



***AFE 4<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS***

***2009 Fire Ecology & Management***

***Fire as a Global Process***

***30 November - 4 December • Savannah, Georgia, USA***

**Association for Fire Ecology  
4<sup>th</sup> International Fire Ecology &  
Management Congress  
*Fire as a Global Process***

**30 November – 4 December 2009  
Savannah Marriott – Riverfront  
Savannah, Georgia**



**Sponsorship Opportunities  
for Government Agencies,  
Business Organizations,  
and Institutions**

**Organizers**

The 4th International Fire Ecology and management Congress is being hosted and organized by the Association for Fire Ecology in cooperation with Texas Tech University, Stephen F. Austin University, Tall Timbers Research Station and sponsored by the Joint Fire Science Program and numerous others.

## **Purpose**

The International Fire Ecology & Management Congresses were begun in 2000 to provide an international forum for the presentation of new research and management findings and to facilitate discussion of current topics important to this burgeoning field. Because fire ecology and management are multidisciplinary studies, the 4th International Congress will provide opportunities for fire and land managers, scientists, resource professionals, agency administrators, local government representatives, consultants, university staff, students, and the concerned public to learn from each other. We will study scientific developments, discover new technologies, exchange and build upon ideas, and explore the relevancy of problems, issues and solutions from others across the globe.

## **Objectives**

The 4th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress hosted by the Association for Fire Ecology will provide a forum on global wildland fire research and management. The Congress theme is "Fire as a Global Process." Featured invited speakers will put contemporary wildland fire issues into a global context. Concurrent sessions and a poster session will cover a wide range of topics and issues, including both contributed papers and special sessions developed on specific themes, all with a central focus of global fire ecology and management. A final specific objective is to serve as a vehicle for technology transfer. The primary themes of the conference will cover a broad range of topics, including:

- Fire Effects
  - Flora of forests, shrublands, coastal marshes, etc.
  - Fauna
  - Insects & Pathogens
  - Soil, Water & Air
  - Observation papers & case studies
- Integrating Science & Management
  - Research with management recommendations
  - Rehabilitation & restoration
  - Prescribed fire science
  - Smoke management
  - E.U. research program
- Fire Behavior
  - Landscape level fire
  - Prescribed fire behavior
- Landscape level issues
  - BAER
  - Climate change effects both on fire and of fire
  - Land use change
  - Land degradation

Fire and carbon accounting  
Fire and tropical deforestation

*Themes continued*

- Fire history
  - Landscape fire regimes
  - Changing regimes
  - Paleoecological studies
  
- Role of Technology
  - Real-time, hyperspectral and LIDAR imagery
  - GIS applications
  - Alternative energy – risks and realities
  - Environmental constraints and solutions
  - Fire behavior modeling systems
  
- Human Dimensions
  - Cultural, Social & Economics aspects
  - Education
  - Fire and International Policies, such as the Kyoto protocol
  - Integrated programs in countries other than the U.S.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The organizers are seeking general support from government agencies, business organizations, and institutions ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 and higher. Your support of the Conference will help us keep registration fees low and provide opportunities to present research and management findings to professionals working in the fields of fire ecology and fire management. Lower fees will help broaden participation by federal, state, and local government employees, private non-profit organizations, and students in the field of fire ecology and related disciplines.

### ***Sponsorship Levels***

#### ***Title Sponsor – \$25,000***

Support dollars will be used to underwrite the entire Congress. Funds may also be used to cover the costs of organizing, printing and distributing the Congress program and abstracts and for website development. Support dollars will be used to underwrite the cost of providing travel support to invited international speakers who otherwise might not be able to attend, travel grants for students in the field, and local transportation support for field trips.

#### ***Gold Sponsorships of \$15,000***

Support dollars will be used to underwrite the development of sessions that relate to the Congress theme, specialized tracks or sessions that help further sponsoring agency research or improvements in operations. Sponsoring agencies may also use this forum to report on results of on-going research.

Funds may also be used to cover the costs of organizing, printing and distributing the Congress program and abstracts and for website development.

*Sponsorship levels continued*

***Silver Sponsorships of \$10,000***

Support dollars will be used to underwrite total Congress costs. Funds will be used to lower registration cost and for rental of facilities. Funds may also be used to cover the costs of organizing, printing and distributing the Congress program and abstracts and for website development.

***Bronze Sponsorships of \$5,000***

Support dollars will be used to underwrite the cost of recruiting attendees, providing pre-Congress publicity, providing travel support to invited international speakers who otherwise might not be able to attend, travel grants for students in the field, and local transportation support for field trips.

***Support Sponsorships of \$1,000***

Support dollars will be used to defray the cost of miscellaneous supplies, name tags, signage and other meeting related incidentals.

**Private Sector Support**

Private sector support is also being solicited to cover food service and Congress logistics not normally covered by government and institution funding.

**Breakfast Sponsors @ \$1,250 per meal** will receive complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), one conference registration, recognition in the conference program, web listing and link on conference website, organization name on acknowledgment slide shown before banquet and opening plenary.

**Break Sponsors @ 2,000 per break** will receive complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), two conference registrations, recognition in the conference program, web listing and link on conference website, organization name on acknowledgment slide shown before banquet and opening plenary.

**Student Banquet Sponsors @ \$3,500** will receive complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), two conference registrations, recognition in the conference program, web listing and link on conference website, organizations name and logo as Student banquet sponsor on scrolling screensaver before banquet and opening plenary sessions.

Please contact Dr. Sandra Rideout-Hanzak, Congress Chair at Texas Tech University ([sandra.rideout-hanzak@ttu.edu](mailto:sandra.rideout-hanzak@ttu.edu)) about other opportunities to sponsor breaks, the Banquet, Welcome Reception or Poster Reception.



## **Sponsor Benefits**

Sponsors will receive benefits based on the level of their support if support dollars are received one month prior to the conference registration deadline. All exhibit spaces include a table and two chairs.

### ***\$25,000 Title Sponsor***

Sponsorships at this level will receive complimentary 20' x 20' exhibit space, three conference registrations, web listing with logo and link on conference website, 2 hotel rooms, opportunity for 5 to 10 minute welcome address in the opening session, full page ad in Program, and Organization name and logo as Title Sponsor on scrolling screensaver before banquet and opening plenary sessions.

### ***\$15,000 Gold Level***

Sponsors at this level will receive complimentary 20' x 20' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), two conference registrations, one hotel room, web listing with logo and link on conference website, full-page ad in Official Program, Organization name and logo as Gold Sponsor on scrolling screensaver before banquet and opening plenary sessions.

### ***\$10,000 Silver Level***

Sponsors at this level will receive complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), two conference registrations, web listing with logo and link on conference website, 1/2 page ad in Official Program, organization name and logo as Silver Sponsor on scrolling screensaver before banquet and opening plenary sessions.

### ***\$5,000 Bronze Level***

Sponsors at this level will receive complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), one conference registration, 1/4 page ad in Official program, web listing and link on conference website, organization name and logo as Bronze sponsor on scrolling screensaver before banquet and opening plenary sessions.

### ***\$1,000 Supporting Sponsor Level***

Sponsors at this level will receive a complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), and 1 conference registration, recognition in the conference program, web listing and link on conference website, organization name on acknowledgment slide shown before banquet and opening plenary.

## **Exhibitor Information**

### ***Exhibitor Fee--\$1,000***

Exhibitors will receive a complimentary 10' x 10' exhibit space (exhibit furnishings are not included as a benefit), 1 conference registration, and recognition in the conference program in the exhibitors section.

Additional furniture, and power sources may be available for additional fees through the facility.

### ***Exhibitor Description***

Exhibitors are invited to submit a short (25 words or less) statement describing their organization, products or service to be included in the Conference Program. Descriptions are due October 1, 2009 to be included in the conference program.

### ***Booth Space***

Exhibitors are invited to review the online floor plan. Exhibit Area B will be locked at night while Exhibit Area A will not be locked. Within those areas, booths will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Subletting or sharing spaces is not permitted.

### ***Package Shipping and Receiving***

All incoming packages should be addressed to:

Cindy Johnson  
Sr. Convention Service Manager  
Savannah Marriott Riverfront  
100 General McIntosh Blvd  
Savannah, GA 31401  
(912) 373-2007 - Phone  
(912) 233-8897 – Fax

Packages should also be marked with the name and date of meeting (4<sup>th</sup> International Fire Congress, 30 Nov.-4 Dec. 2009). There is a \$5.00 per box charge for each box received payable to the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel when you pick up your boxes. Because there is limited storage space, boxes should not arrive earlier than 27 November. A storage fee of \$10.00 per day, per box will be applied to any materials received by the hotel earlier than 27 November. Boxes left on premises for longer than one (1) week after departure without shipping instructions will be discarded. Any item over 100 pounds must be delivered to a drayage company; the Convention Services Manager (Cindy Johnson) can assist you with these arrangements. Exhibitor material handling is the responsibility of the exhibitor and the Fire Congress bears no responsibility for the receiving or shipping.

### ***Additional Information***

The complimentary registration is for the use of exhibitors and is nontransferable. Additional registrations are welcomed and available thru the regular conference registration process. Registration will be handled online at: <http://www.fireecology.net/Congress09/Home>  
Set up and take down are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibits may be set up after 10 a.m. Monday, 30 November. All exhibitors are asked to have their booths set up at least by Tuesday afternoon, 1 December. All exhibits are to be taken down and the areas vacated by Friday 11:00 a.m., 4 December. Exhibits are expected (encouraged) to be staffed during breaks and during the poster session.

## **Venue and Website Information**

*The Venue*—The Fire Congress is being held in Savannah, Georgia. Known for its true southern hospitality, Savannah has been welcoming guests since 1733. It is the primary port on the Savannah River, and amazing architecture, spooky cemeteries, rich history and fabulous food can all be found there. Due to its proximity to the coast, Savannah enjoys mild winters. The normal high temperature should be around 18°C (65°F) and low around 7°C (45°F) during our Congress.

Please visit: <http://www.fireecology.net/Congress09/Home.html> to learn more about the Congress organizers, the Congress Program, submission of abstracts, registration, hotel reservations, and travel.