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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Benigno Aguirre

Dear Colleagues,

In an effort to regularize the responsibilities of the president of RC 39, IRCD bi-law 17 IRCD has been changed by Council. The original bi-law read: "There will be a general public accounting of all funds obtained and expended every two years in the newsletter of the Committee."

The new bi-law reads: "The RC 39 president will present in the fall issue of Unscheduled Events a bi-annual report to all RC 39 members. The report will summarize what the RC has done during the two year period, unresolved questions and issues, and whatever else the president deems worthy to communicate to all the RC members. The report will also include, as an appendix a financial statement prepared by the RC 39 secretary-treasurer reporting, the income and expenditures (categorized in specific terms such as dues, royalties, bequests, publishing costs of the IJMED, gifts, costs of award plaques, travel cost of recipients of award, etc.) of the RC during the two year period, as well as what unexpended funds are available at the time of the report.

As was published in the previous UE Newsletter, I reminding RC 39 members of the following appointments in order to remind you of who to contact relative to a particular interest or issue you may want to address:

S. Picou, chair, subcommittee to regulate and enhance the activities of the IRCD during the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association,

A. Oliver-Smith, chair, subcommittee examining long term planning issues and present and future relationships of IRCD with the ISA,

R. Perry, chair, subcommittee examining long term planning issues for the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters,

R. Turner, chair, subcommittee charged to increase membership in IRCD,

H. Fischer, editor, Unscheduled Events Newsletter,

E. L. Quarantelli, chair, subcommittee writing the guidelines for IRCD awards,

J. Scanlon, chair, IRCD subcommittee on ISA meetings in Brisbane in 2002.

In closing, I would like to remind RC 39 members that the IRCD web page address is: <http://sociweb.tamu.edu/ircd/>.

I also want to remind you that we are now also included in the ISA's home page at <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc39.htm>.

And, the UE newsletter is available at <http://millersville.edu/~srg/ircd/>.

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ONLINE CUMULATIVE IJMEDI INDEX COMING

By Robert A. Stallings

An index for the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* will soon be accessible on the journal's official Web site at: www.usc.edu/sppd.ijmed/

NEW EARTHQUAKE STRATEGIC PARTNERS NETWORK – MCEER

By Donald J. Goralski

Strategic partnerships and networking opportunities are the cornerstone components of a new initiative of the State University of New York at Buffalo's Multi-disciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER). The program, known as MCEER's Strategic Partnerships Network, aims to unite business, industry and government participants to enhance the study, development and application of advanced technologies and reduce earthquake damage and losses nationwide.

Areas of MCEER research expertise include all of the following: Seismology, Geotechnical, Structural and Risk Engineering; Architecture

and Urban Planning; Structural Control & Technologies; Materials Science; Sociology, Economics; and Public Policy.

For more information on the MCEER Strategic Partnerships Network, contact Donald J. Goralski at MCEER, University of New York at Buffalo, Red Jacket Quadrangle, buffalo, NY 14261; telephone 716-645-3391, extension 108; fax may be sent to 716-645-3399; email inquiries should be sent to the following: Goralski@acsu.buffalo.edu

NEW BOOKS

· *Disaster Policy, Emergency Management in Russia*, Boris Porfiriev, Nova Science Publishers Commack, New York, 1998.

The volume contemplates the development trends and conceptualization of the major emergencies and disasters, both non-conflict and conflict ones in the world and Russia. Emergencies and disasters are discussed as both research and management categories with their pre-conditions and deep causes, development phases and taxonomy being particularly addressed. The conception of emergency management cycle including its strategy and implementation mechanism are also analyzed.

The author provides readers with an understanding of basic trends in world and Russian development of the legal basis of emergency and disaster policy followed by a comprehensive characteristic of the organization issues of such policy in Russia. The last section of the monograph involves practical issues of emergency management in Russia and discusses in detail three case studies of preparedness, response to as well as recovery from the major radiation accident, big industrial fire and earthquake disaster in the 1990s.

The book is available clothbound (ISBN #1-56072-421-8 at \$59 US dollars) from Nova Science Publishers, Inc. 6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 207, Commack, New York 11725, USA. (web site is

<http://www.nexusworld.com/nova>.

Telephone 516-499-3103, or you may fax requests by using 516-499-3146, or email Novascience@earthlink.net

· *Natural Disaster Management*, Jon Ingleton (ed), Tudor Rose, Leicester, England, 1999.

NDM is the commemorative volume of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) 1990-2000. This book represents a key progression towards the goals of the United Nations' IDNDR initiative by collaborating the work of over 100 authors in the field of hazard observation and disaster mitigation to help promote a reduction of the negative effects of natural phenomena which threaten communities and countries across the globe.

The purpose of the publication is to disseminate a wealth of information from many professionals (106 papers are included) in an attempt to increase world-wide understanding of hazards, the risks they pose and methods that can be employed to reduce these risks. This 336 page volume is expected to quickly become essential reading.

A hard copy may be obtained for 75 pounds from its UK publisher, Tudor Rose (paperback version costs 45 pounds). Order from Stuart Fairbrother, Subscriptions Manager, Tudor Rose, 18 Talbot Lane, Leicester, LE1 4LR, England. Website: <http://www.ndm.co.uk> You may telephone 44-116-251-5123, or you may fax 44-116-251-7123, or email stuart@ndm.co.uk

· *Flood Frequency Analysis*, A.R. Rao & K.H. Hamed, CRC Press Boca Raton, Florida, 1999.

After five decades, the field of Statistical Hydrology continues to evolve and remains a very active area of investigation. Researchers continue to examine various distributions, methods of estimation of parameters, and problems related to regionalization. However, much of this research appears in journals and reports usually in a form not easily accessible to practitioners and students—producing a gap between research and practice.

The current publication fills this gap by presenting many of these distributions and estimation procedures in a unified format within a single, self-contained book. It provides the ideal vehicle for practicing hydrologists and engineers to explore and apply the latest methods and research results, and in doing so, contribute to the advancement of the field.

A hard copy costs \$80 dollars (US) and may be ordered from CRC Press, 2000 N.W. Corporate Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431-9868. Website <http://www.crcpress.com> To order telephone 1-800-272-7737 within the USA or 1-561-994-0555 outside the USA; fax 1-800-373-3401 within the USA or 1-561-998-9114 if outside the USA; email orders@crcpress.com

· *Fundamentals of Disaster Mitigation in Health Facilities*, PAHO--Pan American Health Organization, 2000.

A multidisciplinary publication that replaces and updates several previous PAHO publications. Graphics and up-to-date information on vulnerability studies from Latin America reflect the region's experiences in the application of hospital mitigation measures. While the English version will be ready in May 2000, it is presently available in Spanish online: <http://www.paho.org/spanish/ped/peds/res.htm>

To order a hard copy: CRID, Regional Disaster Information Center Apdo. 3745-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica. Fax 506-231-5973 or email at crit@crit.or.cr

· *Australasian Disaster and Hazard Research Directory*, Russell Blong and Keping Chen, Natural Hazards Research Centre, Macquarie University, Australia.

This online directory is designed to assist researchers, practitioners and decision-makers in the field of disaster or hazard management. This directory provides a new and wider view of hazards and disaster research in the

Australasian and Southeast Asia region. It focuses on both natural and technological hazards and disasters since 1993. It is the only directory of its type in the world that allows direct access to information, thus reducing your valuable time and effort in contacting your networks and universities for information that might not be accessible anywhere else.

This project is a partnership between the Natural Hazards Research Centre of Macquarie University and Emergency Management Australia. Assess the online directory through: <http://www.es.mq.edu.au/NHRC/ema.html>

Disaster Time Line: Selected Major Disaster Events and Outcomes (1965-2000), Claire B. Rubin, Claire B. Rubin Research and Information Services, Arlington, Virginia, USA, 2000.

A recently developed product, the Disaster Time Line includes a chronology of both natural and industrial, technological disasters and the resulting major reports, policies, legislation and organizational changes over the last thirty-five years. It is actually a chart, not a book. For more information you are invited to visit their web site of Rubin R&IS, <http://www.disaster-timeline.com> Or email cbrubin@mindspring.com.

CONFERENCES

**• International Workshop for Policy Specialists, Practitioners, & Researchers
Miami Beach, Florida – USA
4-6 June 2000**

By Elaine Enarson & Betty Hearn Morrow

A conference bringing activists, responders, researchers, planners, policymakers, and other interested parties together across national and disciplinary boundaries, will be held at the Miami Beach Ocean Resort, USA. It is sponsored by the International Hurricane Center, Florida

International University, and the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance Conference planners are Elaine Enarson (enarson@uswest.net) and Betty Hearn Morrow (lsbr@fiu.edu). They may be telephoned at 305-348-1607 or fax 305-348-1605.

**• FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Project Conference
Emmitsburg, Maryland – USA
28-29 June 2000**

By Wayne Blanchard

The 3rd annual Higher Education Project Conference is scheduled for 28-29 June 2000 at the Emergency Management Institute. This is an invitation only conference with three primary audiences in mind: higher education course developers, schools that currently have an emergency management program of some sort, and those schools that are actively seeking to develop an emergency management program. To know more about the Higher Education Project, contact Wayne Blanchard at wayne.blanchard@fema.gov, FEMA Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, Maryland, 21727 USA.

**• Natural Hazards Center Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder – USA
9-12 July 2000**

By Dennis S. Mileti

The annual meetings of the Hazards Center Workshop will be held in Boulder, Colorado, USA, 9-12 July 2000. The workshop is designed to bring researcher and practitioner together. For additional information contact Mary Fran Myers at the Center, phone 303-492-6818, e-mail: myersmf@colorado.edu, visit website: <http://www.colorado.edu/hazards>

**• American Sociological Association Annual Meetings
Washington, D.C. – USA
12-16 August 2000**

By Dennis S. Mileti & E.L. Quarantelli

A Disaster Panel Presentation is scheduled for the annual ASA

meetings in Washington, D.C., USA. Check the ASA Program for exact day and time.

The International Research Committee on Disasters will also have a separate session at the annual meetings. Place and time of the (evening) panel has not yet been decided. All RC 39 members are urged to attend the panels.

For additional information, telephone Dennis Mileti at 303-492-6818, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA.

**• International LACDE Conference
Reykjavik, Iceland
28-30 August 2000**

By The National Association of Local Authorities in Iceland

The National Association of Local Authorities in Iceland and the Ministry of Environment in Iceland is inviting RC 39 members to the 4th International Conference of LACDE to be held 28-30 August 2000 in its Capital of Reykjavik.

For more information, contact The National Association of Local Authorities in Iceland, Haaleitisbraut 11, 108 Reykjavik, Iceland. Telephone 354-581-3711; fax 354-568-7868. You may also wish to email unnar@samband.is and you are invited to check our Web site at: <http://www.samband.is>

**• Risk Analysis 2000:
Computer Simulation in Risk Analysis & Hazard Mitigation
Bologna, Italy
11-13 October 2000**

By Susan Hanley

This Conference is concerned with all aspects of risk analysis and hazard mitigation ranging from specific assessment of risk to hazard mitigation associated with both natural and anthropogenic hazards. Check our Web site for more information: <http://www.wessex.ac.uk>

For more information, contact Susan Hanley, Conference Secretariat, telephone 44 (0) 238-029-3223, fax

44 (0) 238-029-2853, or email us at shanley@wessex.ac.uk

**• Next ISA World Congress:
Brisbane, Australia
7-12 July 2002**

By Benigo Aguirre

Dr. Maureen Fordham, RC 39's first vice president, is handling queries about our sessions at the next ISA World Congress. To participate or to be kept informed send a current e-mail address to m.h.fordham@anglia.ac.uk. By making sure Maureen handles all communication, we hope to avoid any confusion.

**• MARK YOUR CALENDAR
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ARTICLE CALL

The following Journals invite submission of papers for peer-review pursuant to possible publication:

• *International Journal of Mass Emergencies & Disasters*
Robert A. Stallings, Editor
Web: <http://www.usc.edu/sppd/ijmed/>
Telephone: 1-213-740-6841
Email: rstallin@usc.edu

• *Disaster Prevention & Management An International Journal*
Chris Wiles, Managing Editor
Telephone: 44 (0) 1274 777700
Fax: 44 (0) 1274 785200

• *Natural Hazards Review*
Dennis Mileti & James E. Beavers, Editors-in-Chief
Telephone: 1-703-295-6290
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