

**SCI 2009  
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
ON FIRE SAFETY**

*Call for Papers*

*Madrid, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2009*

## PRESENTATION

### What is the International Congress on Fire Safety?

The Third International Congress on Fire Safety, FS, with an eminently innovating character, presents the very latest scientific and technological advances on fire protection in Spain, together with the European perspectives that affect the sector, all dealt with from the extensive social and economic sensitivity that this activity arouses.

With its marked integrating factor, it brings together all the related areas: public administration, fire brigades, public and private organisations, associations and companies etc, together with the university and business worlds, research centres, user groups, laboratories and control centres, transmitting their needs, current and future sector situations, *"the state of the art in fire protection"*.

### What is Tecnifuego-Aespi?

TECNIFUEGO-AESPI is the Spanish Association of Fire Protection Companies and includes companies with activities in the field of fire safety and protection in Spain. Together with companies, bodies, organisations and public institutions in this sector, we work for technical, scientific and industrial benefit, with wide representation on both national and international levels.

It is the Spanish representative at the various international forums, such as the representative European associations (EUROFEU, EURALARM, EAPFP, EFSN). *Holds the* Secretary for standardisation and certification in Fire Protection. It participates on a national level in CEPREVEN, CEPCO and AENOR.

## PLACE AND DATES

The International Congress on Fire Safety, SCI 2009, will be held in Madrid at the IFEMA Exhibition Site on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

The members of this committee are notable researchers, academics and professionals involved in fire protection that maintain close relations with TECNIFUEGO-AESPI.

All have outstanding experience in research and participation in prestigious international scientific publications. They are also noted for commitment in compliance with quality assurance standards in the sector.

Their mission is to assist the coordinators in the selection of papers to be presented at the congress. The committee's job is to review the articles and the review comments.

The Scientific Committee is divided into active and passive, each having its own coordinator:

- Active Coordinator: Mr Jesús de la Torre – ANBER GLOBE, S.A.
- Passive Coordinator: Mr Vicente Mans - BUDENHEIM IBERICA, S.A

The Scientific Committee comprises:

- Representatives from organisations and public institutions whose collaboration shall be **common** to both areas: active and passive.
- **Specific** collaboration by area:
  - o Coordinators from the Tecnifuego-Aespi sectorial committees
  - o Representatives from national and international associations:

1.	Ministry of Industry – Mr Manuel Rodriguez Arjona	
2.	Ministry for Housing – Mr Jose Luis Posada	
3.	Community of Madrid – Mr José Nieto	
4.	Madrid Council– Mr Rafael Vega	
5.	Instituto Eduardo Torroja – Mr Luis Vega	
	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
6.	CS Detection – Mr Miguel Moreno	CS Installation and Application – Mr Santiago Escobedo
7.	CS Installation and Maintenance – Mr Rossend Durany	CS passive Products – Mr Jordi Bolea
8.	CS Fixed systems – Mr Carlos Pérez	CS Doors, Dampers and Safety signs – Mr Ginés Padilla
9.	CS First Aid Equipment – Mr Jordi Isern	GIDAI – Mr Jorge Capote
10.	CS Extinguishers – Ms Adelia Cardenal	AFFITI-LICOF – Mr Agustín Garzón
11.	CEPREVEN - Mr Jon Michelena	CEPREVEN – Mr Jon Michelena
	IFSA – Mr Russ Flemming	IPUR – Mr José Manuel Fernandez
12.	Org. Intl. (Gases water mist) contact Carlos Pérez	ANDIMA – Mr Yago Massó
13.	Org. Intl. (Detection) contact Miquel Moreno	EAPFP - Mr. Stefaan Van Haute
14.	EFSN – Mr Alan Brinson	DICTUC – Orelvis gonzález

- Passive: (five papers from each area)
  - Reaction to fire (5)
  - Resistance to fire (5)
  - Evaluation of passive protection products and systems (5)
- Active: (five papers from each area)
  - Fire protection equipment and installations (5)
  - Fire protection based on protection systems (5)
  - Specific fire protection design and application (5)
- Legislation:
  - Problems with the incorporation of European directives into national legislation

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS:

The evaluation of papers by the committee shall be performed with respect to technological innovation criteria, technical content, incidence or relevancies to the fire protection sector and newness with regard to application engineering.

The Scientific Committee has selected two ways of presenting papers: paper and poster. For further information on evaluation criteria, see the appendix.

- Each proposed paper shall adapt to the presentation rules provided by the Scientific Committee.
- The simultaneous translation languages provided during the congress are English and Spanish.
- Participation in papers shall also include congress inscription and free gala dinner.
- The Scientific Committee shall award diplomas for congress participation.

#### Participation rules:

The papers shall comply with the following requirements as general participation rules:

- The selection shall be carried out based on the abstract proposed by the authors.
- A maximum of three abstracts per author shall be sent to the Scientific Committee by E-mail.
- Abstracts may be presented in either of the two languages contemplated by the congress: English or Spanish. If the title and abstract translations are not facilitated by the authors, these may be arranged by the Scientific Committee, who shall not be held responsible for any possible translation errors.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject any documentation that does not comply with the established requirements in either form or technical or scientific content.
- Any references made for commercial purposes are strictly forbidden.

- Authors shall sign their documents in

recognition of ceding the copyrights of their papers over to SCI for subsequent use in the "Papers Book" and other acts of dissemination, but always with the authors' permission.

- All documents and papers that do not meet established deadlines or dates for presentation to the committee shall be automatically excluded.
- All papers shall include the following information:
  - Project title
  - Name, academic title and author affiliation, together with that of the speaker
  - Contact information: full postal address, telephone and E-mail
  - Brief Curriculum Vitae of the author(s)
  - A maximum abstract of two DIN A4 pages or 2,000 characters
- Abstracts shall be sent by E-mail in pdf format, Arial, font size 11, with 1.5 line-spacing.

#### **Posters:**

From among the received papers that are not selected for presentation during the congress, the Scientific Committee shall select those to be shown as posters based on obtained points.

Each poster shall have a space for display in a specific area of the exhibition site and shall be presented in accordance with the programme devised by the Congress Organisation.

The author, or one of them in the case of several, shall be physically present at the poster at times notified by the organisation.

The Scientific Committee shall award presentation certificates for the signatories of the papers.

The following requirements shall be met for poster presentation:

- Posters shall have a size of 90 x 100 cm
- They may be presented in English or Spanish
- They shall contain the following information:
  - Project title
  - Name, academic title and author affiliation
  - Contact information: full postal address, telephone and E-mail
  - Brief Curriculum Vitae of the author(s)
  - Full abstract, structured as follows:
    - Introduction
    - Methodology
    - Results
    - Conclusions

#### **Selected papers:**

- The selected papers shall be sent in time and form in accordance with the rules facilitated with their acceptance.

- Presentation shall be prepared in

PowerPoint. The Tecnifuego-Aespi logo shall be included in all presentations.

- Presentation languages shall be English and Spanish.
- The duration of each paper shall be twenty minutes (twenty minutes of reading is the equivalent of approximately seven DIN A4 pages). Paper presentation time shall be strictly respected. Time shall be allowed at the end of each block for requests and questions.
- Any references made for commercial purposes are strictly forbidden.

#### **Publication format:**

Final versions of the papers shall be published in the Congress "Papers Book".

- The documents shall not include page headers or footers
- Maximum length shall be eight pages, including figures and references
- Any illustrations for the documents shall be sent in a separate file.
- Documents shall be correctly referenced by their authors, with precise information on posts and/or degrees and diplomas.

#### **DATES**

Presentation of abstracts

Deadline: *15<sup>th</sup> of October 2008*

Notification on acceptance by the Scientific Committee

Deadline: *30<sup>th</sup> of November 2008*

Final version of the paper for publication in accordance with established rules

Deadline: *31<sup>st</sup> of March 2008*

Final version of the paper for presentation in accordance with established rules

Deadline: *30<sup>th</sup> of April 2008*

Paper evaluation by the Scientific Committee shall be performed in accordance with criteria of technological innovation, technical content, incidence or relevancies to the fire protection sector and newness with regard to application engineering.

- Abstract evaluations shall be performed individually and once the points have been awarded, the information shall be forwarded to the Scientific Committee Coordinator (SCC) **by E-mail**.
- The coordinator shall receive the points for each abstract and shall obtain the averages and present them to the committee members at the corresponding meeting. The individual and total evaluations shall be presented.
- Any SC member who is also author of a paper shall abstain from evaluating the abstract as well as the full paper.
- If an SC member belongs to a company that is presenting a paper, this shall not be motive disallowing evaluation or giving points for the work provided there is no relationship with it.
- The SC shall decide which papers are accepted and in which presentation form they are accepted, whether paper or poster.
- The SC Coordinator shall be in possession of the written opinions and evaluations of the SC members referring to the papers they have accepted or rejected.
- The Scientific Committee shall not accept abstracts outside the presentation deadline. It also reserves the right to extend this deadline, in which case, it shall notify all participants of such a decision.
- The Scientific Committee shall reach an agreement on its decisions.
- The Scientific Committee members shall sign a confidentiality agreement covering the presented papers.
- Any decisions not accepted by majority or which cannot be agreed on, shall be voted and the decision of half the voters, plus one, shall be accepted as valid.