Regional Fire Management Training for South Caucasus and Western Balkans

Antalya, Turkey 15-17 October 2014
Venue: International Fire Management Training Centre

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Arrival of participants to Antalya, Turkey

Early evening Meeting of Instructors (preparation of training DVD)

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 Welcome and opening

Mr. Mustafa Ulkudur, Director of International Fire Management Training Centre

Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), Freiburg, Germany

Introduction of the Antalya International Fire Management Training Centre (visit of facilities)
10:00 – 11:00  **Session I:** Wildfire challenges in the OSCE area

10:00 – 10:20  The OSCE-ENVSEC project “Enhancing National Capacities on Fire Management and Wildfire Disaster Risk Reduction in the South Caucasus”: National achievements and regional perspectives  
*Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer*

10:20 – 10:40  Wildfire problems and fire management in Turkey  
*Mr. Zeki Temur, Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Forests, Ankara*

10:40 – 11:00  Overview of wildfire challenges in the Western Balkans  
*Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov, Director, Regional Southeast Europe / Caucasus Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC), Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

11:00 – 11:30  **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00  **Session II:** Concept and standards of wildfire management

11:30 – 11:50  Introduction of fire management training concepts in Turkey at the Antalya International Fire Management Training Centre, including the concept of the fire simulator

11:50 – 12:10  The role of fundamental fire research to develop fire management concepts tailored to meet ecological and social requirements  
*Prof. Dr. Ertugrul Bilgili*

12:10 – 12:30  Principles of effective communication in fire management training  
*Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov*

12:30 – 12:50  Introduction to EuroFire Standards  
*Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer*

12:50 – 13:00  Questions and Answers

13:00 – 14:00  **Lunch break**
14:00 – 15:30  Session II (cont.): Concept and standards of wildfire management

14:00 – 14:20  EuroFire Training Standards and Materials – Fundamental Fire Behavior and Tactics
                Prof. Dr. Ertugrul Bilgili

14:20 – 14:40  EuroFire Training Standards and Materials – Ignition
                Prof. Dr. Ertugrul Bilgili

14:40 – 15:00  EuroFire Training Standards and Materials – Hand Tools
                Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov

15:00 – 15:20  EuroFire Training Standards and Materials – Fire Safety
                Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov

15:20 – 15:30  Questions and Answers

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00  Session III: Good practices of wildfire management

16:00 – 16:30  Management of large fires: The experience of the United States of America
                Ron Bertsch, Assistant Director, Planning and Budget Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management, United States of America

16:30 – 16:50  Management of dangerous fires burning on terrain contaminated by radioactivity: The problems and experience of the Ukraine
                Prof. Dr. Sergiy Zibtsev, Head of the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC), National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine

16:50 – 17:10  Management of dangerous fires burning on terrain contaminated by unexploded ordnance and land mines: The problems and experience of Germany
                Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer

17:10 – 17:30  Application of a fire danger rating system in Switzerland
                Mr. Michael Sautter, Expert Group Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction, Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

17:30 – 17:50  Application of a fire danger rating system in FYR Macedonia
                Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov

17:50 – 18:00  Questions and Answers

Evening  Group Dinner
Thursday, 16 October 2014

09:00 – 13:00  **Session IV: Field Exercise**

13:00 – 14:00  **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30  **Session V: Discussions on lessons learned and prospects for their application and utility at national level**

- Evaluation of the field exercise: Participants to comment and compare with methods / approaches in home countries
  Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Ertugrul Bilgili*
- Preparation of training of firefighters in home countries of participants: Participants to discuss options to improve fire management training in home countries
  Moderator: *Ms. Esra Buttanri*, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser, OSCE

15:30 – 16:00  **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30  **Session V (continued): Group work and plenary discussion**

  16:00 – 17:00  Group work (parallel): Development of proposals for national and possible cooperative bilateral and regional capacity building in fire management
  - South Caucasus Group
    Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer*
  - Western Balkans Group
    Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov*

  17:00 – 17:30  Reporting back from the group work – discussion

Friday, 17 October 2014

09:00 – 10:30  **Session VI: Community involvement**

  09:00 – 09:30  Presentation of the Guidelines for the Defense of Villages, Farms and Other Rural Assets against Wildfires (for Rural Populations, Local Communities and Municipality Leaders)
    *Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer*

  09:30 – 10:00  Case studies regarding community fire management in Switzerland and experiences from Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) in strengthening the local governance system for natural resource management in the South Caucasus
    *Dr. Urs Bloesch*, Head, Expert Group Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction, Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

  10:00 – 10:30  Reserve time slot & discussion
10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00  Session VII: International / cross-boundary cooperation in fire management

  11:00 – 11:30  International cooperation in fire management, existing mechanisms and trends: Presentation and discussion
  Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer

  11:30 – 12:00  Global Wildland Fire Network and Regional Wildland Fire Networks: Presentation and discussion
  Prof. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer
  Prof. Dr. Nikola Nikolov
  Prof. Dr. Sergiy Zibtsev

12:00 – 12:30  Closing Session: Final discussion and closing

12:30  Lunch (optional)

Afternoon  Departure of participants