



CONFERENCE AGENDA DAY ONE – 26 MARCH

SQUARING THE CIRCLE – DELIVERING MORE CAPABILITY IN A RESTRICTED BUDGETARY ENVIRONMENT

0730 – 0820 **Registration & Exhibition**

OPENING SESSION

0830 – 0840 **Moderator's Opening Remarks** – Lt Colonel Fabrice Chassagne, Forest Fires Project Manager, Directorate General of Civil Security & Crisis Management, France

0840 – 0850 **Introductory Address** – President Rousset, Nouvelle Aquitaine, France **Invited**

0850 - 0905 **Welcome Address** – Director General, French Ministry of Interior General Directorate for Civil Security and Crisis Management (DGSCGC), France

0905 – 0925 **CALFIRE – Amentum Team: Leaders in Aerial Firefighting Excellence** – Sean D. Navin, Program Director, Amentum Aviation, USA

0925 – 1015 **Panel: The Crisis of Capacity – Growing Aerial Needs are not Matched with Capacities**

Moderator: Gideon Ewers, Editor, RotorHub International, UK

Panellists: Matteo Monterosso, Province Commander, National Fire Corps, Italy

Luc Dugas, Senior Director, Strategic & Air Operation, SOPFEU, Canada

Jean-Christophe Maridat, VP Sales & Projects Military Solutions, Sabena technics BOD, France

1015 – 1100 **Refreshment Break & Networking**

SESSION: ADDRESSING EUROPE'S CAPABILITY GAPS

1100 – 1140 **Panel: Addressing the Crisis of Capacity**

Moderator: Gideon Ewers, Editor, RotorHub International, UK

Panellists: Hugo Arceo, Area Manager, Air Tractor Europe, Spain

Captain Domenico Mazza, Chief Training Officer, Ansett Aviation Training, Italy

Bruno Darboux, President, Aerospace Valley, France

Professor Vaios Lappas, Department Head, Aerospace Science & Technology University of Athens, Greece

1140 – 1200 **Command & Control Over the Fire – A Coordinated Approach** – Michael Benson, Director, Business Development, Conair Group Inc., Canada

1200 – 1225 **Renewal & Upgrading of the Spanish State Fleet** – Alfonso Andrade Otero, Head of Service, Ministry for the Ecological Transition & the Demographic Challenge & Captain Rubén Prieto Corral, Aeronautical Engineer, 43rd Group, Spanish Air Force, Spain

1225 – 1245 **Sponsor Presentation** – Neil Sweeney, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Canada

1245 – 1415 **Lunch Break & Networking**

SESSION: FRANCE – MOVING FORWARD ON FUTURE CAPABILITIES

1415 – 1440 **French Strategy & Expected Capability** – Lt Colonel Fabrice Chassagne, Forest Fires Project Manager, Directorate General of Civil Security & Crisis Management, France

1440 – 1500 **FireScan: Multi-Spectrum Aerial Imagery Capture System** – Contrôleur Général Eric Flores, Director, Hérault Fire Department (SDIS34) & Pierre Carlotti, Founder, Aria Firefighting France

1500 – 1520 **How to Improve Airtanker Drop Performance** – Professor Dominique Legendre, Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse / Institut de Mécanique des Fluides de Toulouse, France

1520 – 1600 **Refreshment Break & Networking**

SESSION: UAS & SPACE BASED CAPABILITIES - MOVING TO MAINSTREAM ADOPTION

1600 - 1640 **Panel: UAS & Space Operations – Moving to Mainstream Operations**

Moderator: Professor Vaios Lappas, Department Head, Aerospace Science & Technology University of Athens, Greece

Panellists: Samuel Webb, Senior Business Development Manager, Tekever, Portugal

Chief Superintendent Brett Hagan, Manager Operational Field Support, NSW Rural Fire Service, Australia

Andrei Grishanov, CTO, Baltic Satellite Service, Latvia

John Green, President / Principal Investigator, Xiomax Technologies, USA

1640 – 1700 **Fire Drone – From Operational Requirements to a Technical Reference Framework for Civil Protection Drones** – General Inspector François Gros, Chief of Staff, Inter-Ministerial HQ South West Zone, Pierre Macé, Director, GIP ATGeRI & Arnaud Rimokh, Deputy Director for Drones & New Uses, Aerospace Valley, France

1700 - 1720 **Enabling a Wildfire Management Ecosystem** – Dominik Chemnitz, Airbus Helicopters & Olivier Chalvet, Senior New Business Manager, Airbus Defence and Space, France

1720 **Moderator's Closing Remarks**

1730 – 1830 **Drinks Reception** sponsored by Airbus



1930 **Event Dinner** sponsored by Amentum Aviation (Invited guests only)

CONFERENCE AGENDA DAY TWO – 27 MARCH

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0800 – 0830 **Registration & Exhibition**

0830 – 0835 **Moderator’s Opening Remarks**

0835 – 0900 **From Idea to Action: 6 Years of the EU’s Joint Firefighting Fleet - rescEU** – Claire Kowalewski, AFF Preparedness & Response Officer, European Commission, Belgium

0900 – 0925 **Presentation** – Hilary Franz, Fmr Commissioner of Public Lands, WA State Department of Natural Resources, USA

Panel: Adapting to a Rapidly Changing Environment

Moderator: Major Laurent Alfonso, Senior Advisor on Civil Protection, Government Advisor to the Jordanian Civil Defense, Embassy of France in Jordan

Panellists: Matthew Bulow, Assistant Commissioner – State Operations Directorate, Queensland Fire Department, Australia
 Soraya Imperial, Senior Officer, Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management (AGIF), Portugal
 Colonel Mus’ab Taha Falah Al-Meleefi, Head of Al-Karak Civil Defense Directorate, Public Security Directorate / The Jordanian Civil Defense, Jordan
 Fire Colonel Zisoula Ntasiou, Chief of Aerial Firefighting Operations, National Coordination Center for Operations & Crisis Management, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece

1005 – 1025 **Simulated Skies: Elevating Pilot Preparedness for Firefighting** - Nacho Navacerrada, Sales Director, Entrol, Italy

1025 - 1100 **Refreshment Break & Networking**

SESSION – IMPROVING FRONT-LINE OUTCOMES

1100 – 1125 **Recent Fire Events in Los Angeles** – Chris Siok, Battalion Chief – Air Operations Section, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, USA

1125 - 1145 **Evolution of Helicopter Aerial Fire Suppression Systems – Legacy Water Bucket versus Fixed Tank** – Joseph Rice, President, Recoil Aerospace, Inc., USA

1145 - 1205 **The Nexus of Training, Technology, Aerial Capabilities & Collaboration for the WUI Mission** – Jake Sjolund, Deputy Director – Fire Protection, CAL FIRE, USA

1205 – 1225 **Aerial Firefighting in Germany – Federal & State Perspectives** – Dipl.-Ing Stephan Brust, Deputy Chief of Bavarian State Fire Academy Würzburg, Bavarian State Fire Academy & Matthias Ott, Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior for Sports & Integration, & Matthias Ott, Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior for Sports & Integration, Germany

1225 - 1245 **Sponsor Presentation** – Bradford Beck, President & COO, United Aeronautical Corporation, USA

1245 – 1415 **Lunch Break & Networking**

SESSION – COLLABORATION ON CRITICAL INITIATIVES

1415 – 1435 **Global Fire Management Hub: Enhancing Interoperability at a Global Level** – Johann Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), Germany

Panel: Overwhelmed? - Adapting the AFF Mission to the New Normal of Extreme Wildfire Conditions

Moderator: Professor Dominique Legendre, Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse / Institut de Mecanique des Fluides de Toulouse, France

Panellists: Dr. Frédérique Giroud, Director of CEREN, Entente Valabre, France
 Chief Jake Sjolund, Deputy Director – Fire Protection, CAL FIRE, USA
 Edward Goldberg, Vice Chairman, Perimeter Solutions, USA
 Bill Schuster, Sales & Business Development Manager, Blazetamer USA, USA

Panel: Global Support in the New Fire Era – With Fire Seasons Becoming All Year Round, is a new Approach Needed?

Moderator: Anthony Marrone, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, USA

Panellists: Claire Kowalewski, AFF Preparedness & Response Officer, European Commission, Belgium
 Fire Colonel Zisoula Ntasiou, Chief of Aerial Firefighting Operations, National Coordination Center for Operations & Crisis Management, Hellenic Fire Service, Greece
 Chief Matthew Sully, Deputy Director - Cooperative Fire Protection, CAL FIRE, USA
 Hilary Franz, Fmr Commissioner of Public Lands, WA State Department of Natural Resources, USA

1555 **Moderator’s Closing Remarks & Event Close**