

EVENT REPORT



**INTERSEC DUBAI TRADE FAIR AND CONFERENCE, JANUARY 2010**

Epoc Messe Frankfurt GmbH, organiser of Intersec trade fair and conference (the premier security and safety exhibition in the Middle East region), reported a huge success for this the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the trade fair. More than 700 exhibitors participated in this year's trade fair and after the first two days an almost 20% increase in visitors from 2009 was reported. Intersec trade fair and conference, which was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, was inaugurated by His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (pictured above).

Intersec is the world's largest Commercial Security & IT Security, Homeland Security & Policing, Fire & Rescue and Safety & Health trade fair and conference exhibition outside of Europe.

Running for more than a decade, it has established itself as the leading industry event in the MENA region and is the largest and most comprehensive event for security and safety in the Middle East. Live demonstrations took place throughout the Intersec exhibition and for the first time in the UAE, firefighters from Canada and all seven Emirates competed against each other in six categories relating to firefighting and rescue, in a three-day challenge called the UAE International Firefit Championships (see right). The event was supported by Dubai Civil Defence and organised by 911 Fire Fighting and FireFit Canada.



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AERIAL FIREFIGHTING  
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The fifth in the series of the prominent Aerial Firefighting Conference and Exhibition hosted by Tangent Link will take place 16-17 March 2010 in Vancouver, Canada.

This event will bring together the world's experts to address and speak about the issues of aerial suppression on a global scale.

Dennis Hulbert, Regional Aviation Officer of USDA Forest Service is one of the guest speakers at the event. With 38 years experience within the Forest Service highly qualified Dennis has experienced a rewarding career in fire and aviation. One of the highlights of his career was six weeks working with the Russia Aerial Fire Service in the Irkutsk Region. At the event he will be discussing computer-based aerial firefighting training and simulation which has been designed to represent real life cockpit conditions in wildfire emergency operations.

Jeff Berry, Manager of Aviation for British Columbia Wildfire Management Branch of the Ministry of Forest and Range is another speaker at the event. He will be covering the topic of British Columbia's air tanker fleet performance and enabling technologies in the 2009 fire season. Jeff's experienced career fighting fire started in 1977, he then started work as an aviation specialist in 1989. "Laurel" award winner Jeff has fought fires all across Western Canada in the Yukon and Northwest territories and in Washington and California States.

*Innovative solutions for airborne fire monitoring: UAS, intelligent sensors, and data visualisation systems*, will be discussed by Vincent Ambrosia. Vincent is a senior Research Scientist and Adjunct Faculty member at California State University, working at NASA-Ames Research Centre in California. His presentation will highlight the enabling technologies and describe the efforts underway to realise the efficient integration of these capabilities into operational status within the US fire management community, in addition to objectives and planned operations for 2010 and 2011.

Experienced in wildfire imaging capabilities, Vincent has most recently been involved in utilising sensors on unmanned airborne systems. He is the principal investigator on a NASA effort to design improved fire characteristic monitoring capabilities with UAS and thermal-infrared imaging systems and in 2009 received the NASA Exceptional Public Service Medal. This award was given for exceptional contributions to NASA's mission, primarily in employing



imaging systems on IAS platforms to serve the wildfire management community during the firestorms of 2007 and 2008 in the US.

The Aerial Firefighting conference and exhibition has travelled worldwide and each time has allowed guest speakers, experts, fire management agencies and businesses to exchange information on strategies, technologies and the latest equipment.

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According to the organisers, no other conference in the fire industry offers a more robust hands-on training, pre-conference workshop and classroom instruction program covering the critical challenges and issues that confront firefighters every day. Delegates will be able to train and share ideas with hundreds of instructors from across the country on a broad range of topics such as extrication, truck company, service leadership and much more.

More than 900 companies will be showcasing in the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium and visitors will have the unique opportunity to view thousands of products, services and technologies while meeting face-to-face with key suppliers. To register, visit [www.fdic.com](http://www.fdic.com)