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## RESOLUTIONS

The members of the United States-Japan Conference on Development and Utilization of Natural Resources' Panel on Fire Research and Safety are quite pleased with the results of the 13<sup>th</sup> Joint panel, held in Gaithersburg, MD, March 12 - 20. This panel continues to facilitate the exchange of important research ideas between two of the world's leading fire research communities. We greatly appreciate the support from Factory Mutual Research Corporation, Hughes associates, National Fire Protection Association, and Underwriters Laboratories. The Japanese Delegation generously supported the Kawagoe Symposium. We wish to thank the Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology for its hospitality. We note that each time we meet, the quality of our technical communication improves. The Mini-Symposia for Professor Kawagoe and Professor Zukoski were very informative and memorable. The following resolutions summarize the consensus reached.

It is hereby resolved that:

1. The objectives of the meetings of this panel are to:
  - a. exchange particularly interesting technical information regarding our latest research.
  - b. promote cooperative research on focused areas within fire safety science, such as: fires after earthquakes, performance based material development and testing, performance based fire codes, detection and fire suppression, fluid mechanics of fires, computer based fire modeling, burning behavior of real objects, and risk and hazard analyzes.
2. The next (14<sup>th</sup>) meeting of UJNR Panel on Fire Research and Safety will be held in May 1998 in Tokyo or Tsukuba. The panel members will utilize the International Association for Fire Safety Science meetings and other international meetings to informally exchange technical information in the interim.
3. Within 3 months, the Chairmen will come to consensus on the selection of specific focused area topics of strong mutual interest and support and appoint coordinators from each country for each topic. The coordinators will facilitate joint research efforts by identifying panel members who are particularly interested in their focused areas. The structure of the technical sessions at the next meeting will reflect the focused area topics and include pertinent research papers and in-depth discussion periods.
4. Our formal presentations will include expanded progress reports covering developments in broad areas of fire safety science research between meetings by both Japan and the United States.

5. Recent United State-Japan joint research has achieved great success. We are pleased with the collaborations among Drs. Tanaka and Pitts; Drs. Hasemi, Zukoski and Quintiere; Drs. Yamada and Cooper; Drs. Sekizawa and Hall; Drs. Koseki, Evans, Madrzykowski and Mulholland, Drs. Baum and Yamada (FRI); and Dr. Saito (FRI) and Ms. Womeldorf (NIST). The panel proposes to continue such highly productive research.
6. Panel members are encouraged to exchange information regarding prospective experimental and database research with the purpose of soliciting useful comments. New technical information and new research reports issued in each country should be sent to all panel members as soon as they are available. We encourage informal communications among panel members by electronic media. It is important that all the relevant reports for the next meeting be sent in time to be received in the other country at least two months before the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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