

CIRCLE-2 DESIGN Workshop

Forest Fires under Climate Change

Feedback from parallel session E

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Venue: San Giovanni in Monte University Complex, Bologna, Italy





Objectives

1. Prepare and further elaborate CIRCLE-2 workshop on the topic FOREST FIRES and climate change
2. Scope the interest of countries to support other potential joint initiatives

Composition of FOREST FIRES break-out group

- ◆ Small group: 9 participants (experts + funders)
- ◆ Dynamics:
 1. Presentation of background of climate change in the Mediterranean basin and forest fires
 2. Forest fires, experience in Israel
 3. Proposed CIRCLE-2 workshop by IME
 4. Roundtable discussion

Workshop proposal

- ◆ To be organized by Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection
- ◆ Workshop title: **“Forest Fires in the Mediterranean basin and Climate Change – tools for risk reduction and management”**
- ◆ Proposed date: **January 2012**

Feedback from experts

- ◆ Perception of forest fires scale is important

In the workshop:

→ distinguish between “normal” and large scale fires

Feedback from expert

◆ Contribution of CC to forest fires

In the workshop:

→ distinguish between usual areas affected by fires and new areas in the Med basin

Feedback from expert

- ◆ Influence of land planning and demographic issues in connection with CC

In the workshop:

→ Consider different socio-economic changes

Other ongoing initiatives

- ◆ A number of workshops and conferences on forest fires in the Mediterranean basin during 2011/2012:
 - **University of Sassari (Oct 2011)**
 - **JRC (Nov 2011)**
 - **ECHOES COST Action final conference (May 2012)**

- CIRCLE-2 workshop (Jan 2011)

Other issues

- ◆ Nordic countries willing to explore FOREST topic under climate change in a different perspective (other than forest fires)

Main conclusions / Next steps



- ◆ **Homework for WS preparation** (consultation with experts from the APM and more contacts, ..)
- ◆ Coordination and collaboration with the other initiatives
- ◆ **Ws + Ws + Ws = identification of research gaps, identification of research → **joint call on forest fires?****