

1st International Fire Seminar in Natural Resources Fields Wraps Up



The First International Fire Seminar in Natural Resources Fields wrapped up its work a couple of days ago. Mohammad-Reza Kavousi Secretary of the seminar said: "Departments of Environment (DoEs), Crisis Management Bureau, Forest and Range Organization, Golestan Governor-Generalship, Gorgan Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences University, The Elite Foundation, Agricultural Training and Extension Organization and university lecturers are considered as sponsors of this glorious seminar." He put the number of main topics of the seminar at 8 and added: "Totally, 350 articles have been submitted to the Secretariat of the seminar, 150 of which have been accepted." Kavousi also put the number of oral articles at 50 and added: "Each article has been studied thoroughly by five experts scientifically."

At the end of the seminar, six top articles, three articles orally and three posters will be appreciated deservedly, he observed.

Prof. Johansen George Goldamer Head of World Fire Monitoring Center at Natural Resources was the other speaker who said: "Safeguarding environment and natural resources is one of the main duties of human beings." Materialization of objectives of safeguarding natural resources will be possible only through cooperation and collaboration of responsible officials with one another, he maintained. Turning to establishing collaboration in the field of extinguishing fire, he said: "With the coordination made in this regard, it was envisioned that cooperation of responsible officials in this regard will be invigorated."

Nouredin Mona FAO Representative in Iran, and Hasan Ghadami Deputy Agricultural Jihad Minister and Head of State Crisis Management Organization were the other speakers of this seminar.

In his message submitted in this seminar, Sadegh Khalilian Agricultural Jihad Minister urged media companions to cooperate with the natural resources sector in the field of protecting fields and confronting with fire.

For his part, Mohammad Javad Ghena'at Governor General of Golestan Province placed special emphasis on approving comprehensive plan entitled "Managing to Preventing and Extinguishing Fire" which had been ceased at the Infrastructural Commission of the Government and Specialized Agricultural Commission of the Majlis (IRI Parliament).

At the end, proclamation of the seminar was read as follows: "Relying upon the assistance of the Almighty God and in line with recommendations of Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution in naming the current year after "Economic Jihad" and honoring Forest International Day in 2011, the first seminar was held in the aforementioned field. While observing objectives of the seminar, participants placed special emphasis on safeguarding natural resources, and environment and confronting with fire outbreak. Here, they approved the following provisions:

- 1- Establishing scientific, research, training and executive cooperation with the aim of exchanging technical know-how between Forest and Range Organization, State Watershed Management Organization with the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, Aerospace Research Center and World Fire Monitoring Center.
- 2- Setting up Specialized Working Group on Preventing and Extinguishing Fire in the fields of natural resources,
- 3- Adopting strategic measures and presenting necessary tactics for optimal safeguarding of natural resources and environment based on world accepted standards and also establishing a suitable structure in this field,
- 4- Placing special emphasis on reviving fields damaged as a result of fire through taking effective steps in line with sustainable development of ecosystems,
- 5- Emphasizing on appropriate planning and paying more attention to the research and training centers in line with studying and presenting successful patterns,
- 6- Invigoration of cooperation and collaboration of all responsible officials in the field of preventing and extinguishing fire.
- 7- Emphasizing on establishment of consecutive relation with scientific, and research centers and also with specialized and international organizations
- 8- Fulfilling appropriate planning for offering academic courses in the field of protection and fire at the universities,
- 9- Setting up permanent secretariat for the seminar with the aim of implementation of paragraphs of the seminar
- 10- Approving and executing Comprehensive Fire Prevention and Extinguishing Management Plan by the Cabinet of Ministers,
- 11- Setting up ground and aerial centers for extinguishing fire at the Forest and Range Organization and also State Watershed Management Organization,