



**Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network
Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Regional Network Meeting 2006**
Tokyo, Japan, 2 December 2005

Minutes of the Meeting

The third meeting of the Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network will be hosted by the Pacific Forest Forum and Regional Far East Forest Fires Center in September 2006 in Khabarovsk, Russian Federation. A preparatory meeting for the 3rd Meeting was held in conjunction with the 5th Symposium of the National Research Institute of Fire and Disaster (NRFID) - International Symposium on Forest Fire Protection - Tokyo, 30 November - 2 December 2005. The main objectives of this preparatory meeting included:

- Short status report on the progress of dialogue within the region and development of ways for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the frame of the Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network
- Review of the work plan, notably drafting of the mission statement of the Network and the preparation of a comprehensive regional wildland fire analysis (book publication)

The meeting was chaired by Dr. L. Kondrashov (Pacific Forest Forum) who opened the meeting and presented the agenda and time schedule. The host of the Symposium, Dr. K. Satoh, welcomed the meeting participants on behalf of NRFID. Introductory remarks were presented by D. Kraus on behalf of Johann G. Goldammer (both Global Fire Monitoring Center). Besides the general discussion the following topics were considered in detail:

Discussion of Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was presented by D. Kim, on behalf of the Korean Forest Research Institute (KFRI) which is serving as NEA Network Coordinator. The Mission Statement was agreed by all participants after uncertainties over investigating the introduction of the Incident Command System (ICS) had been cleared. Furthermore the possibilities of establishing a joint training centre were discussed and it was proposed to organize an ICS training course for members of the network in order to gain first experiences. For changes and further suggestions on the Mission Statement it was decided to circulate the latest draft among the network members. The deadline for comments will be 15 January 2006.

Discussion of book outline

The outline was presented and the authorship of the chapters was discussed. A more detailed outline was requested by most participants to be circulated in order to give a better idea to the authors of what is needed to describe the fire situation in the region. Again it was clearly said that the book addresses mainly non-experts on the topic and that figures and statistics should only be included when they really contribute to the comprehensibility of the given situation. It was proposed to add a chapter that gives an overview of the ecology and natural conditions of the region. Financing and distribution of the book was postponed because of no results so far. The deadline of the chapters to be finished was decided to be by August 1, 2006.

Presentation of the outline of the 3rd Regional Northeast Asia Wildland Fire Network Meeting

The meeting will be held 2006 in Khabarovsk, Russian Federation, and hosted by local Regional Far East Forest Fire Center and some other governmental and scientific organizations.. The proposed agenda and time schedule will be circulated among the network members. No comments were made on the meeting outline.

In his closing statement the chair of the meeting, L. Kondrashov, thanked the participants for their attendance and contribution and encouraged network members to continue supporting the network activities and the preparation of the 3rd meeting in 2006.