Special Issue

The Impact of Wildfires on Climate, Air Quality, and Human Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Wildfires are becoming increasingly frequent and intense, driven in part by climate change and altered land-use patterns. These events not only cause immediate ecological and economic damage but also have profound implications for climate systems, air quality, and human health. Wildfires emit large quantities of pollutants, including particulate matter and reactive gases, which can undergo complex atmospheric transformations. These emissions impact climate processes, degrade air quality, and are associated with both acute and chronic health effects in exposed populations. Despite growing research efforts, critical knowledge gaps remain in understanding the role of wildfires in atmospheric and climatic systems. There is a pressing need to better quantify emission profiles under diverse fuel types and fire regimes, to characterize the chemical transformation and aging of smoke in the atmosphere, and to assess the resulting impacts on air quality and climate forcing. This Special Issue seeks to bring together multidisciplinary research exploring the complex and interrelated impacts of wildfires on climate, air quality, and human health.

Guest Editors

Dr. Diogo Lopes

Department of Environment and Planning, Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM), University of Aveiro, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal

Dr. Estela Vicente

Department of Environment and Planning, Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM), University of Aveiro, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal

Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 April 2026



Fire

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.7 CiteScore 3.9



mdpi.com/si/248361

Fire
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
fire@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ fire





Fire

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.7 CiteScore 3.9



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Fire is an international open-access journal about the science, policy, and technology of fires and how they interact with communities and the environment. Fire seeks to provide a forum to help the fire science community convey how we can live with fire in a changing world. Fire seeks submissions from interdisciplinary studies that take a pyrogeography perspective of fires occurring in natural, cultural, and industrial landscapes and how they interact with communities in the science-policy interface. Fire's Editorial Board are widely recognized international leaders. The journal emphasizes quality and innovation and has a rigorous peer-review process. I strongly recommend Fire for the rapid publication of your innovative research publications and case studies.

Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Grant Williamson

School of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania, Private Bag 55, Hobart, TAS 7001, Australia

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), AGRIS, PubAg, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Forestry) / CiteScore - Q1 (Forestry)

