

UK Wildfire 2019 Conference

Call for Presentations and Posters

Background to the call

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is hosting the UK Wildfire Conference 2019 on 20th and 21st November 2019 at the Principality Stadium, Cardiff, CF10 1NS. The event is being supported by the England and Wales Wildfire Forum, Scottish Wildfire Forum, the European Forest Institute and the Fire Times Magazine.

The two-day conference will focus on the theme of 'Manage the Fuel - Reduce the Risk' and will bring together land managers, fire and rescue services, academic researchers, environmental organisations, planners and policy-makers involved in (i) the prevention, mitigation and suppression of wildfires, (ii) the management of wild- and prescribed fires, and (iii) evaluating the ecological and societal effects of fire, both in the UK and overseas. The event will showcase practical solutions that have been informed by the best knowledge and experience from the UK and internationally.

Proposals for papers and posters are now invited from anyone with an interest in wildfire, whether practitioner or researcher, or from inside or outside the UK. Some suggested topics for presentations and posters are listed below, but the organisers are interested in any contributions that can demonstrate a clear link to wildfire and fuel management:

- Approaches to wildfire fuel management
- Prescribed fire as a tool in managing fire-prone landscapes
- Wildfire planning and preparedness activities
- Wildfire and climate change
- Collaboration and cooperation for wildfire risk reduction
- Planning and policymaking for wildfires
- Social and economic aspects of wildfires and their management

Benefits of presenting at this event

As the largest multi-agency wildfire conference in the UK for the coming two years, this bi-annual meeting will provide an ideal opportunity for stakeholders from all sectors to network and exchange ideas and good practice. The event represents a unique opportunity to share new insights, cutting edge research and collaborative work on wildfire resilience-related issues. More specifically, delivering a presentation or presenting a poster at this event will provide you with the opportunity:

- to discuss best practice with others

- for career development - to show others your expertise and experience
- to gather feedback on your ideas, practices and research projects – this may help you overcome a problem or suggest a new area of work or research
- to network and a chance to make new contacts

How to submit a presentation or poster proposal

Authors are invited to submit their proposals by **15th June 2019**. Please submit your proposal via email to EWWF2019@southwales-fire.gov.uk.

Authors will be notified if their proposal has been accepted by **15th July 2019**.

Please note that all submissions must be a single page providing:

- the title of the work,
- the name(s) and affiliation(s)/organization(s) of the author(s),
- an abstract of not exceeding 250 words,
- a list of 3-6 keywords,
- the preferred type of presentation (oral or poster). Please note that the conference schedule may not allow us to meet all requests for oral presentations.

Please follow the abstract template provided.

Papers are expected to be of 20 minutes plus 5 for questions. There will be timetabled sessions for posters.

Further Information

For further information or clarification about this call, please email: EWWF2019@southwales-fire.gov.uk.