

## **Annual Conference on Fire Related Research and Developments (RE19)**

### ***Call for Proposals***

*Our next conference will be held at*

**West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters<sup>1</sup>**

on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

Our 23rd annual conference on fire related research and developments (*'the Research Event'*), supported by the **Institution of Fire Engineers** and **Nottingham Trent University** will be hosted at West Midlands Fire Service HQ in Birmingham City Centre.

We now invite presentation proposals which will showcase current research studies and innovative projects as well as reflect back on initiatives that have helped shape/influence today's evidence base, policies and practice and look forwards in terms of the future nature and direction of fire related research and development.

#### **Who can submit a proposal?**

We wish to hear from individuals and organisations looking to showcase evidence-based best practice, initiative and cutting edge research. Our conference attracts a wide audience from across the emergency services, the fire industry, research communities and other private or public sectors interested in the latest fire related issues, developments and concerns. We welcome a broad range of backgrounds and professional approaches including technical, engineering, legal, social, psychological, economic, operational, national and international perspectives. This gives our conference its distinctive multi-disciplinary and multi-agency flavour.

**If you are interested in presenting at the conference please submit a short summary of your work (complete or in progress) using the application form below by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.**

#### **Preparing a proposal**

Presentations may focus on any field of interest to the Fire and Emergency Response and Management community. This might include (but is not restricted to) projects focussing on: technical and fire engineering research; community safety and public engagement; firefighter health, safety and welfare; leadership and management studies; fire services in differing governance arrangements; collaboration of blue light services; interoperability and partnership working; communications, social media and the emergency services; risk management, civil contingencies and disaster management.

In considering submissions, we will take account of the following:-

- Applications can only be considered if submitted using the attached proforma and must include the details requested and in the format stated

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<sup>1</sup> 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW. Located in the City Centre, the venue is within walking distance of Birmingham New Street and Moor Street stations and also convenient for Birmingham International Airport.

- This will be a mixed audience of Fire Service professionals together with people from other sectors, emergency services and industrial and academic research. Presenters should take account of this and make allowances for differences in background knowledge.
- It is our experience that papers achieve the most impact if they focus on a well defined problem and discuss issues such as methodology, results and/or the evaluation of a particular project or innovation. We look for presentations that are relevant, authentic and original.
- We particularly encourage students, new researchers and those in the initial stages of projects to present their work in progress, even if results are not yet available. In this way they may benefit from valuable and supportive feedback from more experienced researchers and practitioners at the conference. A number of our presenters return to present results at subsequent conferences.
- While the conference provides an environment of support (particularly for new researchers and those with work-in-progress), research methodologies, ideas and findings will be subject to challenge/constructive peer review as befits academic meetings of this kind. Presenters must be prepared to justify their research -methods, evidence, analysis and conclusions - to an expert audience. There may be challenge and criticism and while we expect all participants to be restrained and courteous, we wish to create a forum for lively discourse.

As many submissions as possible will be included. Speakers will be invited to present short presentations (typically 20 minutes with 5 minutes for questions though longer slots may be offered) in plenary or parallel sessions. Poster presentations are also welcome. If there is considerable interest in submitting presentations, it may be necessary to make a selection of speakers and to offer space in the poster session to anyone not offered a speaking slot.

### **Submitting your proposal**

Please use the attached proforma to submit a short summary about your research and your presentation (*please use this format only; do not send whole papers or theses*). The completed form should be sent by email to the Programme Co-ordinator, Dr Rowena Hill. We are happy to discuss possible topics informally prior to submission. Please feel free to contact the Programme Co-ordinator for advice or further information, Dr Rowena Hill  
Email: rowena.hill@ntu.ac.uk. Tel: +44(0) 115 848 5532.

### **Registration costs and booking process**

Presenters will be offered a reduced fee for attending the event. The presenter registration fee is **£90 + VAT (speaking slots) and £130 + VAT (poster presenters)**. Prospective presenters will be notified of their selection after the deadline when a draft programme will be issued. *At this stage presenters will be required to complete the presenter and poster presenter registration form and pay the booking fee by **Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2019** in order to confirm their place on the programme.* Unconfirmed slots will be offered to standby presenters after this date. Information for delegates, including details of the conference programme and registration procedure, will be made available during the summer.

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## **Presentation Proposal**

Please complete *both parts* of this application form on pages 3-4 in order to help us prepare the programme and theme the sessions. The information you send will help us understand the background and focus of your research as well as the content of your proposed conference presentation. The presentation summaries and email addresses for presenters will be reproduced in the delegate pack. *Please confine your answers to the lengths specified below and make sure you spell out in full details any acronyms used.*

### **Part 1: About Your Research**

- 1) **What is/was the broad aim of your research?** (2-3 sentences only)
  
- 2) **How did/will you conduct the research?** (briefly outline your research methods; up to 5 sentences)
  
- 3) **What did you find/have you found so far?** (up to 5 bulletpoints of preliminary or final results)
  
- 4) **What should/will happen next?** (briefly review recommendations and/or further actions. You should highlight the explicit relevance of your research for policy and practice)

### **Part 2: About Your Presentation**

(Please highlight & overtype): **Title of Your Presentation**

(Please highlight & overtype): **Name(s) of Presenter(s) who will attend to present:-**

**Summary of your Proposed Presentation (200 words ONLY)**  
(You may use the information provided above to draft your presentation summary)

**Personal Profile** (up to 100 words per presenter ONLY. Please write within the third person)

**Email:**

Are you interested in being considered for (please tick appropriate box):

**an oral presentation**                                            **a poster presentation**                     

Guidelines for poster presenters are available on request – *tick here if interested*   

Is your research sponsored?                      Yes                          No   

On whose behalf would you be presenting?\*

Self                                            Organisation     (please name .....

(\*NB You must make clear the capacity in which you are making your presentation. If your work is not endorsed by an official body to which you are linked (especially your employer), you must make this clear with an explicit disclaimer in your summary and also in your presentation or poster.)

Your title or role:-

Address for correspondence:-

Business contact telephone number(s):-

Work/other:-    (Please include a landline number)

Mobile:-

How did you find out about this event?.....

If offered a presentation slot I am able to return the registration and payment form by *Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 (please tick)*   

Please return this proforma to: [rowena.hill@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:rowena.hill@ntu.ac.uk) by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**