

13th Fire Management Symposium: 23 to 25 November 2022

Nelson Mandela University George Campus, Southern Cape



Globally, effective wildfire management is impeded by a lack of integration between research results, technological development, and efforts by fire managers. In the end all strive to prevent, suppress and protect the environment, human wellbeing and assets against wildfire.

This event aims to integrate the efforts of natural resource managers, engineers and scientists. Through an integrated approach, different role-players will be sensitised about each other's realities.

You are therefore invited to join fire managers and authorities from different disciplines and land uses such as nature conservation, agriculture, disaster management, forestry, local authorities, etc for a range of informative presentations and exciting networking opportunities.

Focus

Following the worst fire experienced in the history of South Africa (Southern Cape) on 7 June 2017, as well as

numerous other urban interface fires in South Africa, it was decided to dedicate our biannual wildfire symposium to the topic: "Preparing for the next Mega fire event".

Programme

The 2022 Fire Management Symposium promises to be a special event. Not only because of the unique setting of the venue in the heart of the Garden Route but because of the conglomeration of top rated fire management specialists whom will share their expertise in a very practical and applied manner. Internationally renowned fire scientist Prof Pete Fule will deliver the first keynote address and will be supported by local fire specialists such as Pieter van der Merwe. We will also proudly host other international fire specialists as well as specialists from leading forestry companies in South Africa. The second day of the event, hosted by The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA), will provide opportunities to visit the Southern Cape region to observe the unique vegetation and take note of fire related issues.

In general

This event presents opportunities to people from different entities and parts of South Africa to network. In addition, the world of scientists who are engaged in research, will meet that of the hard-core fire manager who gets the smoke of wildfires in his/her eyes. Due to the capacity of the venue only 200 delegates can be accepted for the event. Final cost of the event has not been finalised but as in the past, will be very reasonable in order to provide the opportunity for everybody to afford attendance. The event dinner will take on the form of a spit braai with live music.

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