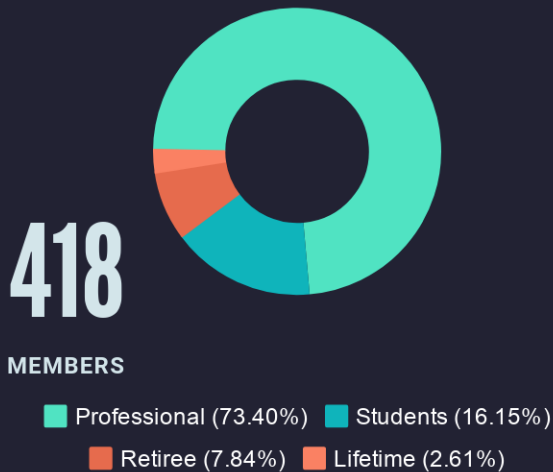




Membership

In 2018, AFE updated the types of membership we offer, including the addition of a sliding scale for professional membership fees. AFE members represent 13 countries and a diversity of wildland fire ecology, management, education, and outreach organizations.

Membership Types



Partnerships and Collaborations

AFE partnered or collaborated with numerous international and national organizations, including:

- Joint Fire Science Program
- International Association for Wildland Fire
- Pau Costa Foundation
- Southwest Fire Science Consortium
- NASA
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Multiple Universities



TREE Grants

In 2018, AFE awarded Travel, Research, and Educational Experience Grants (TREE) to 20 students from 13 colleges and universities across the U.S. These grants are funded by the Joint Fire Science Program and assisted students in paying for travel costs to attend and present at fire conferences.

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STUDENTS

SUPPORTED WITH TREE GRANTS SINCE 2011

Diversity Efforts

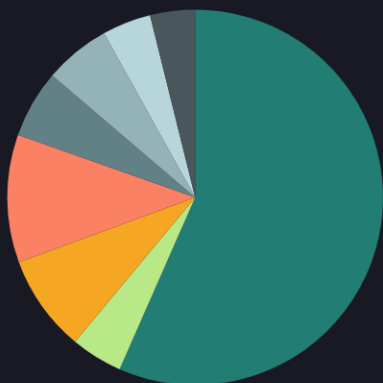
AFE remains committed to enhancing diversity in our organization, and we prioritized this commitment in 2018 by

- Creating and approving a committee charter to ensure that diversity and inclusivity goals are considered in all AFE activities
- Starting to track diversity data for membership
- Bringing attention to diversity issues in a plenary session at The Fire Continuum Conference and soliciting feedback for future actions from conference attendees
- Incorporating diversity goals into all aspects of planning for the 2019 Fire Congress in Tucson, AZ

Where Your Dollars Go

As a non-profit organization, AFE commits proceeds from membership dues and conferences to the services and programs we provide, including the *Fire Ecology* journal, future conferences and workshops, and student grants. *Most of what we do is done by volunteers, who include our entire Executive Committee and Board of Directors, our Journal Editor, and our committees.*

Allocation of Funds Spent in 2018



- Staff & Event Planning (56.59%)
- Office & Business Expenses (4.45%)
- Accounting (8.34%)
- Students (11.02%)
- Journal (5.84%)
- Banking & Transaction Fees (5.69%)
- Travel (4.20%)
- Website (3.86%)

Investing in the Future

Through the Student Association for Fire Ecology (SAFE), \$5000 was distributed to student chapters around the U.S. These mini-grants funded students studying fire management and ecology to attend TRES events, purchasing fire PPE, and attend conferences.

Which student chapters received grants?

- Clemson University
- Stephen F. Austin University
- Humboldt State University
- Colorado State University
- Oregon State University
- Northern Arizona State University



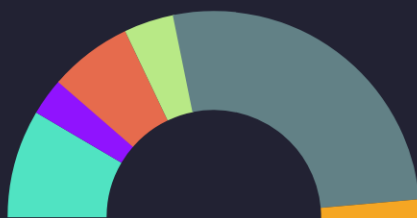
Fire Continuum Conference

The Fire Continuum Conference, co-hosted by AFE and the International Association of Wildland Fire in Missoula, Montana, was attended by 649 wildland fire professionals from more than 16 countries. In an effort to increase participation from managers and practitioners, 10 scholarships were awarded to waive conference registration fees for local wildland fire managers.

649

attendees from more than 16 countries

Attendees by Professional Role



- Manager (16.83%)
- Educator (5.94%)
- Student (12.87%)
- Other (7.92%)
- Researcher (53.47%)
- Retired (2.97%)

4.7

Participant Satisfaction with Conference*

*Scale of 1 to 5, where 5 = very satisfied

Attendees say...

"Thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to listen to the presentations and participate in the workshop and field trip I took."

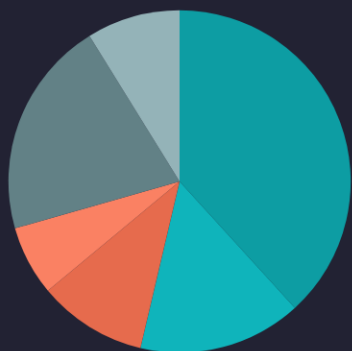
"Overall, a remarkable event with a rich mix of attendees, social events, presentations and opportunities for networking."

"Excellent conference! Very well coordinated. Awesome socials and food. Great topics. Would highly encourage to get more fire managers to attend."

Certification Program

Since its inception in 2011, the Wildland Fire Certification Program has awarded 9 Academic Program Certifications and 136 Professional Certifications for managers, ecologists, and technicians—21 of which were awarded in 2018.

Professional Certifications
Awarded Since 2011



136

PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATIONS



Lifetime Achievement Awards

The 2018 Lifetime Achievement awardees have demonstrated a career's worth of meaningful contributions to expanding our understanding and application of fire ecology, and have inspired and mentored a generation of fire scientists and managers.

We look forward to presenting these awards to Neil, Winston, and Tom at the 2019 Fire Congress in Tucson, Arizona.

- ▶ **Dr. Neil Sugihara**, Harold Biswell Award for Significant Contributions to Fire Ecology and Management in the Western United States
- ▶ **Dr. Winston Trollope**, Henry Wright Award for Significant Contributions to Fire Ecology and Management in the Grasslands and Shrublands
- ▶ **Dr. Thomas Waldrop**, Herbert Stoddard Award for Significant Contributions to Fire Ecology and Management in the Eastern United States

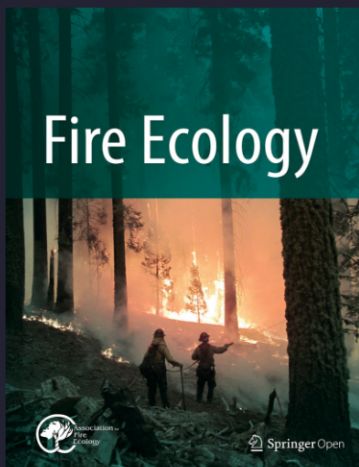
Fire Ecology: AFE's Open Access Journal

In August 2018, *Fire Ecology* completed its move to SpringerOpen. Alongside the journal's traditional high standards and free access to articles, we now offer a more automated submission, peer review, and manuscript tracking system; additional marketing and promotion activities; and an overall enhanced service to our valued authors and readers.

In the coming years we expect to see the journal's reach extend to the international stage, which will establish a diverse and inclusive authorship, the best visibility for our premier published research, and the greatest impact possible.

"It has always been a major goal of the Association for Fire Ecology to elevate the reputation of the journal and expand its reach internationally."

~Dr. Robert E. Keane,
Editor-in-Chief



721

authors since initiation

35

articles published in 2018

1.756

citation factor

44

associate editors

8 months

average publication time

To view all articles, go to fireecology.springeropen.com

Looking to the Future

We look forward to continuing to pursue our mission with support from our partners, members, and event participants. Please reach out with your ideas and feedback so we can better meet the needs of the wildland fire science community.



2019 will be filled with new opportunities for you to engage with us—from attending the 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress in Tucson, Arizona in November to serving on one of our committees. We are also excited to be working with the Pau Costa Foundation to plan a European conference in the near future!

Help Us Grow

Join or Renew Your Membership

By becoming a member and renewing annually, you help sustain AFE programs while joining a global community of scientists, educators, students, managers, practitioners, policymakers.

Make a Monetary Donation

You can make a donation of any amount to support AFE programs and services. You can also donate directly to the Mike da Luz Memorial Student Scholarship. This scholarship has helped 4 international students attend fire conferences since 2014, and we are currently raising funds to support student travel to the 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress.

Join a Committee

AFE members are invited to volunteer on a committee. Committees help the organization work toward meeting its mission, and we value the varied experiences, ideas, and motivation that new committee volunteers bring.

Spread the Word

Tell your colleagues and others about AFE! Invite them to the next Fire Congress and encourage them to become a member.



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