



# CALL FOR PAPERS and POSTERS

## 4th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

# Human Behaviour in Fire

## 2009

13-15 JULY 2009  
ROBINSON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

### VENUE

The City of Cambridge is one of the most important and beautiful in England, famous throughout the world for its Universities and colleges. Robinson College provides a unique environment for conference delegates, set in several acres of attractive wooded gardens and only a few minutes walk from the City Centre. The College provides state of the art conference facilities, an excellent standard of accommodation and a collegiate atmosphere ideal for an interactive symposium.

**Location** - Cambridge is within easy reach of London, Heathrow and Stanstead Airports, with good motorway, rail and bus connections to other parts of the United Kingdom.

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The International Symposia on Human Behaviour in Fire is unique in that it is the recognised platform to discuss and debate current human behaviour in fire issues, review strategies and scan the horizon for emerging trends and long term developments. **The theme for the 4th Symposium is Fire Safety – Putting People First.** In putting people first the Programme Committee wish to encourage new voices in the field, interdisciplinary and cross disciplinary activities and global participation. The Programme Committee invite participants to focus on current serious issues, areas of contention, advances in knowledge and future developments in the field of human behaviour in fire and related fields. In so doing the Symposium will:

- address the human behaviour data deficit
- seek new insights in the field and related fields
- promote innovation through fresh ideas
- encourage translation of research into practice

This is a call for both papers and posters. The latter will allow those working in the field to exhibit and discuss work in progress right up to the Symposium opening in July 2009. The Symposium will provide opportunities to make real progress in the field through a varied programme comprising plenary and parallel sessions supported by posters and a student workshop. A new feature of this Symposium is increased delegate involvement through **interactive discussion panel** from a list of current, and perhaps contentious, issues provided on registration.

This call for papers and posters is an open invitation to the human behaviour in fire community and colleagues in related fields and disciplines to participate in the only Symposium which deals exclusively with Human Behaviour in Fire. The Programme Committee particularly welcome papers and posters which present;

- new data, fresh ideas and insights into human behaviour and performance
- novel approaches and enhanced capabilities in egress modelling, and
- challenging issues, new technologies and innovative approaches to engineering human behaviour in practice

### Submission Dates

To submit a paper, send an abstract (two-pages for paper presentation, one-page for poster) for review to the organisers before **November 3rd, 2008.**

Authors will be advised of acceptance by **February 14, 2009.**

A final version of the written paper is required by **May 15, 2009.** The full paper will be published in the conference CD *and extended abstracts will be published in the delegate handbook.*

One speaker per technical paper will be entitled to register for the conference at a subsidised rate.