



IFE Australia 2019 Annual Conference – Call for Papers

The Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) Australia is now calling for papers and presenters who are seeking the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience at the IFE Australia Annual Conference 2019 which will be held in conjunction with AFAC19 *powered by INTERSCHUTZ* conference that is staged by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council together with the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Co-operative Research Centre.

We believe this will provide IFE delegates a broader networking opportunity with fire safety, fire protection, firefighting, fire trade and many other professionals within the supply chain of the constructions industry that the AFAC19 conference, being held concurrently with the IFE Conference, will offer.

We invite speakers to submit abstracts of no more than 300 words that can be delivered as a 30-minute oral presentation, via the abstract portal. Oral presentations will be followed by a panel discussion and selected speakers will be invited to participate on a panel. Papers must be original and not been previously presented at a conference or in a magazine or journal article.

We invite you to submit an abstract for a conference presentation to share your expertise, exchange ideas and innovations at this conference as this will result in improved practices within our industry and the knowledge of practitioners.

AFAC19/IFE Conference Program

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Tuesday August 27	BNHCRC Research Forum Exhibition opens at 1:00pm Conference Welcome and Awards Welcome drinks in the Powered by INTERSCHUTZ exhibition
Wednesday August 28	Opening Ceremony AFAC Conference/IFE Conference Powered by INTERSCHUTZ exhibition Gala dinner
Thursday August 29	AFAC Conference/IFE Conference Powered by INTERSCHUTZ exhibition Closing Ceremony
Friday August 30	Professional Development Program

Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

IFE will cover the cost for selected speakers for the day the person speaks, not including social program costs.

Theme:

The theme for the AFAC19 Conference is ***“A shift to the new norm: Riding the wave of change.”***

The IFE 2019 Conference will explore how the engineering and firefighting sectors are transitioning to a new normality. As we reflect, learn and evaluate, how do we adjust to the new norm?

With the following topics as a guide, your abstract may address one of the following areas:

Changing Culture:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Organisational culture, responsibilities and accountability, innovation and risk taking, education and awareness, liability and insurance

Changing Communities:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Socioeconomics, occupancy and building use, fire load and density, population and density – how these affect the use of a building and fire safety of the occupants and firefighters, building fire safety

Changing World:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Energy drivers, advances in engineering and technology, increase in complexities, material types and impact, political landscape, regulatory framework and impact (such as the fire safety verification method), risks, hazards and reliability, climate change

Changing Ourselves:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Competency, professionalisation awareness, quality control, collaboration and teamwork, accountability, education, training, learning and development, knowledge transfer

Changing Tools:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Tests, approaches, analysis, methodologies, techniques, frameworks, systems and engineering, equipment, software

Changing Capability:

You may focus on the following areas under this topic: Competency, qualification, licencing and accreditation, training and performance management, design, construction, performance, management in use

The above topics are intended only as a guide. Focus on any of the below areas that fits within the main theme will still be acceptable:

- Engineering
- Resilience
- Firefighting
- Competency
- Quality control
- Insurance& liability
- Regulation and framework
- Hazards and risks

Submission process:

- Call for papers - opens: December 2019
- Acceptance of abstract: March 2019
- Full papers for peer review: April 2019

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the IFE Australia Technical Committee with the final selection of papers at the total discretion of the IFE Australia. All papers will be peer reviewed by the IFE Technical Committee with selected papers published in IFE's international Journal.

IFE Australia looks forward to receiving your submissions.