

Keynote Speakers UK Wildfire Conference 2022

Dr Christine Eriksen has for the past 18 years studied social dimensions of wildfire preparedness, response, and recovery in Australia, North America, Europe, and Africa. She is the author of 2 books and over 75 articles, which examine social vulnerability and risk adaptation in the context of environmental history, cultural norms, and political agendas. Christine is currently a Senior Researcher with the Risk and Resilience Team at the Center for Security Studies at the Swiss Federal Institute for Technology (aka ETH Zürich). You can follow her on Twitter:



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Robijn Brongersma is a graduate from Wageningen University in International Land and Water Management. She has experience researching and working with integrated water and wildfire management. Specifically, she identified lessons learned from Dutch water and flood risk management from a wildfire prevention perspective. She also spent four months looking into stakeholder engagement during the development of wildfire management plans in Ireland for the Pau Costa Foundation. Strong personal interest in working in climate change resilience through use of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).



Dr. Peter F. Moore Integrated Fire Management, Natural Resources and Carbon Accounting. Until September 2021 he was Forest Officer Fire Management for the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations where he leads engagement and consultation to confirm and define needs, facilitate planning of technical options and facilitate engagement and coordination on fire management projects and strategic programs with member state governments and across FAO. Presently his is consulting in fire management, natural resources and carbon accounting.



Peter has over 40 years of operational, management and policy experience in natural resources with an emphasis in fire management, system development, policy formation and implementation, national MRV systems, forest and land management including advice, evaluation and technical assistance to government agencies and the private sector in Algeria, Armenia, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United States, Vietnam, Zimbabwe and Australia. Peter has been engaged on a wide range of national and international natural resources related activities in many countries including planning, training and supporting the development of systems for fire management. His expertise and skill set is heavily focused on institutions and

arrangements for forest and land use, with an emphasis on fire related management, planning, policy settings, coherence and coordination.

Group Commander Mark Smyth is a senior officer within Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service serving for over 28 years with expertise in Incident Command and Wildfire response emergency planning. He is a trained coach and emphasises the importance of team working and has been an advocate of the Health and Social Care collective leadership ethos for many years within the Wildfire sector.



He is the co-chair of the recently formed Northern Ireland Strategic Wildfire Group and is instrumental in the development of a Northern Ireland Wildfire Strategy. He is also the Deputy Chair of the National Fire Chief's Council (NFCC) Wildfire Group and serves as a National Wildfire Tactical Advisor across the UKFRS.

Mark has been involved in many wildfire projects within the UK and across Europe working alongside NFCC and the Pau Costa Foundation. Mark has been leading groups implementing the use of Collective leadership in managing wildfires and supporting the benefits of collective working to achieve high engagement and safer communities.

Sébastien Lahaye, President of Warucene and European Project coordinator for SAFE (France)



Sébastien has been a Fire officer for 20 years in the South of France and has completed a PhD on dangerous wildfire behaviour in Europe and Australia. In 2017 he was research associate at UNSW Canberra.

He is now coordinator of Fire-In, a H2020 European project building a network of Fire and Rescue practitioners to boost research and innovation. He has also an active role in FirEUrisk and Firelogue, EU projects to raise holistic management of wildfire risk.

Since 2020, he has founded Warucene Company, providing expertise and services to increase societal resilience: fireproof buildings, innovative solutions, trainings to raise public awareness, coordination of the French national network of prescribed burnings with foresters, firefighters, and pastoral farmers.

He has also become a European ambassador for the climate pact. #EUClimatePact