

**FOREST FIRES COMMISSION
 MEETING LUGANO/TICINO, SWITZERLAND
 17th September 2018**

MINUTES

Participants

1.	Eriksson	Tore	Sweden	President of CTIF
2.	Sanader	Ante	Croatia	Vice-president of CTIF
3.	Bedogni	Jean Marc	France	Vice-president of Forest Fires Commission
4.	Ryser	Daniele	Suisse	Vice-president of Forest Fires Commission
5.	Biscay	Jean Frederic	France	Member of Forest Fires Commission
6.	Degenhart	Joerg	Austria	Member of Forest Fires Commission
7.	Hansen	Rickard	Sweden	Member of Forest Fires Commission
8.	Ferreira	Jose	Portugal	Member of Forest Fires Commission
9.	Ntasiou	Zisoula	Greece	Member of Forest Fires Commission
10.	Eitzenberger	Johann	Germany	Member of Forest Fires Commission
11.	Van Oppen	Sven	Belgium	Member of Forest Fires Commission
12.	Pecl	Jan	Czech Republic	Member of Forest Fires Commission
13.	Halvorsen	Carina	Sweden	Member of Forest Fires Commission
14.	Halvorsen	Carina	Norway	Member of Forest Fires Commission
15.	Ruuska	Rami	Finland	Member of Forest Fires Commission
16.	Čolak	Branislav	Serbia	Member of Forest Fires Commission
17.	Jajić	Dragan	Serbia	Member of Forest Fires Commission
18.	Vukosavljević	Milutin	Serbia	Member of Forest Fires Commission
19.	Goldammer	Johann Georg	Germany	Associate Member of Forest Fires Commission
20.	Starčević	Mario	Croatia	Secretary of Forest Fires Commission

Item 1 Organization of CTIF and working plan of the committee

Tore Eriksson, president of CTIF, presented the organization of CTIF.

National Committees are members of CTIF and are ordinary members, and they nominate representatives of committees of CTIF. Official languages of CTIF are English, French and German, and he proposes that English should be common language of the committees. The office of CTIF is at this moment in Slovenia, and the Executive Committee confirms the elected leadership of the committees. Main purpose is sharing of knowledge.

Jose Ferreira as representative of the Portuguese Fire School says that the Portuguese National School will search for ways to contribute to the work of the commissions. Expects to come up with an elected president, deputy president and Secretary. What is the work agenda of this committee?

IGNIS represents the EU-project finances the education for forest fires through simulation
Mefisto: Module education for fire-fighting commanders on for transborder cooperation
Approach to projects that are now taking place and gathering of data and new information.

Mario Starčević informed that President Charles Baldassari resigned and that the commission has a working program.

Zisoula Natasiou: suggests that this commission should talk about things that happened last year (catastrophic fires), to prevent the repeating of catastrophic events.

The ERCC (emergency response coordination center) has meetings every two months; there are no fire-fighters involved in decision making (representatives from agencies, civil protection...)

Fire Prevention is under different authorities, no interaction with each other, fire management and landscape management should be integrated with fire-fighting (prevention, suppression, recovery).

Rickard Hanssen: asks for practical matters, which the Committee should deal with; Back-fire tactics are fulfilled by private companies; the Incident commander has to give permission of activities of other organizations (foresters, civil protection, local government)

Johann Goldammer: suggests to link the interests of CTIF with existing international groups, to change the name of the committee from forest fires to landscape fires (wildland fires)- 2019. is the next landscape fire conference in Brazil.

Jean Frederic Biscay: suggests to talk about multipurpose use of fire-equipment (flood and landscape fires), change of culture and sharing of knowledge

Conclusion: At the end of the meeting will be adopted the working agenda of the Commission suggested by the Vice-presidents and Secretary of the Commission

Item 2 Opening: Representative of Suisse Firefighting Association

Daniele Ryser greeted everything in the name of the Suisse firefighting Association and explained in details the 3-days working program.

Item 3 Roll call of members

Each of the participants presented themselves.

Item 4 Adoption of Agenda

Agenda has been adopted; additional CTIF president Tore Eriksson asks that at the end of the meeting we accept a working plan of the commission

Item 5 Report from meetings and conferences in 2016 and 2017

Mario Starčević made a presentation of the work in the past two years.

Item 6 Leadership of CTIF-Forest Fires Commission

The commission decided after discussion:

The CTIF-Forest Fires Commission will be lead till the next meeting by the Vice president of the CTIF responsible for the CTIF forest fires commission (Ante Sanader), already elected Vice-presidents of the commission (Daniele Ryser and Jean Marc Bedogni) and Secretary (Mario Starčević). The next host of the meeting will make the administrative work in the next year.

Item 7 and 8 Promoting the use of the EuroFire Competency Standards for training Fire and Rescue Services in landscape fire management and Global cooperation issues in fire management

Johann Goldammer made a presentation about this items.

The education materials (EUROFIRE training standards) are translated in 19 languages and are available for free on the web site: <https://gfmcc.online/eurofire/index-11.html>

Established are regional fire monitoring centers for promoting cross boundary fire management. Prescribed (controlled) burning in many countries is not allowed (fire management, teaching safe burning).

He looked back during his presentation on the following topics:

Radioactive fires and fires in minefields (armored fire-fighting vehicles)

Fire monitoring: new partnerships

Synergies created and value added

Use of hand tools and education in their use

Trucks used for prevention work (all year work)

Item 9 EU-projects

Jose Ferreira: mentioned 2 EU-projects:

IGNIS: regarding education for forest fires through simulation

MEFISTO: education module for fire-fighting commanders for transborder cooperation

Item 10 Meeting in 2019

Jean Marc Bedogni: makes the proposal to held the next meeting in Nimes-French center of aerial Civil Protection, the meeting would be held during the conference of aerial means, and in the time from 18.-21. 3. 2019. CTIF will get an opportunity to present their work.

Conclusion: The next meeting will be held in Nimes during the conference of aerial means (conference in English and French).

Item 11 Working Agenda of the CTIF Forest Fires Commission

The Commission will deal with the following topics:

- Lessons learned, change of experience: with emphasis on practical exchange and passing information to fire-fighting organizations and fire-fighters
- Standardization of tactiques, equipment, procedures in wildland fires
- Organization and participation on conferences (intrnational, exchange experiences and knowledge with other actors)
- Simulation and ICT, new technologies (robots, drones, cameras, command and coordination centers, aerial means, GPS, GIS....)
- Education and training (best practice, school, college)
- Promotion and public relations (senzibilization of citizens)
- EU- and international project (finding partners, ideas)
- Experiences with UN, Global Monitornig Center....

Item 12 Closing words

Daniele Ryser: As host Daniele Ryser closed the meeting.