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A EXPERIÊNCIA AUSTRALIANA PARA A PREVENÇÃO E SUPRESSÃO DE INCÊNDIOS EM PORTUGAL

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Enquadrado no Programa de Intercâmbio Internacional da AGIF, I.P., entre os dias 5 e 26 de novembro, Portugal acolheu quatro especialistas australianos nas áreas de planeamento, gestão integrada do risco, transferência de conhecimento, fogo controlado e fogo de supressão, previsão de comportamento de incêndio e apoio à decisão, utilização de máquinas de rasto e ainda gestão de sistema de comando e controlo.

Este projeto tem como principal objetivo a troca de experiências entre os dois países - Portugal e Austrália, e visa contribuir para a capacitação das entidades públicas e privadas e para a melhoria contínua nos processos de gestão do risco de incêndio. É uma parceria Rotary Portugal e Rotary Austrália, com financiamento do Rotary International Foundation.

Durante quase três semanas, os especialistas contactaram com diversas entidades públicas e privadas, em particular na região centro. Através da observação da realidade portuguesa e tendo como base a experiência e os problemas que lhes foram colocados pelas entidades, os especialistas refletiram sobre oportunidades para aumentar a quantidade/qualidade de hectares tratados por fogo controlado, melhorar a gestão florestal e ainda sobre melhorias a realizar na prevenção e supressão de incêndios, nomeadamente em eucaliptais e pinhais e áreas de conservação da natureza.

TÓPICOS A ABORDAR:

- Gestão florestal, gestão do risco de incêndio e gestão de invasoras
- Uso do fogo controlado em eucaliptais, pinhais e acacial
- Transferência de conhecimento (I&D e qualificação)
- Previsão de comportamento do fogo e apoio a decisão
- Sistema de comando e controlo em eventos complexos
- Utilização de maquinaria e meios aéreos

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Gary Morgan - Gary Morgan has spent more than 20 years in senior land and fire management roles. As Victoria's Chief Fire Officer for public lands, for nine years, he was responsible for the management and deployment of fire suppression personnel. Since becoming CEO of the Bushfire CRC in mid-2007, Gary has worked to foster strong relationships between researchers and the industry.

Kevin Tolhurst - Kevin provides expert advice on fire behaviour and fire suppression strategies at major bushfires. Some recent examples include the Black Saturday fires in Victoria in 2009, and the Great Divide Fires in 2007. Kevin has been involved in many inquiries and court cases involving fires including: Linton Coronial Inquiry, Canberra Coronial Inquiry, House of Representative 2003 Inquiry, 2005 Wangary Coronial Inquiry S.A., the 2008 Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2007 fires in Victoria, and the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. Kevin's current research activities are centred around developing a bushfire risk management decision support system to be used nationally. This work has been a core activity in the BushfireCRC since 2003. His research and consulting interests include: wild-fire behaviour prediction, development of prescribed burning techniques and guidelines, landscape scale fire ecology management, fire risk management and ecological impacts of repeated fires.

Ruth Ryan - HVP Corporate Fire Manager Ruth Ryan was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in 2018 for her 38 years of dedication to the Australian fire services. Ruth started her training with a scholarship to the Victorian Forestry School at Creswick in 1979 and did summer firefighting and prevention works. As one of eight women out of 350 foresters, she graduated to a role at Orbost in 1983 with the Forest Commission Victoria and the subsequent predecessors to DELWP. In 1993, Ruth left the public service to work as a field manager of harvesting and replanting for the Victorian Plantations Corporation at Benalla. She was the first female to gain L3 Operations Officer qualifications through the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and worked as a sector commander and divisional commander during Level 3 incidents.

Neil Cooper - Neil Cooper has made a defining contribution to modern fire management in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and his influence extends across the globe. Neil commenced firefighting in 1983 with the ACT Bushfire Service and has remained actively involved. Over the past 36 years, he has held every position from basic firefighter through Group Captain within the ACT Rural Fire Service. In 1999, Neil was appointed manager of all fire related activities within ACT Forests and in 2006 he was appointed Director of the newly formed ACT Fire Management Unit (FMU).