

INSARAG Working Group Fire

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INSARAG - Fire

Rationale

Experience has shown that secondary effects of natural and technogenic disasters require additional specialist advice in conjunction with SAR response and other humanitarian aid missions.

The INSARAG family offers an appropriate structure.

Recommendations of the INSARAG - Fire (I)

Formation of three Sub-Groups:

- 1. Wildland Fire: Goldammer (Global Fire Monitoring Center)**
- 2. Hazmat: Fiedler (D), Schäfer (CH)**
- 3. Industrial Fire: Frank (D), Brohs (A)**

Recommendations of INSARAG - Fire (II)

Terms of Reference (1):

INSARAG-Fire is a global network of specialists in dealing with industrial fire, wildland fire and HAZMAT incidents affecting populations and the environment.

INSARAG-Fire is organized in regional nodes.

INSARAG-Fire has been initiated by a Starting Core Group of INSARAG Europe-Africa and will seek the establishment of Fire groups in the INSARAG Americas and Asia-Pacific regions.

Recommendations of INSARAG - Fire (III)

Terms of Reference (2):

Link to UNDAC: OCHA 1-week introduction course into the UNDAC system

Preparation of self-protection guidelines for HAZMAT Specialists in SAR Teams (including NBC issues)

Development of an INSARAG-Fire questionnaire (by group chair and group members; on the basis of the OCHA-SAR questionnaire; to be circulated internationally)

Recommendations of INSARAG - Fire (IV)

Activation of involvement of existing international structures by calling on expertise of international organizations already in place, e.g.:

- **Industrial Fire: CTIF**
- **HAZMAT: ICE (Int. Chem. Environment System) (Europe) and TUIS (Transport-Accident-Information and Assistance System)**
- **Wildland Fire: Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) network**

Recommendations of INSARAG - Fire (V)

Involve INSARAG-Fire in joint international (UN and other) meetings and exercises

Agenda 2000+ :

- **BALTEX FIRE 2000 (BALTic EXercise for Fire Information and Resources Exchange 2000) (Finland)**
- **INTERSCHUTZ 2000, in conjunction with THW (Germany)**
- **TRIPLEX 2000 (Sweden)**
- **INSARAG Annual Meeting (Tunisia)**

Recommendations of INSARAG - Fire (VI)

- **Encourage a continuous exchange of information through the Internet**
- **Initially utilize the existing Global Fire Monitoring Center network**
- **Ensure that appropriate Internet-based information systems are developed for Industrial Fire and HAZMAT Incidents**
- **Ensure that the international community is informed about INSARAG-Fire and its work**