

RETHINKING THE GLOBAL WILDFIRE 'PROBLEM': ARE WE FOCUSING ON THE RIGHT PROBLEMS AND RIGHT SOLUTIONS?

15TH INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY SUMMIT
AND 5TH HUMAN DIMENSIONS CONFERENCE



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Presented by INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WILDLAND FIRE

Call for Presentation Proposals

It has been more than 20 years since the social impacts of wildfires have begun to draw significant attention from policymakers and land managers. And the adverse effects on people, biodiversity, landscapes and infrastructure show no signs of abating given current trends in climate change. As a global community of practitioners and scientists interested in human dimensions and safety, we seek to spark discussion, interaction and engaged conversation about whether we are focusing on the right problem framings and consequent solutions to deal with these on-going wildfire challenges.

In an effort to shake things up, question convention and challenge the status quo, we solicit your help in submitting creative panels, proposals, and papers that dare to think outside the box in how we have been thinking about and framing the wildfire problem. In addition to traditional academic and practitioner presentations, we offer the opportunity to bring forward participatory, interactive and workshop-like ideas to help our community stretch our collective imagination about how we are defining our problems and solutions.

Deadline for submissions is August 15, 2018.

We are looking for proposals that will:

- Question conventional framing and assumptions underlying existing fire management practices
- Demonstrate more holistic thinking about fire management
- Unpack how status-quo solutions are not working
- Highlight different or non-traditional skill sets/ points of view
- Provide insight on how perspectives from other fields could inform thinking
- Cultivate a practitioner perspective by encouraging attendance of fire fighter/seasonal staff and local groups/organizations working in wildfire.

SPECIAL CALL

We are specifically seeking presentations from under graduate/graduate students for a panel or presentation on "New Emerging Ideas from Students."

Following is a list of potential presentation topics:

Management

- Organizational discipline/ performance/ learning
- Leadership
- Aviation/air operations
- HRO/resilience engineering
- Firefighter Wellness and Survivability
- Safety planning/ preparedness
- Crew dynamics
- Incident Management Team dynamics
- Succession planning
- Decision support technology and processes

Communities

- Working with homeowners
- Understanding community scale dynamics
- Working across ownerships/ Co-management
- Cultural Fire Management
- Resilience and adaptive capacity
- Coupled human and natural systems
- Evacuation concerns'
- Role of local organizations/emergency responders
- Wildland urban interface
- Role of Social networks
- Effective outreach/communication
- Youth capability and capacity
- Communication of alerts and warnings
- Community participation
- Behavioral insights

Risk – management/communities

- Understanding fire risk to firefighters
- Risk management
- Risk sharing
- Role of risk attitudes
- Risk informed decision making

General topic areas

- Diversity Concerns
- Communications
- Prescribed fires/resource benefit fires
- Economics
- Law and policy
- Natural Hazards
- Disseminating and applying science
- Shared responsibility
- Managing uncertainty/Complexity
- Group sensemaking
- Critical thinking
- Key lessons learned
- Health impacts
- Applying and adapting standards
- Equipment and technology
- Weather
- Other

Information you will need to submit your proposal

Presentation Title

Contact Information (name, title, affiliation, phone, email)

Type of Presentation

- Traditional 20-minute presentation
- Micro-Talk – 10-minute presentation
- Deeper Dive/Interactive Session – 60-120 minutes – hands on, interactive sessions, round tables, participatory format, brainstorming sessions.
- Panel Session – 60-120 minutes – multiple presenters on similar topic
- Poster Presentation
- Other – please describe

Abstract: 400 words or less, please use as much non-technical language as possible, and that it described the areas that will be specifically address in the presentation. Accepted abstracts will be included in the final program as submitted

Presentation Format Information: Please share your vision of the presentation, the set-up, the timing, the people involved, special needs, etc.

Additional Presenters/Authors: Name, title, affiliation, email

Student Presenter: Yes or No

Presenter Bio (100 words or less)

Presenter Notice: All accepted presenters will be required to register and pay for the conference no later than November 12th.

A formal Conference Proceeding will be published online after the conference, all authors are encouraged to submit a full paper or extended abstract. Your abstract should be submitted in final form to us, it will not be reviewed or edited. All proceedings manuscripts must be reviewed by two qualified experts prior to submission. No distinction will be made between presentations or posters. All abstracts accepted to the Conference will be published as originally submitted unless the authors submit a revised abstract by the proceedings deadline of January 31, 2019.

Submit your Presentation

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