

The Living With Fire Program Reaches Sardinia Italy



The Forest Service of Sardinia, Italy plans to introduce the Living With Fire educational program to the community of Tortoli.

Ed Smith was recently informed that Mr. Salvatore Cabiddu, the Head of the Firefighters and Civil Protection, Forest Service of Sardinia, Italy has adopted the Living With Fire educational program to mitigate the wildfire threat to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) communities in his jurisdiction. Mr. Cabiddu stated “the idea from the beginning was to create something practical that could give immediate and concrete results in the fight against forest fires, particularly the WUI.” He stated the following three specific reasons why the Living With Fire Program was selected:

- “1. The proactive involvement of the community seems to be the most important point, and in some ways an innovation of this program. Citizens, through a formative and educational process, are united by the awareness of being at risk and at the same time are motivated to work together as an entire community to resolve the problem.
2. The quality and simplicity of the educational material as well as a strong communication message, both in movies and documents.
3. The suitability of much of the material contained in this site (movies, educational documents, practical demonstrations, etc.) to our local context.”

In conclusion Mr. Cabiddu wrote, “We are confident that the Living With Fire materials will help us a lot in the attempt, and in an effort to educate the community of Tortoli to a more conscious approach for addressing and resolving the problem of the WUI.”

In an outward expression of partnership, Mr. Cabiddu has included Ed as a co-author of a paper he will present at the II International Conference on Fire Behavior and Risk, to be held in Alghero (Sardegna), Italy.