



10th International Symposium for Fire Safety Science

Call for Posters and Images



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Research of Interest

The International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) sponsors the world's premier symposium for the dissemination and discussion of peer reviewed scientific research focused on the prevention and mitigation of fire losses. You are invited to submit a poster that advances scientific understanding and presents or advances new ideas on any topic in the entire spectrum of fire safety science.

Posters will be presented during a separate, less formal, session to allow authors to exhibit and discuss their most recent completed work or work in progress, including new and relatively undeveloped concepts. Students are especially encouraged to submit posters for presentation. This session is designed to foster a collegial environment where authors and attendees can discuss their research interests and make or renew relationships to help foster collaboration.

Poster abstracts will be accepted on the basis of their quality and originality in the science of fire safety and its applications. The material presented in Poster Sessions **will not be published** in the Proceedings of 10th Symposium. The abstracts of the posters will be posted online 2 weeks before the symposium and removed after the symposium.

Fire Science Image

In addition to the posters, looking for tremendous fire science related images, the program committee is trialling a Fire Science Image Competition. Images are to be non-commercial and can be experimental, numerical visualization, or actual events. Images will be displayed on a designated display board. Images should be between A5 (148 mm x 210 mm) and A4 (210 mm x 297 mm) in size. Photographs will be submitted through the IAFSS website between April 1 and May 31, 2011, for review and acceptance. A special award for the best fire image will be given (see below).

Awards

The IAFSS will be presenting 4 awards for the Poster Session:

- **Best Poster Award** – Awarded for the best poster based on technical content, organization, and visual presentation. The selection will be made by the poster awards committee.
- **Best Student Poster Award** – Award for the best poster by a student author based on technical content, organization, and visual presentation. The selection will be made by the poster awards committee.
- **Audience Choice Award** – Awarded based on popular vote of the attendees.
- **Graphic Image Award** – The best fire image will be selected by the poster awards committee,

based on originality, scientific significance, and artistic/aesthetic appeal.

Poster Requirements

- **Posters:** Must be original work.
- **Abstracts:** Are limited to 1 page maximum.
- **Style:** All posters and poster abstracts must be in English and use SI units.
- **Display Presentation:** Presentation of posters will be during a special poster session held at the Symposium. Authors will be given a standard A0 poster area 84 cm wide and 119 cm high (33" x 47") to display their poster. Authors are expected to be in attendance at their poster during the session.

Submitting Your Poster Abstracts

- One page abstracts should be submitted electronically, beginning December 22, 2010, through a button at the Symposium author web page located on the IAFSS website (<http://www.iafss.org>).
- Submission deadline for posters is February 22, 2011. Posters submitted after this date will not be considered.

Poster Review Process

- Poster abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee.
- Authors will be notified of the Program Committee's decision by March 22, 2011. Notification may include reviewers' comments.

Fire Image Competition Requirements

- **Images:** Must be original work.
- **Style:** Images can be experimental, numerical visualization, actual events or combinations.
- **Caption:** A brief figure caption describing the image is expected to accompany the images. Captions are limited to 100 words. In addition, the submitter shall include their name and affiliation with the caption, but this is not included in the word count.
- **Display Presentation:** Submitters will be given an A3 (297 mm x 420 mm) size display space for their image, caption, name and affiliation. Space will be laid out as portrait display 297 mm wide by 420 mm high. Maximum image size is A4 (297 mm x 210 mm).

Submitters are not expected to be in attendance at their image during the session.

Submitting Your Image

- Images and captions should be submitted electronically beginning April 1, 2011, through a button at the Symposium author web page located on the IAFSS website (<http://www.iafss.org>). The image format should be jpg, png, or bmp. The maximum image size for review is 1 Mbyte.
- Submission deadline for images is May 15, 2011. Images submitted after this date will not be considered.

Images Review Process

- Images will be reviewed by the Poster Program Committee.
- Submitters will be notified of the Poster .. Program Committee's decision by May 31, 2011.

Posters and Images

Key Dates

22 February 2011 – Submission Deadline for Poster Abstracts

22 March 2011- Poster Acceptance / Declination

15 May 2011 Image submission Deadline

Posters and images can be submitted via the link on the IAFSS website :

<http://www.iafss.org>

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