



Association for Fire Ecology

Promoting Fire Ecology Research, Education, and Management

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is an international non-profit organization for fire professionals. We have many projects and actively welcome the participation of our members. Some of our projects include regional and international conferences, a peer reviewed scientific e-journal *Fire Ecology*, and our Wildland Fire Certification Programs.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

AFE now offers two Certification Programs: a Wildland Fire Professional Certification for fire ecologists, managers, and technicians and a Wildland Fire Academic Program Certification to recognize academic programs which prepare future fire professionals. The complexity and importance of fire science and management is increasing worldwide. Our overarching goal is to support fire ecology and ecologically-based fire management while advancing fire science and its application. Check the AFE website for details on how to apply to each of these programs.



MISSION

The Association for Fire Ecology is an organization of professionals dedicated to improving the knowledge and use of fire in land management through science and education.

VISION

Our vision for AFE is that its members from around the world play a key role in wildland fire research, education, management, and policy to promote the knowledge and use of fire as a vital ecological process.

HISTORY

AFE began as a small group of researchers and managers in California during the late 1990's, and then incorporated as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization in 2001. AFE has grown to become the leading international scientific and educational society for fire ecologists and managers. AFE continues to grow through its regional fire ecology conferences, and especially its International Fire Ecology and Management Congresses. Held every three years, the "Fire Congress" brings together agency and academic scientists, educators, students, managers, practitioners, and policymakers from all over the world to network and learn the latest in fire ecology research and management. AFE has expanded its international reach through its peer-reviewed journal, *Fire Ecology*, and through its website, www.fireecology.net, which both feature cutting edge science and the most innovative ecological thinking in fire management.

CONFERENCES

AFE's Regional Conferences and International Fire Congresses draw some of the top fire researchers, managers, and policymakers in the U.S. and from around the world to share their discoveries, experiences, and initiatives in fire ecology. They are great places to get first previews on yet-to-be-published fire ecology research. AFE's Fire Congresses are among the largest gatherings of fire scientists in the world, bringing together hundreds of participants from dozens of countries across six continents. These events provide opportunities for learning, networking, collaborating, and socializing with colleagues from other agencies, universities, regions, and nations. At our Fire Congresses, AFE presents the Herbert Stoddard, Harold Biswell, and Henry Wright lifetime achievement awards to people who have made significant contributions to fire ecology and management in the U.S.

JOIN AFE TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone interested in Fire Ecology. AFE members have access to the following services and benefits:

- * AFE's Wildland Fire Certification Programs
- * Special discounts at AFE sponsored conferences and other events
- * Priority for presenting at AFE conferences
- * AFE's Newsletters
- * Access to our membership directory
- * Joining AFE Sections
- * Job Board
- * Participation in a professional society
- * And More!

As an AFE member you can become active in shaping the direction of the profession of fire ecology. In addition to its annual conferences, AFE hosts many venues for networking and collaborating with fellow fire ecologists. Members can initiate or join existing Sections, volunteer to participate in Committees, serve as a reviewer for the Journal, nominate colleagues for annual awards, or serve on the Board of Directors. Becoming a member is easy. Applications and Secure Payment can be made on our website.

Regular (\$40/year)
Student (\$20/year)
Developing country (\$20/year)

JOURNAL

Fire Ecology is AFE's online journal that publishes high-quality peer-reviewed original articles on fire ecology, fire science, and fire management. Our editorial board includes leading fire ecologists from around the world, including Spain, Australia, US, Switzerland, and Canada, making *Fire Ecology* one of the leading international journals in this field. Our journal provides an excellent opportunity for you to get your research published. Articles, abstracts, and submission details are available on the AFE website.



COMMITTEES & SECTIONS

AFE offers an opportunity for members to get actively involved in shaping the organization through serving on Committees and joining Sections. Committees play an essential role in implementing AFE's programs and projects. For example, members plan conferences, publish the journal, support our wildland fire certification program, recruit new members, do public outreach and education, and more. Sections provide a local venue for AFE members to network with each other and plan regional events and projects. Currently, AFE has four sections: the Student Association for Fire Ecology (SAFE), with chapters at numerous universities across the US; the California Association for Fire Ecology (CAFE); the Association for Fire Ecology of the Tropics (AFET); and the Southeast Section (AFESE). Currently there is interest in forming a Section of AFE in Latin America. Contact us for details.

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