



WILDFIRE 2011

The 5th International Wildland Fire Conference

South Africa

May 9-13

“Living with Fire - Addressing Global Change through Integrated Fire Management”

Sun City, South Africa, 9-13 May 2011

The 5th International Wildland Fire Conference will provide a platform to bring together members of the fire community-of-practice who strive to promote learning and innovation, share practices and lessons common to sustainable use of the environment, wildland fire risk management and disaster reduction at local, national, regional and global scales.



BOOK NOW!

Conference Delegates

To ensure that your place at the conference is secured, please register as soon as possible. Certain events, such as the field day and live demonstration, will only be available to the first 1000 registered and paid-up delegates. Registration is filling up fast. For a preview of some of the exciting mix of speakers- see below.

The registration fee for conference delegates is €320. This entitles delegates to attend all sessions, the welcome reception, the “Valley of the Waves” dinner, daily teas and lunches and entrance to the exhibition. Additional extras, such as the exciting field day at the neighbouring Pilanesberg National Park (including a live-burn demonstration), are outlined on the website. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Accommodation

Discounted accommodation rates are available for conference delegates booking into Sun City on a first come, first served basis. This is a limited offer. In order to qualify you need to register as a delegate. Once you have registered, you will receive an Invoice with booking codes to redeem your discounted rates with Sun City. There is a choice of two hotels. Please book your accommodation directly with Sun City: There is a limited supply of reserved rooms so we encourage you to make your reservation as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

- [Sun City Main Hotel](#)
- [Cabanas Hotel](#)

Exhibition Stands

Due to a high demand for space in the Royal Ballroom area, the exhibition floor space has been extended to include 32 booths in the adjacent Hall of Treasures. Visitor traffic will be the same in both areas - teas and lunches are served throughout the Exhibition area however the Hall of Treasures has a triple volume height and the advantage of being seen from the balcony by delegates, in addition to walk through. Named, “Ground Air and Space”, it is targeted at high - tech development. Organisations wishing to showcase their products or services as part of the Wildfire 2011 Exhibition are encouraged to book as soon as possible to secure a stand. Stands vary in pricing from €3,000 to €9,500 which includes exhibitors’ access to all lunches teas and the “Valley of the Waves” dinner. Please [visit our website](#) for pricing structures and more information.

ITTO joins Wildfire 2011 sponsors

We are pleased to announce The International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) has joined the sponsorship group for Wildfire 2011.

ITTO is an intergovernmental organization promoting the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources. Its members represent about 80% of the world's tropical forests and 90% of the global tropical timber trade. We wish to thank ITTO for partnering with the International Wildland Fire Conference - their support has made delegate sponsorships possible.



A SNEAK PREVIEW OF CONFERENCE TALKS...

World respected planning guru to speak at SA Wildfire Conference



Renowned South African strategist, visionary and author Clem Sunter will deliver the keynote address at the Wildfire 2011 conference to be held at Sun City South Africa in May.

Sunter's talk on "A Model for Catastrophic Risk Management" will outline how local governments and other organisations have previously responded to catastrophes with varying degrees of success, and a methodology for preparing for and coping with disasters.

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Warning on climate change and wildfire

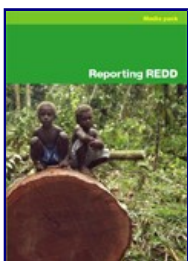


Climate change will result in more, bigger fires in many parts of the world, including much of Africa, as the world heats up due to global warming.

At the conference, Canadian researcher Mike Flannigan will give an extensive review of the research published on fires and climate change, and the predictions for different continents and countries. Flannigan, of Natural Resources Canada, will present the paper, which he co-wrote with colleagues Lynn Bowman, Bill de Groot and Mike Wotton, and Meg Krawchuck of the University of California.

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Satellite tracking to help fight deforestation



Satellite observation systems can boost efforts to reduce the emissions caused by the deforestation and degradation (REDD) of forests and other landscapes.

Boschetti will present the paper he co-wrote with his university colleague Christophe Justice, and David Roy of South Dakota University,

at the Wildfire 2011 conference, to be held in Sun City, South Africa, from May 9 - 13 on how satellite observation systems can aid REDD programmes.

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Fires could help save threatened savannah



High-intensity fires might help preserve the large trees of the savannah grasslands of Southern Africa, which are under threat from the encroaching shrubs favoured by rising atmospheric levels of CO₂.

Navashni Govender, of South African National Parks, will present a paper she co-authored about research into whether high-intensity fires could help preserve the large trees of the Kruger National Park. The research is the first of its kind for South Africa, if not globally.

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