

January 11th, 2017

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing this letter to inform about the series of events that will take place between the 31<sup>st</sup> of January and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February in Barcelona (Spain) related to the 14<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Safety Summit and the International Congress of Prescribed Fires.

In the following lines, there is a summary of the agenda, which I have considered that may be of your interest or the interest of your organization:

- **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January evening:**

Private welcome reception for participants invited by Pau Costa Foundation. The assistants to the meeting will be representatives of the emergency services that have come to Barcelona in order to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Safety Summit. Regional Spanish representatives, representatives from different European countries, United States, NFPA and IAWF, and Australia have already confirmed their attendance. Approximately 30 people are expected on the meeting. The objective of the meeting is to foster networking and get to know each other in a private and relaxed way, a situation that is often complex during official events. Food and beverages will be provided during the event.

The Councilman for Home Affairs of the Catalan Regional State, Mr Jordi Jané, will be welcoming the assistants during the evening.

Meeting time: 7.00 pm

Location: Conselleria d'Interior, Address: Carrer de la Diputació, 355, 08009 Barcelona –

Confirmation of attendance to the meeting is required. For security reasons, the Passport will be required to access the facilities. There will be car park available for the assistants.

**Please confirm the names and number of persons attending and directly to me.**

- **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January:**

Two events in one day:

**8.30 AM - 6.30 PM.** 14<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Safety Summit, organised by the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) and the Pau Costa Foundation. Online registration required.

Approximately 200 attendees from all around the world related to fire management and emergency operations are expected to participate in the event.

Location: Pedralbes Royal Palace, Address: Av. Diagonal, 686, 08034, Barcelona.

**6.30 PM to 19.00 PM.** Formal institutional event (Private). Welcome with the regional authorities, the President of the Catalan Regional State, Carles Puigdemont, and the Councilman for Home Affairs, Jordi Jané. You are cordially invited to participate in the event, where there will be no more than 30 people attending.

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**19.00 PM.** Award ceremony and social dinner. The IAWF will give the annual Safety Awards. It is expected that all the participants of Summit will attend the event, and also the authorities from the previous institutional event. Social dinner will be served afterwards.

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During the whole day, there will be exhibitors and product demonstrations from different companies working on wildfire and emergency management. I believe it is a good opportunity to know about them and also know about their capacity and experience.

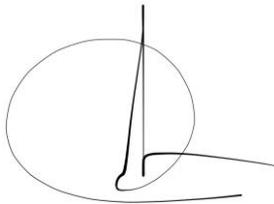
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:**

International Congress on Prescribed Fire. The program of the event (in detail on [www.paucostafoundation.org](http://www.paucostafoundation.org)), includes two days of technical and scientific presentations and a one-day fieldtrip where a prescribed burn will be executed by the regional firefighting expert team. Online registration required.

Location: Paranimf, University of Barcelona, Plaça Universitat, Barcelona.

Since some of the events are more technical and others are more institutional, please, get in contact with me if further details of the events are needed, I will try to solve any query. My phone number is +34 649 043 261 and email: [oriol@paucostafoundation.org](mailto:oriol@paucostafoundation.org)

With Best Regards,



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