

12th Fire Management Symposium

The School of Natural Resource Management of the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) invites you to the 12th Fire Management Symposium, which will be held from 3 to 5 October 2018 at the NMU George Campus in the Southern Cape, South Africa. This year's symposium is themed, 'From commitments to action: Ecosystems based fire management for effective disaster risk reduction' and will include a field trip to Knysna, visiting the area that was devastated during the June 2017 wildfires.

Globally, effective wildfire management is impeded by a lack of integration between research results, technological development and efforts by fire managers to prevent, suppress and protect the environment, human wellbeing and assets against wildfire. This event aims to streamline the efforts of natural resource managers, engineers and scientists through an integrated approach to ensure better management throughout the wildfire community by making the different role-players aware of each other's realities. You are 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.

Programme

The 2018 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. Dr Guy Preston and Dr Mmaphaka Tau will each be delivering a keynote address and will be supported by local fire specialists such as Prof Winston Trollope, Richard Cowling,

Etienne du Toit, Len du Plessis, Dr Ronald Heath, Dr Tineke Kraaij, Dr Christo Marais, Dr Jaap Steenkamp, Roger Godsmark and many others. The second day of the event will provide the opportunity to visit the Knysna area that was devastated during the June 2017 fires. The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) will host this day. A range of service providers and equipment manufacturers will have stalls at the event.

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 a specific day of the event. The event dinner will take on the form of a spit braai with live music. ⚠



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