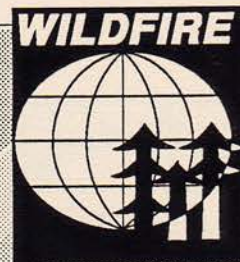


# INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE CONFERENCE



Sunday  
July 23  
Boston,  
Mass.  
USA

## Welcome to the Conference

**W**elcome to Boston, Massachusetts, the USA, and the "Meeting Global Wildland Fire Challenges" international wildland fire conference.

We have an exciting week ahead of us in one of America's great cities. The program is outstanding with many recognized leaders in the international wildland fire management community on the agenda.

We have more than 80 educational displays and exhibits from throughout the world. They range from "high-tech" presentations to fundamental wildland fire management information.

We expect over 300 in attendance from more than 30 countries representing almost every corner of the globe and a diverse range of wildland fire regimes and issues.

This conference is the first of its kind in terms of bringing together wildland fire managers and decision makers to discuss global wildland fire management issues and to look for ways to confront them through international cooperation. I have great expectations for action-oriented results!

Another "first" will be the conference publication produced as a result of the pre-conference survey and Tuesday's "Roundtable" issues lunch. This publication will be developed and literally come to life as the conference is in progress and

will be available for you to take home at the close on Wednesday. It will be a synthesis of international wildland fire management issues, the barriers to cooperation associated with those issues and the recommended solutions that we as a group identify during the conference.

Monday evening will be an exciting night of fellowship, dinner, and entertainment as we are treated to some original American music by the New Black Eagle Jazz Band.

Tuesday night we have several optional activities to choose from. You can participate in the "great American pastime" and attend the Boston Red Sox vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game (with a special added attraction). If baseball isn't your ticket, a special session, "A Video Affair," is scheduled here in the hotel. There will be a series of videos, including one on the Yellowstone fires, along with a chance to discuss other wildland fire management issues of interest.

If your time here is short, Tuesday night will also be a chance to discover Boston. The conference program and Boston visitor guide in your registration packet contain a number of suggestions on what to do and see while you are here.

Have a great week, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.



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By  
General Chairman  
Allan J. West

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There are many historic and exciting things to do around Boston. The hotel concierge in the lobby will be open from 0800 to 2200 to assist you.







**Sunday**

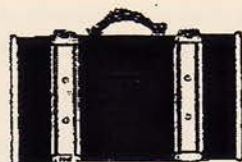
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### Our Conference—An International Event

Our Wildland Fire Conference is truly an international event. Participants from all over the globe are in attendance. There are more than 300 individuals representing more than 30 countries from every continent in the world.

This effort began about 2 1/2 years ago when the sponsors of this event began the monumental task of putting our conference together. Thanks to the efforts of the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. Forest Service, Forestry Canada, Bureau of Land Management, Agency of International Development's Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance, and the Secretaria de Agricultura y Recursos Hidráulicos, this conference is a reality.

Of course, this conference would be nothing without you. We are very pleased to welcome the many distinguished participants and dignitaries from so many countries. The list at right summarizes the countries represented...



Australia .....	15
Bolivia .....	1
Botswana .....	1
Brazil .....	1
Canada .....	40
Chile .....	2
China .....	3
Columbia .....	1
France .....	19
Ghana .....	3
Germany .....	2
Greece .....	1
Israel .....	2
Italy .....	4
Jordan .....	1
Mexico .....	9
New Zealand .....	2
Norway .....	3
Portugal .....	5
Spain .....	15
Taiwan .....	6
Tanzania .....	1
Turkey .....	3
United States .....	151
Additional countries represented by exhibitors:	
Fiji	
Malaysia	
Venezuela	
Zambia	

### Symposium on Fire Ecology Held in Freiburg, West Germany

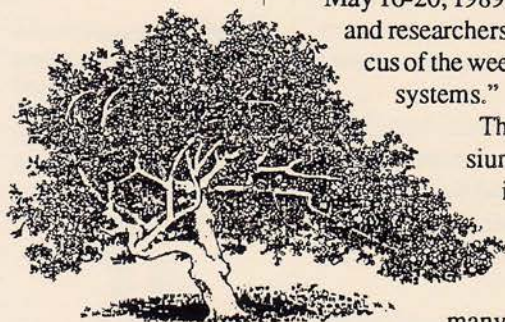
The Third International Symposium on Fire Ecology was held in Freiburg, West Germany, May 16-20, 1989, bringing together scientists and researchers from many nations. The focus of the week was "Fire in Tropical Ecosystems."

The objective of the symposium was to bring together those involved in fire ecology research on a global level to provide an interdisciplinary perspective on the many complex factors related to the role of fires in tropical and subtropical ecosystems. Contributions came from terres-

trial fire ecology, vegetation and landscape history, climatology, atmospheric chemistry and remote sensing.

One of the products of the symposium was the "Freiburg Declaration on Tropical Fires" which discusses the impact fires can have on the atmosphere by the release of vast amounts of pollutants and the need for more research, coordination, and action to be able to deal with this problem. The declaration pointed out that the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (IGBP) should serve as a vehicle for international and interdisciplinary research in global fire ecology.

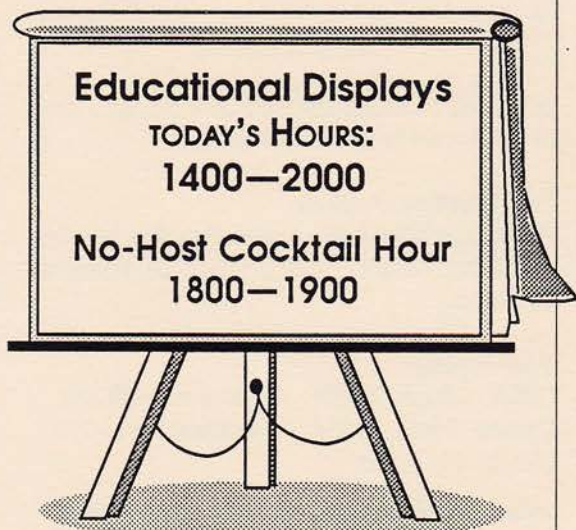
For more information regarding the symposium, contact Dr. Johann Goldammer. Copies of the Freiburg Declaration can be obtained in the Educational Display room at the Fire Management Literature and Video booth (#122-123).





## The International Education Exhibit

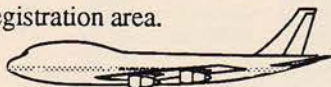
A unique opportunity is being provided to conference attendees to share information regarding global wildland fire. More than 100 exhibits will be on display starting today to showcase international approaches to wildland fire management in the 3rd floor exhibition hall. The exhibits will be open during certain hours throughout the conference. Check your program guide or this paper for the hours. Today's six-hour opportunity will give you an impressive overview to a wide variety of programs both public and private—but it will also be a useful way to begin meeting and interacting in an infor-



### Post-Conference Tours

The originally advertised post-conference tours have been cancelled due to the low number of registrants for the tours. There will however be tours for those individuals who have already been in contact with the conference staff or who have prepaid arrangements.

If you need additional information regarding your tour, please contact Alan Jeffrey for the Canadian tour, Aaron Mastache for the Mexico tour or Gay Almquist for the California tour. Or, go to the Tour Information table in the Conference Registration area.



mal way with colleagues from all over the world, from Canada to South America, from Australia to Africa, from China to Scandinavia.

A random sampling of display subjects will give you a hint of the variety being offered by the exhibitors:

- Effectiveness of prescribed burning in the containment of forest wildfires in Western Australia
- The long and short of fire weather forecasting
- The Canadian forest fire danger rating system
- Methods for effective and efficient communication with public leaders
- Fifty years of smokejumping
- The effectiveness of forest fire-fighting foams
- Forest fire trucks in France
- Forest fire detection in France using laser beams
- Forest fire occurrence in Brazilian protected lands
- Effect of prescribed burning on the growth of *Pinus keyisia* in Zambia
- Fire damage to forests in Fiji

Note: A complete listing can be found in the conference Program Guide.

### Preview: Tuesday Luncheon

Prior to this conference we asked for your assistance in the identification of issues and barriers associated with fire and how various nations throughout the world manage fire. At the luncheon we will share with you a summary of those issues and barriers, and secondly, ask you to participate in the exploration of opportunities to resolve these issues and overcome these barriers.

Each conference participant will be asked during the Tuesday Luncheon to contribute any suggestions he or she might have on how to improve fire management locally and internationally. The results of this effort, and the preconference survey, will be documented in a special publication and presented to each participation Wednesday as a tool for improving fire management throughout the world through a partnership of international cooperation.



Sunday

*A special THANK YOU to all the exhibitors for the fine displays. They have added an extra dimension to our conference.*

A no-host cocktail hour will be held in the educational display area from 1800 to 1900 to further provide the time for informal conversation and sharing similar interests in preserving wildland resources.







Sunday

The "T", Boston's mass transit, is the way to "get around" town. The hotel concierge will help you with any questions...

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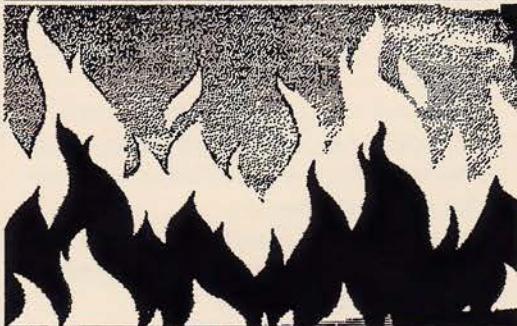


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### Daily Fire Situation Report

#### The SIT Report

The Daily Fire Situation (SIT) Report can be found in this space every day. This feature will provide the fire statistics for the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico.



#### From the Floor

This is your section of the paper. It will contain points of information, insights and comments from you, the conference attendees. This may well prove to be the most interesting section of our small newspaper. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your thoughts about the conference, planned special events, presentations or wildland fire. See Corbin Newman or Gay Almquist for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Baseball Tickets

Don't forget the baseball game on Tuesday night, Boston Red Sox vs. Kansas City Royals. The National Fire Protection association has reserved 300 tickets for conference attendees. Tickets will be sold for \$6.00 at the conference registration desk. Note: Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis



#### Daily new fires and acreage:

445 fires, 2635 acres

#### Current large fires of interest:

##### USA

Star Butte, Boise District BLM—4280 acres.  
Estimated containment 7-22.

##### Canada

Dawson Fire 20. Yukon Territory—9000 acres.  
Suppression objectives have been met.

##### Mexico

Cancun fire. Yucatan Peninsula, Mexican state of Quintana Roo. Last reported size—240,000 acres.

In the last 24 hours, 509 fires have burned a total of 6009 acres in the United States.

#### Fire Weather Outlook:

Increase in fire activity is anticipated as hot, dry conditions coupled with widespread lightning continues.

#### Year-to-date:

U.S.A.—Fires: 58,278	Acres: 1,699,358
Canada—Fires: 6,256	Hectares: 1,533,014
Mexico—No report	

### Tuesday Night Video Affair

As an added dimension to our conference, a video affair has been added for conference participants Tuesday night from 1900 to 2100 in the 4th floor meeting room.

The affair is titled "Special Interest Fire Management Programs." The feature video will be Fire Behavior in the Yellowstone Fires. It will be presented by Richard Rothermel. Other fine videos will also be presented. The forum will be interesting and enjoyable. See you there!

