



Aerial Firefighting International 2016

22 - 23 March 2016
Sacramento, CA | USA

**SPECIAL
EARLY-BIRD
DISCOUNT**

For a limited time only
delegate rates held at
2014 prices!

Book by 30 September 2015



Aerial Firefighting International 2016

Conference & Exhibition with
aerial demonstrations and static display

**"Conducting safe & effective aerial firefighting
operations in ever challenging environments"**

Exhibition & Sponsorship Opportunities

- Demonstrate your capabilities to a qualified audience
- Show the very latest preventative measures and technologies available
- Network with high level delegations from over 20 countries
- Offer alternative thinking with solutions to current methodology
- Raise the profile of your organisation across the AFF spectrum
- Interact with front line operational personnel

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AFF Sacramento 2014

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Aerial Firefighting International 2016 returns to Sacramento USA

The Aerial Firefighting Conference returns to Sacramento in March 2016. This important international conference is the only global assembly point for international aerial firefighters to liaise, develop and promote international best practice in the discipline of manned and unmanned helicopter, SEAT and air tanker operations for the suppression of wildfires. It facilitates and enhances interagency exchange, demonstrates the latest aerial technologies in both a static and live setting, and maintains the vital liaison between international partners in the aerial firefighting community. Since its last staging in this region in 2014, there has been some dramatic and disastrous wildfires. In the United States, the largest wildfire of these was Carlton Complex Fire, the most

destructive in Washington's state history which consumed approximately 300 homes and 252,000 acres (102,000 ha). Latin America has not escaped the alarming results of wildfire either. Both Chile & Argentina have experienced their worst fires in years. The Great Fire of Valparaíso recently destroyed at least 2,500 homes, leaving 11,000 people homeless in Chile. In Southern Argentina a wildfire was burning for over two weeks which threatened historic forests in Los Alerces National Park in the Patagonia region of southern Argentina. This national park is known for some of the oldest trees in the world some dating back over 3,000 years. In both cases the Chilean and Argentinian government called on fire crews from neighbouring countries for assistance. But without a formidable air tanker capability the fires would burn for weeks.

An important new development will be the invitation of foreign military delegations into aerial firefighting who will benefit from extending their current mission capability further into aerial firefighting operations. Most international Air Forces operate roll-on roll-off transport aircraft and helicopters but do not deploy them in an aerial firefighting role. The Aerial Firefighting Conference will, therefore, address the strategies, training, technologies and agreements necessary to increase operational capability efficiency to deploy aerial firefighting aircraft of all types. It will deliver risk informed, performance-based fire suppression information, wildfire decision support tools, developments and enhancements to assist the integration of technology applications.

Key discussion topics

Conference themes will include:

- The new risks in AFF
- Military & Civil AFF operations
- Unmanned Systems
- The culture of AFF & implications for flight safety
- Integrated training
- Night vision AFF
- Operational doctrine, tactics and strategy
- Technical innovations
- Panel session – Discussion on enhanced vision systems & night operations

AFF - Now in its 13th edition
A successful international
conference & exhibition series



2013: Aix-en-Provence, France
243 attendees, 91 Organisations, 28 countries



2014: Sacramento, USA
205 attendees, 110 organisations, 16 countries



2015: Zadar, Croatia
200 attendees, 150 organisations, 33 countries



2016: Sacramento, USA
300 attendees, 150 organisations,
over 20 countries anticipated



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Participate at AFF International 2016 - options include:

SPONSORSHIP

Gold, Silver & Bronze packages are available to book today. Package benefits can include:

- Speaking slot within the conference programme
- Exhibition space in a prime location
- Shell scheme booth with name board & furniture
- Delegate places with full access & refreshments included
- Exhibition passes with refreshments included
- Sponsorship of networking functions & registration area
- Pre-organised private briefing / meeting area
- Introductions to key delegations on-site
- Company branded badges, lanyards, bags, folders & power banks
- Online and print advertising space
- Participation in the aerial and static demonstrations

Sponsorship packages start from \$16,000.00

Why your organisation should participate

- **Network** with an international audience including AFF pilots, procurement officials, experts, professionals & leading AFF technology, suppliers and organisations
- **Share real experiences** with pilots and operators at the sharp end of wildfire fighting
- **Understand the challenges** each of the AFF delegations are facing
- **Demonstrate insight** into the latest AFF trends and emerging technologies
- Opportunity to **participate** in flying demonstrations and static displays

EXHIBITOR

Entry level exhibitor packages are available and include the following benefits:

- Shell scheme booth with name board & furniture
- Exhibition passes with refreshments included
- Introductions to key delegations on-site
- Participation in the aerial and static demonstrations
- Invitation to all networking functions & Award Ceremony

Enhance any exhibitor package with the following services:

(additional fee's apply)

- "Exhibitor Presentation" within the exhibition hall
- Online and print advertising space
- Company branded giveaway items

Entry level exhibitor packages start from \$5,520.00

DELEGATE PLACES

Delegate places are available to book online today and include the following benefits:

- Delegate passes with full access & refreshments included
- Entrance to the aerial and static demonstrations
- Invitation to all networking functions & Award Ceremony
- Access to all conference presentations post-event

Delegate rates	SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
Early-bird: Commercial Delegate <i>Book online by 30 September 2015</i>	\$1,400.00
Standard: Commercial Delegate <i>Book online from 01 October 2015</i>	\$1,595.00
Standard: Govt / Military Delegate <i>Proof required</i>	\$750.00

GROUP OFFER

Receive 4 places for the price of 3

TESTIMONIALS FROM SATISFIED AFF CLIENTS

Don't just take our word for it...

"Thanks for your support and the rest of Tangent Link at the event. As a sponsor we felt valued and believed we made a valuable contribution to the conference delegates. The demonstration was a great way to show exhibitor's products as well as giving a more comprehensive understanding of new concepts and systems. Well done team"

Biocentral Laboratories/Blazetamer

"The conference went absolutely very well for us, it was interesting and useful. We enjoyed every moment, both of professional networking and the excellent atmosphere of communication between colleagues, the people who speak in the same "firefighting" language. Your team is incredible".

Beriev Aircraft Company

"Once again the Tangent Link Team put on a premier event, offering fantastic information presentation and unparalleled networking opportunities for aerial firefighting"

CAL FIRE

"One of the best industry specific events I have attended with key decision making persons in attendance"

Dynamic Aviation Group

"The networking opportunities were fantastic, well worth delegates and trade exhibitors. Static and Dynamic demonstrations was well organised and a highlight of the conference"

Queensland Fire & Emergency Services



About the organiser - Tangent Link A Trusted Partner

Established in 2003, Tangent Link is responsible for organising leading Civil and Military defence events around the globe and has established effective connections with government and military organisations as a trusted partner.

As well as organising conferences and exhibitions, Tangent Link also provides market reports and market analysis for many global organisations.

We also arrange trade delegations to new markets which many other organisers have difficulty in accessing.

We organise exclusive tailored events for corporate organisations wishing to access specific country/regional markets and vertical sectors.

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- AeroComputers
- 10 Tanker Air Carrier
- Absolute Fire
- Aerial Machine and Tool
- Aero Union
- Aero-Flite
- Agusta Westland
- Airbus Helicopters
- American Valley Aviation
- Aviation Specialities
- Beriev Aircraft Co
- BioCentral Laboratories
- Blackcomb Aviation
- Blue Aerospace
- Boeing
- Bombardier

- Breeze-Eastern
- Budenheim Iberica
- Buffalo Airways
- Cobham Avionics
- Conair Group
- Coulson Aviation
- Croman Corporation
- Dynamic Aviation
- DynCorp
- EDMO
- ELBIT Systems
- EMS Sky Connect
- Erickson Inc.
- EuroAvionics
- Evergreen
- Fire Boss LLC

- Firelce (Geltech)
- FireKraft
- Goodrich
- Harris Corporation
- IAWF
- ICL Performance Products
- Isolair
- ITRES
- Latitude Technologies
- Lockheed Martin
- Mission Safety Services
- New Brunswick Air Tanker
- Nitrofirex
- Pratt & Whitney
- Range & Bearing
- Russian Helicopters

- SEI Industries Ltd
- Selkirk Systems
- Simplex Aerospace
- SKOL Airline
- SkyIMD
- SkyTrac
- SOREM Srl
- Tasman Helicopters
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- Valley Air Crafts
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- Wildfire Suppression

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