



Regional Session B: Australasia and North America

Sevilla, 15 May 2007 (Tuesday), 16:00-19:00

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Standardization in Fire Management, a Key for Cooperation

Objectives for the Australasian and North America Regional Session:

1. To demonstrate our strong cooperative approach to fire management between the two geographic regions.
2. To debate global issues impacting on the regions.
3. To propose issues for further analysis prior to a "Regional Summit" in 1- 2 years time.

Proposed Agenda:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- International cooperation in Fire Management (Jim Hubbard, USA) (20 min)
- A Canadian Risk Management Partnership based on Interagency Cooperation (Dennis Brown, Canada) (15 min)
- Benefits of Cooperation (Rick Sneeuwjagt, Australia) (15 min)
- Signing of documents to demonstrate strong cooperation (Signatories) (15 min)
- Global issues impacting on the regions: Demographic changes (John Handmer , Australia) (15min)
- Regional Assessments (Petteri Vuorinen, FAO) (10 min)
- Wildland Urban Interface, Wood and Weather (Tom Harbour, USA) (30 min)
- Panel discussion: Challenges to national and international decision makers (Hubbard, Brown, Sneeuwjagt, Handmer, Vuorinen, Harbour) (30 min)
- Conclusions (Morgan, de Groot, Dague) (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Communications selected for the Regional Session:

Co Chairs: Murray Dudfield (New Zealand)
 Rossana Landa (Mexico)

	Country	Authors	Title
1	USA	Zhiliang Zhu, Jeffrey Eidensshink	Assessment of spatial and temporal trends of fire severity in the United States
2	Australia	Rick Sneeuwjagt, Neil Burrows et al.	Adaptative fire management guidelines for forest populations of Quokka (<i>Setonix brachyurus</i>)
3	Australia	Kenneth Scott et al.	Experimental fire regimes and understorey species composition in a tropical savanna in northern Australia
4	USA	Thomas Wordell, Timothy Brown	Forecasting fire danger indices in the United States
5	USA	Darren Johnson	Integrated Fire Management in the Asia-Pacific Region
6	Australia	Rachaele May	Implementing Code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Land