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**Second International
Conference on
Modelling,
Monitoring and
Management of
Forest Fires**

**23 - 25 June 2010
Kos, Greece**

Forest Fires 2010



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INTRODUCTION

Following the success of the first International Conference on Modelling, Monitoring and Management of Forest Fires held in Toledo in 2008, it has been decided to reconvene the meeting in Kos in 2010.

Forest Fires are very complex phenomena which, under the right physical conditions, can rapidly devastate large areas, as demonstrated by recent events. There is also widespread awareness that the risk may increase as a result of climate change.

Different approaches are required for controlling fires in rural areas as opposed to urban environments, and this strongly depends on the physical characteristics of the surrounding region. It also depends on weather conditions, regional activities, forest type, as well as social and economic factors.

At present there is insufficient knowledge of the behaviour of fires and how they propagate. This lack of appropriate studies makes these phenomena very difficult to control and is one of the most important obstacles to the development of a reliable decision support system. Public concern in this topic is increasing as uncontrolled fires may lead to major ecological disasters, and usually result in negative economic and health implications for the affected region.

Forest fires analysis and mitigation requires the development of computer codes that can take into consideration a large number of different parameters. This conference will discuss the latest research and applications of available computational tools to analyse and predict the spread of forest fires in an attempt to prevent or reduce major loss of life and property as well as damage to the environment.

This conference aims to address all aspects of forest fires, from fire propagation in different scenarios to the optimum strategies for fire-fighting. It will also cover issues related to economic, ecological, social and health effects.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Risk and vulnerability assessment
- Computational methods and experiments
- Environmental impact models
- Air pollution and health risk models
- Eco remediation models
- Decision support systems
- Monitoring systems
- Emergency response systems
- Economic impact
- Human behaviour and education
- Rural-Urban Interface
- Case Studies

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SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted **as soon as possible**. We strongly encourage the submission of abstracts online.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper, which if accepted for publication, must be presented at the conference. To be fair to all participants, each registered delegate will only be able to submit one paper.

The language of the conference will be English.

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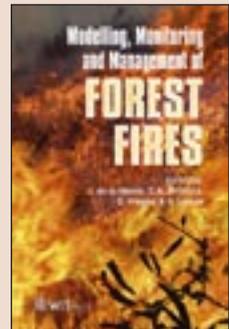
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LOCATION

The third largest island in the Dodecanese archipelago, Kos is east of mainland Greece with views towards the Turkish coast. Pretty traditional vilages, numerous beaches and lively coastal towns nestle in the island's green landscape where visitors are never far from the 120km coastline. The Asklepieion, close to Kos town, is the well-preserved remains of a third century BC hospital and medical school and a popular attraction for visitors. As the birthplace of Hippocrates, the island is considered the home of medicine and has a wealth of excellent archaeological remains from this period of antiquity.



DISPLAY FACILITIES

There will be space for organisations to display products, services and literature related to the theme of the conference. Further details are available from the Conference Secretariat.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Located only three kilometres from Kos town, the Kipriotis Panorama Hotel offers a range of spacious bedrooms, landscaped gardens, generous leisure facilities, a private beach, restaurants and bars. The hotel is within easy reach of the island's airport as well as restaurants, museums and entertainment in the island's capital.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Conference papers are peer-reviewed by members of the International Scientific Advisory Committee and other colleagues. Papers are rapidly processed for publication in **hard-cover book form** and distributed to delegates at registration.
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