

PROGRAMME DAY ONE | 17 OCTOBER: CONFRONTING THE NEW PARADIGM

0730 – 0830 Registration & Exhibition

0840 – 0850	Chairs' Opening Remarks – Lieutenant Colonel Zisoula Ntasiou, Duty Officer of Unit 2, National Coordination Center for Operations & Crisis Management, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece & Johann Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center, Germany
0850 – 0910	Welcome Address – Vassilis Kikilias, Minister for Climate Crisis and Civil Protection, Greece
0910 – 0935	The European Civil Protection Mechanism: Challenges & Achievements of a Forest Firefighting Coordinated Approach – Claire Kowalewski, AFF Preparedness & Response Officer - rescEU Programme, European Commission - Directorate for Civil Protection & European Humanitarian Aid Operations
0935 – 1000	Wildfire Strategy & 2022 Lessons Applied to 2023 – Lieutenant-Colonel Fabrice Chassagne, French Civil Security Military Formation, National Technical Council for Wildfire, Direction Générale de la Sécurité Civile et de la Gestion des Crises, French Interior Ministry, France
1000 – 1025	Portuguese AFF Mission in the Integrated Rural Fire Management System – Tiago Oliveira, Chairman of the Board, Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management, Portugal
1025 – 1035	The Importance of Disaster Resilience – the United States as your Committed Partner – George J. Tsunis, U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, USA

1035 – 1130 Refreshment Break & Networking (*sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting*)

WHAT HAPPENED IN GREECE THIS FIRE SEASON 2023 (1)

1130 – 1155	Aerial Firefighting in Greece – Lieutenant Colonel Zisoula Ntasiou, Duty Officer of Unit 2, National Coordination Center for Operations & Crisis Management, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece
1155 – 1220	The Contribution of Aerial Firefighting Operations in Wildfire Management in Greece – Colonel Elias Veloudos, 355 Tactical Transport Squadron Commander (Aerial Fire Fighting), Hellenic Air Force, Greece
1220 – 1240	A Paradigm Shift: Tools & Strategy Against New Fires - Hugo Arceo, Sales Manager, Air Tractor Europe, Spain
1240 – 1420	Lunch Break & Networking (<i>sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting</i>)

HIGH SEVERITY FIRES (1)

1420 – 1500	PANEL: New Approaches to Confront Unprecedented Conditions: <i>Moderator:</i> Johann Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center, Germany <i>Panellists:</i> Lieutenant General Christos Lampris, Chief of Staff, Hellenic Fire Service HQ / Tiago Oliveira, Chairman of the Board of Director, Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management, Portugal / Michelle Jenkins, Coordinator Operations (Aviation), NSW Rural Fire Service, Australia
1500 – 1525	From Ashes to Action: Learnings from the 2023 Wildfires in Quebec & Canada – Luc Dugas, Directeur du Centre Provincial de Lutte, SOPFEU, Canada
1525 – 1545	The Pumas Never Sleep: Rotary Wings in Firefighting Action – Frédéric Huin, Senior Business Growth Manager, Airbus Helicopters, France
1545 – 1630	Refreshment Break & Networking (<i>sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting</i>)

HIGH SEVERITY FIRES (2)

1630 – 1650	It is Time? Wildfires have Changed, has the Response? – Michael Benson, Director, Business Development, Conair Group, Inc., Canada
1650 – 1710	Elements of a Successful Retardant Program – Eddie Goldberg, Vice Chairman, Perimeter Solutions, USA
1710 – 1735	Use of Chemical Additives by Aerial Means During Forest Firefighting: Applied Research Serving the French Civil Protection – Dr. Frederique Giroud, Director CEREN & Jean-Frédéric Biscay, Deputy Director CEREN, Entente-Valabre, France
1735 – 1745	Chairs' Closing Remarks
1800	Erickson S-64 Air Crane Helicopter Demonstration
1815 – 2000	Drinks Reception (<i>sponsored by Sabena technics</i>)

PROGRAMME - DAY TWO | 18 OCTOBER 2023: THE BROADER CONTEXT

0800 – 0850 **Registration & Exhibition**

0900 – 0910 **Chairs' Opening Remarks** – Johann Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center, Germany

TRAINING & SUPPORT – AT THE CENTRE OF THE AFF MISSION

0910 – 0950 **PANEL: Moving the Air Mission Forward**
Moderator: John Longhurst, CEO, Tangent Link, UK
Panellists: Pierre Chicha, CL 415 Instructor & Examiner, French Sécurité Civile, France / Vittorio Barlocchi, Cpt. Italian National Fire Corps, Italy / Francesco Chiappino, Pilot, Heli Protection Europe, Italy

0950 – 1010 **Sabena technics 30 years of Fire Fighting Support & More** – Jean-Christophe Maridat, VP Sales & Projects Military Solutions, Sabena technics, France

1010 – 1030 **CALFIRE – AMENTUM Team: A World-Renowned Aviation Aerial Firefighting Program** – Sean Navin, Program Director, Amentum Aviation, USA

1030 – 1130 **Refreshment Break & Networking** (*sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting*)

WHAT HAPPENED IN GREECE THIS FIRE SEASON 2023 (2)

1130 – 1215 **Panel : Air Operational Achievements & Challenges:**
Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel Zisoula Ntasiou, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece
Panellists: Colonel Anastasios Michalopoulos, National Coordination Center for Operations & Crisis Management Head of Unit 2, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece / Gary Harman, Country Manager - Greece, Erickson, Inc., USA / Claire Kowalewski, AFF Preparedness & Response Officer - rescEU Programme, European Commission - Directorate for Civil Protection & European Humanitarian Aid Operations

1215 – 1235 **Sustaining AFF People & Assets in a High Op-Tempo Environment** – Gary Harman, Country Manager - Greece, Erickson, Inc., USA

1235 – 1410 **Lunch Break & Networking** (*sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting*)

NEW CAPABILITIES & PRACTICES

1410 – 1430 **Leonardo Fixed Wing Response to AIB Emergency** – Carmine Russo, Head of Sales Engineering & IFTS Marketing, Leonardo Aircraft Division, Italy

1430 – 1455 **Use of UAS, ISR & Space Technologies** - Professor Vaios Lappas, Department Head, Aerospace Science & Technology, University of Athens, Greece

1455 – 1520 **Forest Firefighting – Challenges for Future International Cooperation** – Milan Dubravac, President, International Association of Fire & Rescue Services (CTIF), Slovenia

1520 – 1605 **Refreshment Break & Networking** (*sponsored by Conair Aerial Firefighting*)

WHAT HAPPENED IN GREECE THIS FIRE SEASON (3)

1605 – 1630 **UAS Operations Greece 2023** – Captain Magetos Christos, Head of UAS Operations, Hellenic Fire Service HQ, Greece

1630 – 1655 **Complex AFF Operations Coordination – Moving to the Next Level** – Captain Galanis Nikolaos, Aerial Coordinator, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece

1655 – 1700 **Chairs' Closing Remarks**

1900 **Event Dinner** (*sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited*)
Innovating Technology to End Destructive Wildfires – Jay C. Stalnacker, Technical Lead, Wildfire, XPRIZE

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