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Dear friends and colleagues of the "*Structures in Fire*" community,

This newsletter is first to inform those of you who could not come to Belfast in June 2018 about the outcome of the tenth international conference SiF'18.

The scientific committee received 221 extended abstracts, each of which was reviewed by three reviewers from the list of 49 reviewers who served for this conference. Owing to the fact that we now organise two parallel sessions in the afternoon, 138 abstracts could be accepted which led to 125 presentations.

The papers have been printed in full extent in the proceedings. Each delegate received a paper copy as well as an electronic copy on a USB key. For those who did not attend the conference, the proceedings can be found at:

<http://www.structuresinfire.com/corpo/conferences/sif18.pdf>

These 1000 pages of scientific information constitute the latest contribution of the SiF movement to the dissemination of knowledge, together with the proceedings of the first nine workshops and conferences that are freely available on the SiF website <http://www.structuresinfire.com>, maintained by Paulo Vila Real and Nuno Lopes. Don't hesitate to contact Paulo if you want to contribute to the website with relevant information or if you want him to pass any relevant information to the SiF distribution list.

A contest to produce a logo for the SiF movement has been organized, the result of which can be seen at the top of this letter.

The steering committee received four proposals for the organization of the next SiF conference in 2020. After examination of these four excellent proposals, the steering committee has decided that the 11th SiF conference will be organized by David Lange and Cristian Maluk of the fire safety engineering research group at the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia. The conference will be held between 24-26 June 2020. Please save the date and help us advertise the conference among your own networks. More information here: www.sif2020.com.

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Kang Hai TAN will serve as chairman of the scientific committee for this 11th conference and extended abstracts are invited to be submitted before Friday 10 January 2020. Submission instructions are here: <https://sif2020.com/callforpapers>. Please note that, because of the tight time schedule for the reviewing and in order to inform the authors beginning of March, there will be no extension date. When submitting your abstract, you will be required to put it into one of the following conference tracks:

- ✓ Applications of structural fire safety engineering
- ✓ Concrete structures
- ✓ Timber structures
- ✓ Composite structures
- ✓ Steel structures
- ✓ Numerical modelling
- ✓ Experimental research and any other topics

All accepted abstracts will be given a slot for an oral presentation (although not all of the same duration) and space for a full paper in the proceedings, on the condition that at least one author registers for the conference. Each delegate can register for the presentation of only one paper.

Selected papers will be invited for submission to a special issue of Fire Technology. For the first time at a SiF conference all papers will be indexed with a unique DOI.

Proposals for hosting SiF'2022 should be sent to the steering committee not later than one month before the start of SiF'2020, i.e. not later than May 23, 2020. The objective is to announce the location of SiF'2022 at SiF'2020. According to our rotation from continent to continent, SiF 2022 will be held on the American continent. The rules for organizing a SiF conference and the bid form can be downloaded here:

<http://www.structuresinfire.com/corpo/conferences.html>

We look forward to meet you in Brisbane.

For the steering committee

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