



Regional Session V: Eurasia, Southeast Europe / Caucasus and Central Asia
“Enhancing International Cooperation in Wildland Fire Management”

Sun City, 11 May 2011 (Wednesday), 15:50 – 18:10

AGENDA

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Session Objectives:

1. To update network members and conference attendees on activities in the regions, especially in transboundary cooperation in fire management (progress since Sevilla 2007)
2. To identify opportunities for strengthening further collaboration
3. To agree on regional inputs to the Conference Statement

1. Introduction and review of Regional Network activities (15:50–16:20)

Regional brief reports SE Europe / Caucasus (Nikola Nikolov) and Eurasia / Central Asia (Johann G. Goldammer and Andrey Eritsov)

2. Recent severe fire seasons: summaries (16:20–16:40)

- Russian Federation 2010 (Evgheni Trunov, Deputy Chief, Federal Forest Agency, Russian Federation)
- The Balkan fire crisis in 2007 (Nikola Nikolov)

3. Recent fire research highlights – selected examples (16:40–17:00)

- The Central Asian Fire Experiment (2008) and activities of the Eurasian Fire in Nature Conservation Network (including the “White Book on the Use of Prescribed Fire in Temperate-boreal Eurasia” and “Fire Paradox” outcomes) (Johann G. Goldammer)
- Evaluation of wildfires using pre- and post-burn IKONOS images: A case study of the Great Antalya Fire of 2008) (Ertugrul Bilgili, Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey)
- Needs for enhancing research and development of fire management on terrain contaminated by radioactivity, UXO, land mines and chemicals (Sergiy Zibtsev, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, and Johann G. Goldammer)

4. International cooperation in fire management (17:00–17:30)

- International cooperation in fire management: Threats and Opportunities (Ertugrul Bilgili and Nurettin Dogan and Hakan Ragipoğlu, General Directorate of Forestry, Turkey)
- Progress of contributions of international organizations to regional cooperation (CTIF, APEC, CoE / EUR-OPA, OSCE / ENVSEC and UNECE (Johann G. Goldammer)



8. Discussion and finalization of regional recommendations for the Conference Statement
(17:30–18:00)