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**Facilitating Communication
and Providing Leadership to
the Wildland Fire Community.**

CONFERENCES

The International Association of Wildland Fire is planning a full slate of conferences over the next several years. If you would like to help with logistics or planning, contact us at iawf@iawfonline.org. We especially need people living near the venues that can help with logistics.

2006, February 9; 2nd Wildland Fire Policy Summit.

Washington, D.C. Twenty of the leaders in wildland fire have been invited to this one-day conference in Washington, D.C.

2006, March 27-30; 1st Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference: How to Measure Success.

Portland, Oregon. This is the first in a series. The key co-sponsors are the National Interagency Fuels Coordination Group, the Nature Conservancy, Joint Fire Science Program, US Forest Service Research, and the National Fire Plan. (more details on page 2)

2006, April 25-27; 9th Wildland Fire Safety Summit.

Pasadena, California. A key



A smoky sun on the Rankin Ridge Prescribed Fire, Wind Cave National Park, Oct. 25, 2005

cooperator is the Los Angeles County Fire Department. (more details on page 2)

2007, March 26-30; 2nd Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference: Fire Behavior Fundamentals and Application.

San Diego, California.
2007, September; Colorado. "Human Dimensions of Wildland Fire". More details will

announced soon.

2008, September Planning is underway for a specialized conference. The exact title, date, and topic will be announced soon.

2009, 3rd Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference. Location and date to be determined.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NOW EASIER

In February of this year we implemented a new system that makes it more convenient for members to track their membership status, renew online when the time comes, change their mailing address in their "profile" for Wildfire Magazine and the International Journal of Wild-

land Fire, check their "paid through" date, and participate in a bulletin board. Working with MemberClicks.com, we set up this system that will also send a reminder e-mail (with a subject line saying "Profile Expiration") to members 90, 60, and 30 days before their membership is

due for renewal. To see these new features, go to our web site at www.iawfonline.org and click on Member Area then click on Login. Your user name is your e-mail address. If you don't know your password, click on "Forgot your password" and it will be e-mailed to you.

1ST FIRE BEHAVIOR AND FUELS CONFERENCE: HOW TO MEASURE SUCCESS

The first in a series of Fire Behavior and Fuels conferences will be held in Portland, Oregon, March 27-30, 2006. This conference will address the development, implementation, and evaluation of fuels management programs, with a focus on *how to measure success*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Managers, practitioners, and researchers.

WORKSHOPS:

There will be an option for attending workshops on March 27. Participants will be able to choose up to 4 workshops from a list of 10.

Workshop registration is first come, first served.

CO-SPONSORS:

National Interagency Fuels Coordination Group, The Nature Conservancy Global Fire Initiative, Joint Fire Science Program, U.S. Forest Service Research, and the National Fire Plan.

REGISTRATION:

Begins December 1, 2005. Register and make hotel reservations before Feb. 15, 2006 for reduced rates.

PAPERS AND POSTERS:

Abstracts are due by November 30, 2005. Acceptance



notices by December 31, with papers due on March 29, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS, AND TO REGISTER:

Check our web site at www.iawfonline.org (click on Conferences).

*Mark your calendar:
March 27-30, 2006*

9TH WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY SUMMIT

The 9th Wildland Fire Safety Summit will be held in Pasadena, California, April 25-27, 2006.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Firefighters, prescribed burners, land managers, fire chiefs, agency administrators, safety officers, researchers, fire aviation specialists, and public officials.

CO-SPONSORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Department and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Safety & Health Working Team.

REGISTRATION:

Begins December 1, 2005.

PAPERS AND POSTERS:

The process for online sub-

mission of abstracts will be operational November 1. Abstracts are due by November 30, 2005 (this date may be extended).

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*Save April 25-27,
2006 for the Safety
Summit*



INSIDE THE IAWF

Some of you may know that for 2-3 years the IAWF received significant support from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, including the part time availability of Sacha Dick, who served as the IAWF's Executive Director. This support was very useful and appreciated. In January, 2005, however, the IAWF became completely self-sufficient again, and hired

Bill Gabbert as the new Executive Director. All of our conferences have been very successful and membership is growing. Many members of the Board of Directors have been very active and involved in the Association. Numerous other members of the IAWF have also contributed their time and expertise in various ways.

Currently the President of the Board is Dick Mangan. The Vice-President is Rick Gale, the Treasurer is Howard Dupuis, and the Secretary is Paul Woodard. Some of the officer's and Board members terms will expire on December 1 of this year. If you have the interest, time, and energy to serve on the Board (it's not just an honorary position), notify Rick Gale at RTGale@aol.com before November 9.

FIRENET

FireNet is an email-based discussion and information distribution system, or listserv, specifically serving the wildland fire global community. This is a free service for subscribers who will receive monthly email reminders concerning their user name and password and how to modify their subscription if necessary including unsubscribing if desired.

Originally managed by Dr. Chris Trevitt at the Australian National University (ANU), FireNet had enjoyed a significant following of wildland fire professionals going back to

1996.

In June of 2002 after discussions with Dr. Trevitt it was agreed to transfer management of FireNet to the IAWF. Because of other job responsibilities Dr. Trevitt had determined he did not have the time to devote to the proper running of a listserv. It was felt by the IAWF that the adoption of FireNet would help fulfill part of our Mission Statement: "Facilitating communication and providing leadership to the wildland fire community."

Posted messages go out to

the entire global network. We do not allow blatant advertisements for commercial products or messages with degrading language or images. All posts are viewed and approved by a moderator, currently Chuck Bushey, before release to help eliminate unwanted intrusion to FireNet subscribers.

To subscribe to FireNet, go to our web site at www.iawfonline.org and click on FireNet.

Remember:

www.iawfonline.org

IAWF PUBLICATIONS

In 1992 the IAWF began the in-house publishing of two periodicals, Wildfire magazine and the International Journal of Wildland Fire. It is now 14 years later and both publications are still going strong. While professional publishing houses now actually produce both, they remain "official publications of the IAWF". We

have an Editorial Advisory Committee for each, which provide advice, assistance, and expertise as needed.

Wildfire magazine is the credible resource that wildland managers and chief officers use in their efforts against urban-interface and wildland fires. Wildfire addresses is-

sues at the local, state and federal levels and provides a unique international perspective.

The Journal publishes new and significant papers that advance basic and applied research concerning wildland fire.

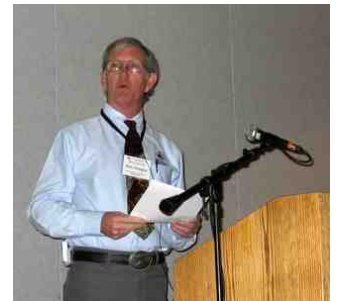
OUR WEBSITE AND THE WILDLAND FIRE EVENT CALENDAR

There have been several changes and improvements on our web site at www.iawfonline.org. The Conferences pages have been beefed up, the FireNet subscription page has been improved, and we have links to wildland fire books at Amazon.com. We get a few cents with each book sale, which helps us to keep our membership dues down. If you are

going to buy a book related to wildland fire, check our web site first. The price is the same.

We now have a new more robust Wildland Fire Event Calendar on our web site. The intent is to list all major wildland fire events, meetings, and conferences, but not training, since there are

other sites devoted to training. The calendar also lists the anniversary dates of famous and infamous fires over the last 150 years along with a little information about each one, when available. To see the calendar, from our home page click on Wildland Fire Event Calendar. If you want an event listed, e-mail Bill Gabbert at iawf@iawfonline.org



President Dick Mangan, 8th Safety Summit, Missoula, MT, April 26, 2005

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