

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF FIRE RESEARCH DIRECTORS

Background and Requirements

1. The FORUM is an informal group of directors of fire research organizations throughout the world. Its aim is to reduce the burden of fire (including the loss of life and property, costs and effects of fire on the environment and heritage) through international cooperation on fire research.
2. Membership of the FORUM is available to fire research organizations (principally those holding national status) which are undertaking major research in support of fire safety. In general, the organization will be represented in the FORUM by its director.
3. Specifically, representatives of FORUM member organizations are expected to:
 - a. Be prominent figures in the strategic direction and management of fire research;
 - b. Be responsible for setting research priorities and allocating significant resources for fire research;
 - c. Be prepared and willing for their organizations to explore opportunities to collaborate and share resources in international programs of research and to make input to international bodies concerned with international developments in fire such as ISO, CIB, etc.; and
 - d. Participate personally in meetings and activities of FORUM, or when unable to attend send a suitable representative on their behalf.
4. The FORUM welcomes applications from directors of fire research organizations for membership providing the criteria of paragraph 3 can be supported fully. However, applicants note that any membership appointment granted by FORUM will be made on a personal basis and cannot be delegated to other staff of their respective organization.
5. Additionally, the FORUM welcomes contact with directors of any organizations involved in fire research for correspondent status where the criteria of paragraph 3 may not be fully met.

Application Details

Applicants for membership must provide written evidence that the criteria of paragraph 3 are met. This documentation can be submitted in any format. The following outline provides the details of specific information that should be provided.

Application for Membership in FORUM

1. Applicant: Name and Title
2. Organization: Full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address.
3. Position: Position title (in organization)
4. Details of Organization: Please summarize details, include link(s) to Web site (if any)
 - a. Type of organization (government, insurance, private, etc.)
 - b. Main activities (research, testing, etc.)
 - c. Number of staff engaged in research
 - d. Research budget (total annual for salaries and project expenses)
 - e. Primary sources of funding (direct government funds, private contracts, etc.)
 - f. Main research topics and examples of recent publications or reports
5. Applicant's Curriculum Vitae: Please summarize and attach details
6. Suitability for Membership
 - a. Professional and managerial responsibilities within the organization
 - b. Responsibilities for setting research priorities
 - c. Organization's role in allocating funding for fire research
 - d. Summary of organizations charter for fire research
 - e. Summary of organization and applicant involvement with international bodies and programs in fire research
7. Other relevant information
8. Date of Application
9. Send application and attachments to:

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