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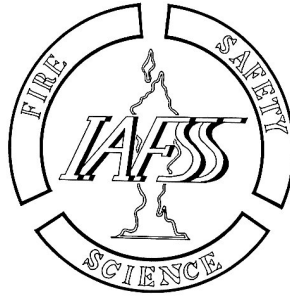
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Guidance for support of fire safety conferences and awards

These guidelines are intended to provide an indication of the level of support the IAFSS may be prepared to offer appropriate conferences in fire safety science. It must be noted that compliance with these guidelines does not necessarily mean that support will be granted. The final decision as to which conferences will be supported and the level of support that will be provided will be made by the IAFSS management committee.

- 1. Conferences organized by our sister organization AOSFST or conferences at regional level (e.g. ESFSS)**
These activities are eligible for support from IAFSS. Provided the IAFSS finances allow we can provide financial support for 3 awards (one for each region). Proposed amount: 1000 US\$ for each award. A specific decision on how to distribute the awards is up to the local Organization Committee. Preference is given to young researchers and/or PhD students. Gender balance should be taken into account. Other collaborations or cooperation shall be made on a case-by-case basis with the organizers.

As compensation, IAFSS members should be eligible for a reduction of the conference fee.

- 2. Other conferences – Level 1**

Minimum requirements for qualification as a Level 1 conference:

- Full papers (not simply extended abstracts) to appear in proceedings (printed or electronic)
- Conference organizers must have negotiated with a recognized peer review journal an option where selected conference papers will be considered for publication (with or without further peer review). These papers may appear in a special edition of the journal or as part of normal publication.
- Peer review process in the selection of the papers
- The option of having up to two members of the IAFSS committee on the Organization/Programme Committee (at the discretion of the IAFSS)
- Reduction fee for registration

Final decision of support should be made by the IAFSS Executive Committee.

Compensation for the organizers: Endorsement of the conference by IAFSS and one award of 500 US\$ for each year there is between conferences (e.g. for a conference on a two year cycle, there will be 2 awards made). Decision on how to distribute the awards is up to the local Organization Committee. Preference is given to young researchers or PhD students. If more than one award is given gender balance should apply.

- 3. Other conferences – Level 2**

Conferences, which do not meet the requirements at level 1, can obtain endorsement from IAFSS if the conference has a high scientific level and is not solely commercial.

The IAFSS Executive Committee through the IAFSS Chairman will make this decision on a case-by-case basis.