

## CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

The **14th International Wildland Fire Safety Summit** will be held in conjunction with the **International Congress on Prescribed Fires Conference (ICOPFIRES)** on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** in **Barcelona, Spain**.

Since 1997, the **International Association of Wildland Fire** has hosted the Wildland Fire Safety Summit as a gathering place for members of the global wildland fire community to focus on safety: to discuss significant events and trends in safety, to promote best practices in safety training and operations, to reveal safety related research findings, and to explore new approaches to safety.

This **14th International Wildland Fire Safety Summit** is themed on decision making in high risk and high consequence environments. In a world that is increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous, key decisions, made in time pressured environments, often have far reaching consequences on our people and on the community.

This Wildland Fire Safety Summit will attract everyone involved in decision making - from front line firefighters to incident managers and fire executives. Questions we hope will be addressed at the Summit through the many presentations and networking opportunities:

- Do we teach decision-making to fire leaders well?
- Can we use technology to improve situational awareness?
- How do we allow for human factors in decision making?
- Are we equipping incident management teams to make wise decisions?
- Are the accepted wildland fire safety doctrines of the "10 Standard Fire Orders" and "18 Watchout Situations" still relevant in today's technical world?
- What are the consequences when things go wrong?
- Are there things we can learn from other (non-fire) disciplines where high consequence decisions are made?

This call for presentation proposals invites fire practitioners, researchers and experts in human factors to submit posters and oral presentations to stimulate discussion and improve knowledge and skills, aimed at improving decision making by wildland firefighters.

Although the focus of the Safety Summit is decision making, all presentations promoting Wildland Fire Safety will be considered regardless of the focus.

### Timeline:

- Call for Papers Opens: August 15
- Call for Papers Closes: October 10
- Authors notified: October 30
- Program Schedule Posted: Mid-November



## **Presentation Types:**

**Oral Presentations** are 20 minutes in length (including time for Q&A).

**Poster Presentations** will be presented during the poster session; presenters are required to be present during the session. Due to limited space we encourage everyone to consider presenting a poster at the summit.

### **Guidelines:**

- All abstracts should be submitted via the online system provided.  
<https://iawf.submittable.com/submit/64071>
- Abstract title is limited to 10-12 words and should be title cap (Capitalize the First Letter of each Major Word.)
- Abstracts have a 350-word limit and should be written with as much non-technical language as possible, and that it describes the areas that will be specifically addressed in the presentation.
- Presenter should be listed, this is the person who will be registering and attending the conference to present. Include 100-word bio for the presenter.
- For Additional Authors include Full Name, Professional Title, Affiliation
- Abstracts will be accepted in both English and Spanish. Translation services will be provided by the organizers.

All authors will be invited to submit an extended abstract or full paper for the Summit Proceedings.

All attending authors and presenters must register for this summit when their abstracts have been accepted. The Conference Committee, by accepting an abstract, is not responsible to pay any expenses (travel, lodging or per diem) associated with presenting an individual or joint authored presentation. Authors and presenters agree to present their submissions on the time and date identified by the organizing committee. These stipulations pertain to the 14th International Wildland Fire Safety Summit, January 17, 2017, Barcelona, Spain.

## **Questions:**

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