

3rd New Zealand Rural Fire Research Workshop



“PROMOTING RESEARCH ADOPTION”

8 - 9 December 2010

Sudima Hotel, Christchurch Airport

The focus of the workshop will be on promoting the adoption of fire research outcomes. The programme will include discussion of opportunities for adoption of rural fire research under the four themes reduction, readiness, response and recovery. Presentations from international keynote speakers, end users and researchers will address the following:

Day 1, Wednesday 8 December (0930 – 1800 hrs)

Opening session, Keynote: Post-disaster research for mitigation and preparation - the 2009 Victorian bushfires	Jim McLennan (La Trobe University/ Bushfire CRC)
RESILIENCE & RECOVERY (1120 - 1230)	
NZ wildfire recovery case studies	Lisa Langer (Scion)
Natural Hazards resilience/recovery research	Tom Wilson (University of Canterbury)
REDUCTION (1330 - 1500)	
Fire danger communication	Sophie Hide (Scion)
Mitigation of human caused wildfires	Mary Hart (Scion Contractor)
Fewer wildfires in Northland - the role of research in social change	Sioux Campbell (DOC, Northland)
READINESS (1530 - 1700)	
Fire behaviour tools	Veronica Clifford (Scion)
Use of fire behaviour tools in planning	DOC (Canterbury/National)

Day 2, Thursday 9 December (0830 – 1600 hrs)

READINESS (0830 - 1000)	
Ignition thresholds for grass and gorse	Heather Wakelin (Scion)
User guide to the NZFDRS	Grant Pearce (Scion)
Modelling interactions between wildfires and the atmosphere	Colin Simpson (University of Canterbury)
RESPONSE (1030 - 1230)	
Firefighter workload/productivity	Richard Parker (Scion)
Aerial suppression research	Matt Plucinski (CSIRO/Bushfire CRC)
NZ resources productivity/effectiveness - use and needs	To be confirmed
RESEARCH ADOPTION (1330 - 1515)	End user group discussion sessions

You can register for the workshop by contacting Abigail Davidson at the National Rural Fire Authority (abigail.davidson@fire.org.nz) or telephone (04 496 3688).