

IJWF Outstanding Associate Editor Award 2010

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The Journal is delighted to launch an annual award for an Outstanding Associate Editor. The first recipient, and the winner for the Outstanding Associate Editor for 2010, is Robert E. ('Bob') Keane.

Dr Keane is a research ecologist with the United States Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory. He received his BSc degree in forest engineering from the University of Maine, his MSc degree in forest ecology from the University of Montana, and his PhD degree in forest ecology from the University of Idaho. He was project leader of the Fire Ecology and Fuels project from 2006 to 2008, lead scientist for the LANDFIRE prototype project, director of the Fire Modeling Institute from 1997 to 2010. His recent research covers: (1) developing ecological computer simulation models for the exploring landscape, fire and climate dynamics; (2) conducting field research on the sampling, describing, modelling and mapping of fuel characteristics; and (3) investigating the ecology and restoration of whitebark pine.

Bob has served as an Associate Editor for IJWF since 2005, and in that time has acted as an AE for over 40 papers. His efficient handling of papers benefits authors and his considered syntheses of reviewer comments, as well as his own comments



and insights, are of great help to the Editors in making decisions on manuscripts and providing guidance to authors for improving their papers. On top of this, he has also acted as a reviewer and has authored a number of papers.

Congratulations Bob. The *International Journal of Wildland Fire* is a stronger forum for wildland fire research thanks to your contributions.