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**Report of Activities and Achievements
2004-2008**


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Highlights

29 March – 4 April 2004


GFMC / ECE / FAO Conference on Forest Fire Management and International Cooperation in Fire Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkans and adjoining Regions of the Near East and Central Asia; Antalya, Turkey. Key activity of the Team. Antalya Declaration, subsequent implementation by Turkey, assisting Syria and Georgia in forest fire emergencies in 2004 and 2006



Highlights

9-10 May 2004

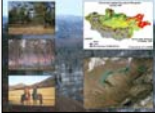
Meeting of the Regional Baltic Wildland Fire Network, hosted by the Ministry of Interior, Finland; Helsinki, Finland. Helsinki Declaration on Cooperation in Fire Management in the Baltic Region.



Highlights

25-27 November 2004

Regional Forest Congress "Forest Policy: Problems and Solutions". GFMC contribution "Recent Trends of Forest Fires in Central Asia and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation in Forest Fire Management"; Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. Conference resolution recommending Central Asian States to join the GWFN.



Highlights

3-4 December 2004

Meeting of the UN-ISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group / Global Wildland Fire Network; GFMC, Freiburg, Germany. Coordination meeting with all networks including ECE, recommendation towards development of an international accord on cooperation in wildland fire management (Ministerial Meeting on Forests and COFO 2005).



Highlights

4-5 April 2005

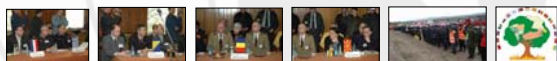
International Technical and Scientific Consultation "Forest Fire Management in the Balkan Region" conducted by the Regional Balkan Wildland Fire Network; Ohrid, Macedonia. Key activity of the Team. Ohrid Declaration with proposals for enhancing regional cooperation in forest fire management.



Highlights

20-22 April 2005

Eastern European, Near East and Central Asian States Exercise on Wildland Fire Information and Resources Exchange - EASTEX FIRE 2005 with participation of the Fire Services of Bulgaria (host country), Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia & Montenegro, and Turkey, supported by the Global Fire Monitoring Center; Haskovo Region, Republic of Bulgaria. Second regional forest fire exercise (after BALTEX Fire 2000) under Team leadership.



Highlights

6-17 September 2005

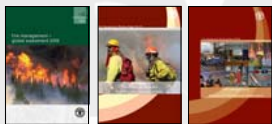
Regional Central Asia Wildland Fire Network consultation and study tour; participation at the 2nd International Junior Forestry Prize Competition and the All-Russian Forest Day; Irkutsk, Susdal, Moscow, Russian Federation. Irkutsk Declaration on cooperation in fire management in Central Asia



Highlights

January 2005 to 2006

Finalization of the UNISDR Regional Wildland Fire Reports for the Thematic Report on Forest Fires, FAO Forest Resources Assessment 2005 (FRA-2005); GFMC contribution to the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Wildland Fire Management and the Global Strategy for Cooperation in Wildland Fire Management. All focal points participating, also indirectly through publications of country reports in UNECE-FAO IFFN.



Highlights

23-26 May 2006

Meeting of the Regional Southeast Europe Wildland Fire Network in tandem with the 33rd Session of the FAO European Forestry Commission; Zvolen, Slovakia. Presentation of draft strategy for cooperation in forest fire management in SE Europe.



Highlights

28-30 September 2006

First International Northeast Asia Forest Fire Conference and Third International Meeting of the Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network; Khabarovsk, Russia. Regional meeting with declaration on cooperation in forest fire management for the Far East countries of ECE.



Highlights

2-13 October 2006

OSCE-led Environmental Assessment Mission to Fire-Affected Areas in Nagorno-Karabakh, in Fulfilment of the UNGA Resolution A/RES/60/285 "The Situation in the Occupied Territories of Azerbaijan: Revised Draft Resolution / Azerbaijan" (7 September 2006). First support mission of two Team members in compliance with a UNGA resolution.



Highlights

18-21 March 2007

Regional Wildland Fire Consultation on the Development of a Strategy on International Cooperation in Wildland Fire Management in the Regional South East European / Caucasus Wildland Fire Network, coordinated by GFMC and the UNISDR Regional South East European / Caucasus Wildland Fire Network, hosted by Bulgaria; Sofia, Bulgaria. Follow-up of the Caucasus mission (2006) to include the Caucasus states into the network.



Highlights

12-18 May 2007

4th International Wildland Fire Conference with meeting of the UNISDR Global Wildland Fire Network; Sevilla, Spain. Meeting of the Team and all GWFN regional networks. Sevilla Declaration on global fire issues and particularly a regional session of the Team.



Highlights

25-28 July 2007

International Meeting on "Reduction of Disaster Risk from Catastrophic Wildfires in the Chernobyl Irradiated Forests" under the auspices of the National Agricultural University of Ukraine, Yale University, GFMC / UNISDR; Kiev, Ukraine. Development of a strategic plan for radioactively contaminated forests fire prevention and mitigation.



Highlights

July-August 2007

Three fire emergency assessment and coordination mission to Balkan member states

- 29 July - 1 August 2007 Kosovo (OCHA-UNEP)
- 19-26 August 2007 Serbia (UNISDR)
- 28 August - 2 September 2007 FYR Macedonia (UNDP)



Highlights

4-5 December 2007

UN OCHA Rosersberg Initiative Working Group Meeting; La Marsa, Les Côtes de Carthage, Tunisia.

The Rosersberg Initiative:

- Environmental Risk Identification (ERI)
- Governance (domestic / transnational)
- Training
- Assessments and Response Missions

EuroFire

ICS - a common wildland fire incident management system for international cooperation in a disaster situation



Highlights

25-28 January 2008

Symposium on Fire Management in Cultural and Natural Landscapes, Nature Conservation and Forestry in Temperate-Boreal Eurasia. This symposium was held under the auspices of UNECE / FAO ToS Forest Fire, UNU, GFMC; Freiburg, Germany.



Highlights

4-5 February 2008

Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) (Open Partial Agreement on the Prevention of, Protection Against, and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters), Council of Europe; on the work plan and activities of 2008; Paris, France.



Highlights

24-25 April 2008

Training on Rapid Fire Area Mapping by ECAT Tirana (Environmental Center for Administration and Technology), SNV (Netherlands Development Organization) implemented by GMFC; Tirana, Albania.



28-30 April 2008

Workshop on „Forest fire prevention opportunities in Macedonia“ by SNV (Netherlands Development Organization), UNISDR Regional South East Europe / Caucasus Wildland Fire Network and GMFC; Skopje, Macedonia.

Highlights

30 May – 9 June 2008

First International Central Asian Wildland Fire Joint Conference and Consultation "Wildland Fires in Natural Ecosystems of the Central Asian Region: Ecology and Management Implications", associated with the First Central Asian Forest Fire Experiment; Ulaanbaatar, Tunkhel, Mongolia.



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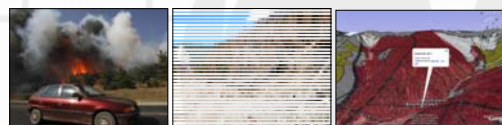
Joint Meeting of the UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group / Global Wildland Fire Network / International Liaison Committee (ILC) / Fire Management Actions Alliance Advisory Group; GFMC.



Highlights

29 September - 5 October 2008

OSCE / UN (OSCE-led) mission to assess the fire damages in Georgia resulting from the armed conflict around Georgia and South Ossetia in August 2008.



Highlights

6 October 2008

National Round Table "Reduce Risk of Disaster from Catastrophic Wildfires in the Chernobyl Irradiated Forests" hosted by the Ukrainian Ministry for Emergency Situations with the National Agricultural University of Ukraine (NAUU), supported by the GFMC; Kiev, Ukraine.



Highlights

4-6 December 2008

Meeting of the Regional UNISDR Southeast Europe / Caucasus Wildland Fire Network under the auspices and sponsorship of the GFMC/UNU and Council of Europe, aimed at preparing the 2009 "Regional Training Course: Fire Management on Terrain contaminated by Unexploded Objects (UXO), Land Mines and Radioactivity"; Skopje, Macedonia.



Highlights

2007 - 2008

Development of the EuroFire Competency Standards for wildland fire management



Implementation: GFMC / CTIF
<http://www.euro-fire.eu/>

Finally

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