyors, construction companies, professional organisations, public bodies and Chambers of Commerce.

MEMBERS' WEBSITE

www.uncsaal.it is the website for all Uncsaal members, engineers, architects and institutions. www.uncsaal.it is an exclusive database available round the clock, 365 days of the year. www.uncsaal.it also has a reserved section containing regulations, downloadable programmes, and a technical publications catalogue. The reserved area also allows access to services at special rates for Uncsaal members. Continuously updated, www.uncsaal.it is a point of reference for all professionals. Users can submit queries on-line, find out about training courses and get real time updates on the Association's activities.

WORKING WITH UNIVERSITIES

With its annual "Uncsaal helps young designers" programme, our Association maintains close links with Italian universities, helping dozens of young people complete their studies and enter the working world.

On the basis of an agreement stipulated with the Milan Polytechnic, Uncsaal and Best (Building, Environment, Science and Technology) actively promote the Building Envelope Group, today a key driver of research and training in the sector. Over recent years, the BE Group has developed a richly textured series of Training Courses targeting all the different operators within the sector. Since year 2007 his Technical Manager Mr Paolo Rigone is Associated Professor of Technical Architecture at Departement BEST of the University of Milan (Politecnico di Milano).

QUALITY LABEL

In collaboration with UNI, Uncsaal, promotes the UNI-UNCSAAL label, the first ever voluntary Quality Label for metal window and door frames. Since 2004, this voluntary quality label has also been extended to aluminium and wood frame producers.

CEN TC33 WG6 CURTAIN WALLING

The Technical Manager Mr Paolo Rigone since September 2007 has been nominated Convenor of the European Working Group uncharged to revise the Product Standard of curtain walls and most of the other related standards.

UNCSAAL PUBLICATIONS

For years Uncsaal has made its wealth of technical know-how available to members and the industry as a whole through a series of publications. These include:

QUADRA, the specialist review on building outer envelope issues (circulation more than 10,000);

Technical volumes include:

GUIDA ALLA POSA IN OPERA DEI SERRAMENTI (Guide to window and door frame installation);

RACCOLTA DEI DOCUMENTI UNCSAAL sulla MARCATURA CE (Uncsaal document survey of CE Marking);

CAPITOLATO TIPO PER SERRAMENTI E FACCIATE CONTINUE (Typical specifications for window and door frames and curtain walling).



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTING

Uncsaal makes available to its Members an efficient staff of engineers and architects to help find solutions to their queries. Uncsaal's Technical Office is a sure place to find assistance regarding new or updated standards and regulations both at national and European level. Each year, Members, designers and institutions submit – and receive answers to - more than 500 technical questions on matters ranging from standards, laws, safety regulations, thermal and fire performance, and soundproofing, to company and product certification, public procurement policies and SOA attestations.

Uncsaal offers highly qualified technical consulting services to all sector operators, be they window and door frame manufacturers or designers.

During the current year special UNCSAAL services have been appointed mostly for members: an energy efficiency attestation for tax allowance scheduled by the new Italian financial bill; a CE-path in 16 hours for obtaining the CE marking for metal windows and curtain walling manufacturers.

SPECIAL RATES FOR MEMBERS

Through their Uncsaal membership, companies can avail themselves of a range of agreements and special rates for numerous operations and services. The special agreements have been stipulated with market leaders offering products and services geared to frame and curtain wall manufacturers.

Services includes:

Insurance;

Quality assurance consulting [UNI label for metal frames] and company certification [compliance with UNI EN ISO 9000 standards];

Legal and administration assistance;

Special rates for IRrCOS laboratory tests.

UNCSAAL OPERATES TOGETHER WITH ITS MEMBERS

Uncsaal is active throughout Italy with its Regional and Macro-Regional Groups whose activities are organised directly by Member-elected Regional Co-ordinators. This far-reaching organisational structure means that training courses, market review conferences, business strategy round tables and regulation updates are all within easy reach of each Uncsaal Member. Regional strategy is forged by the National Committee of Regional Co-ordinators.

In order to ensure full representation of all components of the industry's supply chain, and accord in-depth attention to the particular issues facing our sector, Uncsaal Members are grouped into the following production categories: windows and Curtain Wall, Building Hardware, Metal Profile Manufacturers, Insulating and Sealing Products, Aluminium and Wood windows. These production categories are all represented on the Uncsaal Management Board.

Uncsaal Members may also participate in the ad hoc Working Groups created to draft specific technical documents.