

Disaster Events Calendar

June 9-13 2002 Reykjavik, Iceland **Emergency medicine between continents**

The program features the state of the art in emergency medicine in four focus areas:

ABCs of life-threatening emergencies, 'Bread and Butter' emergency medicine Kinder and gentler (and faster) ED systems, International EM and injury prevention with concurrent scientific symposium (lower level).

Register on-line:

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June 18-22, 2002 Rome, Italy

Global Disaster Information Network Conference

Hosted by: the Italian National Institute of Health.

In keeping with the theme, 'Taking Off: GDIN's Contribution to Human Health, Survival, and Well-Being', this conference will provide opportunities for learning about and discussing such diverse topics as modeling large-scale disaster management; information problems of nongovernmental organisations in disasters; political and legal issues in sharing geographic information system data; disaster web sites; information problems in complex humanitarian emergencies; and networks for monitoring volcanic activity, landslides, and seismic activity.

To post messages on the GDIN2002 Interactive

Forum, go to: www.gdin.org/forum/gdin2002.

For the preliminary agenda and other information, see www.gdin.org or contact:

GDIN Secretariat, c/o AmTech

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June 24-25, 2002 New York, New York

Lessons from the World Trade Center Terrorist Attack: Management of Complex Civil Emergencies and Terrorism-Resistant Civil Engineering Design.

Sponsors: Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER), National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and the Institute for Civil Infrastructure Systems (ICIS).

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July 7-12, 2002 Brisbane, Australia

XV International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology

The ISA's International Research Committee on Disasters will host several sessions on disasters.

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July 8-26, 2002 Norwich, UK

Disasters and Development: Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment.

New course directed by risk management consultants Charles van Oppen and Rob Gilchrist.

Sponsored by: Overseas Development Group.

Unsustainable development practices contribute to many kinds of disasters, and these disasters, in turn, increase poverty and vulnerability to future disasters. This new training course is aimed at arming development professionals and others with the knowledge and ability to plan and execute interventions in the form of disaster preparedness and mitigation planning. The course will present background information on the link between disasters and development as well as the concepts and terminology of hazards, risk management, and vulnerability. The role of risk perception in human behaviour will be examined with an eye toward how it affects local decision-making. Finally, participants will learn about a process for assessing and managing risk and help construct a 'toolbox' of techniques that can be applied to any risk or disaster scenario. The course will culminate in a disaster simulation exercise.

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14-18 August, 2002 Melbourne Australia

Stress, Trauma and coping in Emergency Services and Allied Professions. CISM: A Continuum of Care.

The Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation Australia.

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August 14-15, 2002 Wellington, New Zealand

5th New Zealand Natural Hazards Management Conference.

The integration of hazard information into effective risk management will be the focus of this meeting, expected to attract planners, risk assessors, emergency managers, and natural hazards researchers and scientists. Among the specific issues considered will be natural hazard mitigation for business and industry, creation of resilient communities by integrating science and practice, and the application of new technologies.

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Registration and program details will be sent out late May 2002. To receive registration and program details, visit www.gns.cri.nz/news/conferences/hazconf2002.htm and pre-register on-line or via the form in the on-line brochure.

September 2-11, 2002 Johannesburg, South Africa

2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio +10)

The World Summit is the largest and most prominent conference on sustainable development. The meeting will have hundreds of sessions, many of interest to the Natural Hazards community, such as Oceans and Coasts.

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September 27-28, 2002 London, Ontario, Canada

Dealing with Disasters

Sponsor: Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR)

This 'workshop in extreme events and the assessment of risk', will examine how risk from natural disasters is evaluated as well as the steps that can be taken to reduce the losses that result from them.

Attention will be given to the tools that mitigate the risk, including land use planning, warnings, insurance, construction standards, building codes, and new technologies.

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October 15-18, 2002 Shanghai, China

Fifth International Conference of Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies - LACDE 5.

Sponsor: Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies.

The mission of LACDE is to increase the effectiveness of local authorities to prepare for and confront natural and technological disasters and emergencies, and mitigate damage from them. It does this by promoting the study of disaster management and prevention, organising international conferences and training, and fostering international relations among local emergency practitioners and officials. This conference will focus on systems to reduce urban disasters (fire, earthquake, coastal storms, and others), preparedness, regulation, and management; safer buildings; and emergency rescue technology and equipment

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