

# *Risk Management*: an international journal

**T**he management of risk and uncertainty are major concerns for modern business and society. In a dynamic and rapidly changing world organisations must find more effective ways to forecast risk, to better manage the response, and develop organisational resilience to interruption and different types of crises and disasters. Indeed, the consequences of getting things wrong can be serious including lost opportunities, lost business, loss to the environment, and even loss of life.

Risk management is now firmly on the agenda, part of the vocabulary of every successful organisation, and a core part of the management function. Organisations and governments around the world are appointing risk managers, establishing risk departments and devising risk strategies. Wholly quantitative approaches are giving way to new methods which include qualitative tools tailored to specific needs. Universities and colleges are responding with courses and research in different aspects of risk management.

The aim of this journal is to develop the subject matter of risk management and bridge the gap between practice and research. It aims to develop new thinking and good practice for those involved in different aspects of the risk business. The journal will facilitate the exchange of expertise across countries, disciplines and professions. The fundamental criterion for a paper's inclusion will be that it will generate ideas for the theory and practice of risk management.

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Government agencies, national authorities, corporations, universities, professional and scientific institutions and individuals have joined forces over the last eight years to fight a continuing battle against the damaging effects of natural disasters. They have combined resources and, through a sharing of knowledge and expertise, have made a dedicated effort to achieve advances in, among others, scientific discovery, technological development, information dissemination, human resource management and risk management.

Alongside the IDNDR secretariat of the United Nations, NDM is supported by a number of organisations,

including UNESCO, World Health Organisation, World Meteorological Organisation, the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent societies and Emergency Management Australia. Alan Hodges, Director General of EMA, is a member of the book's Editorial Advisory Board.

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