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# Bringing Regions Together Demand for Stronger International Cooperation



Led by Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer, at the Global Wildland Fire Network Session, chairs of five sessions delivered outcomes and recommendations of each regional session. Some of the key points raised by multiple regions were enhancing international cooperation, promoting community participation, financing fire management, and integrating fire management in climate change issue. The chair of Mediterranean and Near East Cluster, Elena

Hernandez from Forest Fires Service of Spain stressed that educating and raising awareness of politicians, public and media is crucial in wildfire management. Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer urged governments to take all necessary measures to develop integrated fire management concepts and put in place capabilities to manage fire at landscape level. After reports from each regional cluster, results of side events were shared with participants.

## Engaging Our Youth Future of the International Wildland Fire Management



For the first time in the International Wildland Fire Conference history, the 6th IWFC has invited 18 teams of students from 12 countries to present their theses at the Youth Program. From forest fire risk assessment dynamics of silvopasture, interesting studies were shared at the program. Four teams will be recognized and awarded at the closing ceremony.

### Youth Interview

“I was a bit nervous to present at an international event for the first time; however, it has been a memorable experience great opportunity for me.” – Jae-hee Lee (Republic of Korea)

“It was a great opportunity to meet my peers from different countries and peer review our papers.” – Mina Jang (Republic of Korea)

“This is my first time to be abroad. I felt nervous and was worried. But this was a great opportunity. I learned about many researches of other students.” – Libo Zhang (China)