

Joint Meetings of the UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group (WFAG), the Fire Aviation Working Group (FAWG), International Liaison Committee (ILC) for the 5th International Wildland Fire Conference and Fire Management Actions Alliance (FMAA)

**In cooperation with and supported by the
Euro-Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)
Council of Europe**

Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), Freiburg, Germany
26-29 June 2010

Agenda

Friday, 25 June 2010

Arrival of participants in Freiburg.

19:00 Icebreaker at Hotel Minerva

Saturday, 26 June 2010

09:30-12:30 Fire Aviation Working Group (FAWG) meeting (closed side meeting)

Participants: USA, Canada, Australasia, GFMC and new members (European Commission, Russia, South Africa) (take shuttle train from Freiburg Main Station at 09:24, arrival Airport Campus at 09:27)

12:30-13:30 Lunch break for FAWG / Registration for WFAG participants (take shuttle train from Freiburg Main Station at 13:06, arrival Airport Campus at 13:09)

13:30-18:00 Wildland Fire Advisory Group (WFAG) meeting Part I

Topics: Brief regional reports (significant events / developments). Presentations by regional network representatives. Duration incl. discussions: 15 minutes each.

13:30-13:45 Welcome: Johann G. Goldammer

13:45-14:00 Australasia: Gary Morgan
- The Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission and its implications to Australia
- The future of fire research in Australia and New Zealand.

14:00-14:15 Canada: Dennis Brown
Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre – Emerging Issues

14:15-14:30 U.S.A.: t.b.d.
Recent developments

14:30-14:45 Mesoamerica: Luis Diego
Advances in regional cooperation in the Mesoamerican region

14:45-15:00 Caribbean: Marcos Ramos
Situation in the Caribbean

- 15:00-15:15 South America: Patricio Sanhueza
Situation in South America
- 15:15-15:30 South Asia: Sundar Sharma
Recent trends of forest fires in the Himalaya Region and status of wildland fire management in South Asia
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-16:00 Northeast Asia / Pan-Asia Network: Johann G. Goldammer, on behalf of South Korea
Foundation of the Pan-Asia Wildland Fire Network and results of the first meeting in 2009
- 16:00-16:15 Southeast Asia: Riena Prasiddha
Implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution
- 16:15-16:30 Baltic / Euro-Siberian Region and Central Asia: Andrey Eritsov
Results of the International Conference on Cross-Border Fires (Irkutsk, Russia, 16-18 June 2010)
- 16:30-16:45 Southeast Europe / Caucasus: Nikola Nikolov (FYR Macedonia)
Recent joint activities of the UNISDR SE Europe/Caucasus network in regional cooperation in fire management: Multilateral advanced fire management training (Antalya, Turkey, March 2010)
- 16:45-17:00 East Europe: Sergiy Zibtsev
Recent joint activities of the SE Europe - Caucasus Network on "Wildfires and Human Security: Fire Management on Terrain Contaminated by Radioactivity, and Unexploded Ordnance"
- 17:00-17:15 Mediterranean: Gavriil Xanthopoulos
Evolution of the wildland fire problem in the Mediterranean
- 17:15-17:30 Euro-Alpine: Harald Vacik
Report on activities in the regional Euro-Alpine Network, including latest developments and achievements in the Alpine Forest Fire Warning System (ALP FFIRS) project
- 17:45-18:00 Subsahara Africa: Alex C. Held
Recent developments in a region in preparation of WildFire 2011
- 18:00 Discussion or depart downtown (take 18:02 or 19:02 shuttle train, arrival at hotels: 18:15 / 19:15)
- 19:30 Departure from hotels for Joint Dinner at Gasthaus "Kybfelsen" (by tram, to Günterstal, guided by GFMC team)

Sunday, 27 June 2010

- 10:30-13:00 **WFAG meeting Part II** (take shuttle train from Freiburg Main Station at 10:24, arrival Airport Campus at 10:27)

Note: The first part of the afternoon session will be dedicated to inform participants about the recent developments in thematic international projects of relevance for WildFire 2011 and development of bilateral and multilateral formal and informal agreements on transboundary cooperation in wildland fire management

Opening remarks by Council of Europe (Eladio Fernandez-Galiano) and UNECE (Paola Deda)

Presentation of the White Paper on Vegetation Fires and Global Change (J.G. Goldammer)

Outcomes of the GOF/GOLD (Global Observations of Forest and Land Cover Dynamics) Fire Implementation Team Meeting, ESA, Frascati, 23-25 March 2010

- Global Wildland Fire Early Warning System (presentation of status by W. De Groot)
- Global Vegetation Fire Inventory (presentation of status prepared by Krishna Prasad Vadrevu, UMD, presented by J.G. Goldammer)

Implications of the Copenhagen Accord (UNFCCC COP-15), notably REDD, on activities of the international wildland fire community (some thoughts by A.A. Hoffmann)

Impacts of vegetation fire smoke on human health (brief on recent insights, by D. Schwela)

Global Wildland Fire Fatalities 2008-2009 (brief summary by J.G. Goldammer)

Status and envisaged work of the Fire Aviation Working Group (FAWG) (summary of FAWG meeting on Saturday morning 26 June, by R. Alder)

Needs, progress and action plans on development international fire management standards, protocols, SOPs and agreements (discussion, opened by remarks by UNECE/FAO, CoE and GFMC)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:45 5th International Wildland Fire Conference (WildFire 2011): Contribution / inputs of the Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN)

WildFire 2011 – a dedicated activity within the UN International Year of Forests (2011) and a satellite conference to the UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (June 2011)

Expected outcome: Collection of proposals for the development of a position paper for WildFire 2011



15:30-15:45 Coffee break

18:02 Participants will take the train to downtown at 18:02. No social programme this Sunday evening.

Note: On Sunday and Monday a TV Team of the public channels “Arte” (German-French / European) and ZDF (Second Public TV Channel, Germany) will ask some of you for interviews. Reason: A 1-hour public TV coverage on global fire issues, to be broadcasted in Europe in 2010.

Monday, 28 June 2010

09:00-18:00 WildFire 2011 International Liaison Committee (ILC) meeting (chaired by US Forest Service): Preparation of WildFire 2011
Note 1: Meeting will be held at the “House of Forest” (by tramway, guided by GFMC staff)

GFMC Excursion for WFAG participants not attending the ILC meeting: Details will be announced on Sunday 17 June 2010, depending also on TV interviews of participants.

Tuesday, 29 June 2010

09:00-13:00 Fire Management Actions Alliance (FMAA) Steering Group meeting (convened by FAO),
Note: Meeting will be held at GFMC

Departures

Wednesday, 30 June 2010

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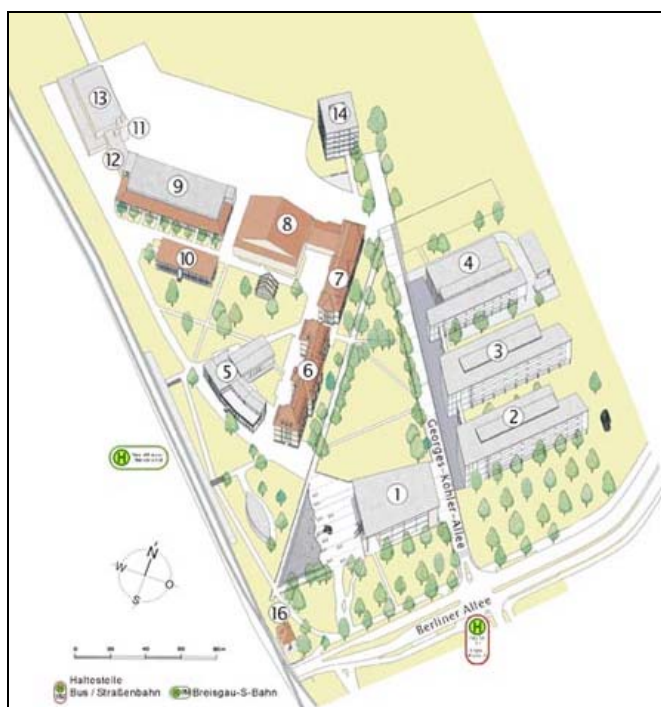
Logistics

Venue

The meetings will be held at and around the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC). The Saturday / Sunday meetings will be in the Lecture Hall of Building No. 5 of Freiburg University Airport Campus, Freiburg. Venue of the ILC / FMAA meetings will be announced on site.

Symposium Location: <http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/about3.html>

In order to locate the meeting venue please see the web page or the map below. GFMC is located in buildings No. 11 and 12. Building No. 5 – is located opposite the local train station (green "H").



Travel instructions to reach Freiburg University Airport Campus:

Directions via local train:

The University campus is situated at the airport and can be reached by local train (approx. 3 minutes). The train departs every 30 minutes from Freiburg "Hauptbahnhof" (main station) from platforms 5 or 6 (please verify!) in direction "Breisach". Exit the train at the stop "Neue Messe / Universität". Building No. 5 and 1 are very close to the train stop (15 / 150 m). Recommended departure times: See agenda (above).

Download of the train schedule: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/bsb_schedule2010.pdf

Weather and Dress Code:

Medium-range weather forecast: Mid-day temperatures on Friday will be 26°C, and Sunday to Tuesday 29°C. There may be a temperature drop in the evenings – so please bring a sweater / pullover. The meeting venue is the same large room as in 2008, pleasant atmosphere but not air-conditioned. Thus let us meet in convenient, casual clothing – ties are not really needed, or can be disposed after opening. Since most of you know each other we shall not follow tight dress code rules.

Directions by car (coming from the freeway "Autobahn"):

Exit "Freiburg Mitte" and drive in direction city center. Take the third exit (at road sign "ADAC-Prüfzentrum") and turn left at the first traffic light, which leads into the "Berliner Allee". Now go straight until the road leads beneath a railway bridge. Turn left at first traffic light after passing beneath the railway bridge and enter the University Campus. Look for signs "Feuerökologie - 075" or "Global Fire Monitoring Center".

Arrival by air

Arriving at Frankfurt Airport:

Please follow the sign "Long Distance Trains". Tickets are easy to buy at the FRAirport railway station. There are new additional ticket counters as you will be passing through the "tube" towards the platforms (at arriving on your right hand side). Reservation in advance is not necessary arriving Thursday. For departure on Monday meeting attendees may wish to buy a seat reservation – you can do this on Friday or Saturday at the Freiburg station, showing their return ticket purchased in FRAPort. Costs about 3 Euro.

The 2nd class return ticket is 124 Euro, the first class return ticket 200 Euro.

Download of train schedule: <http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/intro/FRAairport-FR-dec09-dec10.pdf>

Note: Go to pages 1 and 2 of that schedule (pp. 3 and 4 are for the return from Freiburg to Frankfurt Airport). On the left side you will find the departure time from Frankfurt Airport train station. We recommend to **use only the easiest train connections** that are leaving every full hour + 54 minutes (arrival times are given at the right side of the schedule table). Please see main train connections in the following list:

06:54 (change of train in Mannheim, very easy, usually on the other side of the platform)
07:54 (directly to Freiburg, no change of train)
08:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
09:54 (change of train in Karlsruhe)
10:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
11:54 (directly to Freiburg)
12:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
13:54 (change of train in Karlsruhe)
14:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
15:54 (directly to Freiburg)
16:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
17:54 (directly to Freiburg)
18:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
19:54 (directly to Freiburg)
20:54 (change of train in Mannheim)
21:54 (directly to Freiburg)

Arriving Basel Airport:

Please leave after baggage claim through the exit "FRANCE" (**do not** leave through the exit "SWITZERLAND"). Ask for the Airport bus to Freiburg.

Download of Airport Bus schedule: <http://www.freiburger-reisedienst.de/en/airportbus/timetable.php>

Bus arrival is at Freiburg Railway station – please proceed to the as described above.

Arriving Zurich Airport:

There are train connections from Zurich Airport Railway Station to Freiburg (via Zurich Main Station and / or Basel) departing every full hour plus 4 and 43 minutes respectively. Average travel time is between 2 and 2.5 hours.

Possible air traffic disruptions by volcanic ash cloud

Nobody can be sure about the volcano ash plumes from Eyafjallajökull (Island) in late June 2010. In case of flight cancellation all airlines will fully reimburse non-used tickets. For monitoring the daily (modeled) predictions of the ash cloud movements please see:

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/aviation/vaac/vaacuk_vag.html

Accommodation

The GFMC has a contract with special rates in four hotels conveniently located close to Freiburg Central Railway Station (Hauptbahnhof). All of you have been booked in one of the three hotels through the GFMC.

Internet access

All hotels provide free internet access in your rooms. During the Saturday/Sunday meetings we will set up a wireless internet access in the venue of meetings.

Local public transport

Hotels **Minerva**, **Park Hotel Post** and **Victoria** provide a cost-free tickets valid for all public transportation lines in Freiburg Region during the stay in the hotel. The ticket can be used for the very rapid S-Bahn shuttle connections between the "Hauptbahnhof" (main station) and the GFMC site (station "Neue Messe / Universität"), and for the ILC meeting on Monday to commute to the "House of Forest". Please do not forget to **ask for the free ticket!**

Hotel **Barbara** does not provide the free ticket for local public transportation. We will purchase the tickets for those staying on Hotel Barbara and deposit them in an envelope so that you can use them starting Saturday.

General hotel information

In the attendance table below you will find your booked hotel room.

Hotel Barbara (<http://www.hotel-barbara.de/>) is located in Poststrasse No. 4 (Tel. +49-761-296250, locally dial 296250 only; Fax +49-761-296250). Arriving at the Central Station by rail or by airport shuttle bus (from Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg Airport) please go to main exit of the station (50 m from arrival point of the Airport Shuttle). Go straight ahead towards downtown, entering Eisenbahnstrasse for ca. 150 m and turn next street to the left where you will find Hotel Barbara. Free internet available in all rooms.

Hotel Minerva (<http://www.minerva-freiburg.de/>) is a similar Hotel located 50 m down from Hotel Barbara (see above) in Poststrasse No. 8 (Tel. +49-761-386490, locally dial 386490 only; Fax +49-761-3864944). Arriving at the Central Station by rail or by airport shuttle bus (from Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg Airport) please go to main exit of the station (50 m from arrival point of the Airport Shuttle). Go straight ahead towards downtown, entering Eisenbahnstrasse for ca. 150 m and turn next street to the left where you will find Hotel Minerva. The hotel provides a cost-free ticket valid for all public transportation lines in Freiburg Region during the stay in the hotel. The ticket can be used for the very rapid S-Bahn shuttle connections between the "Hauptbahnhof" (main station) and the GFMC site (station "Neue Messe / Universität") (see above). Free wireless internet available in all rooms.

Park Hotel Post (<http://www.park-hotel-post.de/>) is located nearby, close to the corner between Eisenbahnstrasse and Poststrasse (Tel. +49-761-385480, locally dial 385480 only; Fax +49-761-31680). The hotel also provides a cost-free ticket valid for all public transportation lines in Freiburg Region during the stay in the hotel. The ticket can be used for the very rapid S-Bahn shuttle connections between the "Hauptbahnhof" (main station) and the GFMC site (station "Neue Messe / Universität") (see above). Free wireless internet available in all rooms.

Hotel Victoria (<http://www.hotel-victoria.de/>) is located opposite Park Hotel Post (Eisenbahnstr. 54, Tel. +49-761-207340, locally dial 207340 only; Fax +49-761-20734444). The hotel also provides a cost-free ticket valid for all public transportation lines in Freiburg Region during the stay in the hotel. The ticket can be used for the very rapid S-Bahn shuttle connections between the "Hauptbahnhof" (main station) and the GFMC site (station "Neue Messe / Universität") (see above). Free wireless internet available in all rooms.

Status of Registration

Status: 24 June 2010

Accommodation booked:

P = Park Hotel Post (S = Single: € 89.00; D = Double: € 124.00; Ap. = Family Apartment)

B = Hotel Barbara (S = Single: € 79.00; Sd = Single in a double room: € 89.00)

M = Hotel Minerva (S = Single: € 75.00; Sd = Single in a double room: € 80.00; D = Double: € 100.00)

V = Victoria (S = € 89.00)

n.a. = not applicable.

1. Members of W FAG, ILC, FAWG and FMAA

#	Name (o.a. = or alternate)	Participation confirmed	Date Arrival	Date Departure	Type of Room (S / D)	Travel support
	Fabrice Renaud (UNU)	yes	26	27	Ap. (P)	own
	Pieter van Lierop (FAO)	yes	25	29	Sd (M)	FAO
	Riena Prasiddha (ASEAN Sec)	yes	25	29	S (P)	FAO
	Sundar P Sharma (South Asia)	yes	24	02 Jul	priv.	FAO
	Alex Held (Subsahara Africa)	yes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	GFMC
	Patricio I. Sanhueza (S America)	yes	25	30	S (P)	ILC
	Luis Diego Román (Mesoamerica)	yes	25	29	S (M)	FAO
	Marcos Pedro Ramos (Caribbean)	yes	24	29	S (M)	FAO
	Tom and LaRee Harbour (FAWG / N America)	yes	25	30	D (P)	ILC
	Dale Dague (FAWG / N America)	yes	25	30	S (P)	ILC
	Mike Hilbruner (ILC)	yes	25	30	S (P)	ILC
	Dennis J. Brown (FAWG / N America)	yes	24	30	S (P)	ILC / own
	Bill de Groot (N America / EWS)	yes	25	29	Sd (B)	own
	Rick Sneeuwjagt (Australasia)	yes	26	29	D (P)	ILC
	Murray Dudfield (Australasia)	yes	24	30	S (P)	ILC
	Gary Morgan (Australasia / SOPAC)	yes	25	30	S (P)	own
	Richard Alder (FAWG)	yes	24	30	S (P)	own
	Gavriil Xanthopoulos (Mediterranean)	yes	25	28	Sd (M)	GFMC
	Nikola Nikolov (SE Europe - Caucasus / UNECE-FAO)	yes	25	30	Sd (B)	GFMC
	Andrey Eritsov (Baltic / UNECE- FAO)	yes	25	29	Sd (B)	own
	Nikolay Kovalev (Baltic)	yes	25	29	Sd (B)	own
	Harald Vacik (EuroAlpine)	yes	26	27	S (M)	own
	Havard Sormoen (CTIF)	yes	25	28	S (P)	own
	Dieter and Ms. Schwela (SEI)	yes	26	28	D (M)	GFMC
	Val Charlton (ILC)	yes	24	29	Sd (B)	ILC

2. Special Invitees

#	Name	Participation confirmed	Date Arrival	Date Departure	Type of Room (S / D)	Travel support
	Eladio Fernandez-Galiano (Council of Europe, Euro-Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement - EUR-OPA)	yes	26	27	S (P)	own
	Paola Deda (UNECE)	yes	26	27	S (P)	own
	Anja Hoffmann (REDD)	yes	26	27	S (M)	GFMC
	Johan and Lizette Heine (Forest Fire Association)	yes	24	09 Jul	priv.	own
	Sergiy Zibtsev (Ukraine, UNECE/FAO ToS)	yes	25	29	S (B)	GFMC
	Vidosava Jovanovic (Serbia, UNECE/FAO ToS)	yes	25	30	Sd (B)	GFMC
	Genci Hoxhaj (Albania)	yes	25	29	S (B)	GFMC
	Gomez del Alamo (Spain)	yes	25	29	Sd (M)	own
	Elena Hernandez Paredes (Spain)	yes	25	29	Sd (M)	own
	Denny Truesdale (U.S.A.)	yes	26	30	S (P)	own
	Tessa Oliver (WildFire 2011)	yes	24	29	S (B)	WoF

3. Media (ZDF / Arte TV Team)

#	Name	Participation confirmed	Date Arrival	Date Departure	Type of Room (S / D)	Remarks
	Jens, Tilman	yes	26	28	S (V)	--
	Stegner, Gunder	yes	27	28	S (V)	--
	Ganswindt, Rolf	yes	27	28	S (V)	--

4. GFMC

#	Name	Contact for
	Goldammer, Johann Georg	Host
	Held, Alex	Host
	Egenhofer, Dirk	IT support / Logistics
	Jahn, Andrea	Logistics / Catering
	Goldammer, Katharina	Logistics / Catering

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 Alex Held (cell)
 GFMC land line

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