

January

American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Third National Water Resources Policy Dialogue—Arlington, Virginia: January 22-23, 2007. The First and Second National Water Resources Policy Dialogues brought together water resources experts from around the United States to focus on the policy needs of the nation. This meeting will build on the results of the previous events to provide decision makers with guidance in the formulation and development of water resources policies attuned to societal needs and preferences and that address issues such as water supply, distribution, and disaster preparation and recovery. To learn more, contact Dick Engberg, AWRA; (540) 687-8390; dick@awra.org; http://awra.org/meetings/DC2007/.

The World Disaster Response Summit—Atlanta, Georgia: January 23, 2007. Organizer: Equity International. Suggested attendees at this international event include individuals active in Katrina reconstruction, disaster housing, temporary structures, emergency communications, emergency command and control, aerial surveillance, satellite imagery, emergency health, emergency food distribution, water purification, hurricane preparedness, pandemic flu preparedness, bio-defense, earthquake preparedness, tsunami preparedness, facility security, business continuity, risk management, disaster management, and other areas of disaster preparedness and response. Learn more at www.rec-dev.com/conferences/conferences/current/World_Disaster_Response/index.asp.

Fire-Rescue East 2007—Jacksonville, Florida: January 24-27, 2007. Sponsors: Florida Fire and Emergency Services Foundation, Florida State of Fire Service Instructors, and Florida State Fire College. This conference will provide education and training for fire and emergency services professionals. For more information, contact the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association; (386) 676-2744; info@ffca.org; www.fireescueeast.org/.

February

7th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment: Integrating Environment and Human Health—Washington, DC: February 1-2, 2007. At this conference, scientists, policy makers, educators, and others will come together to develop science-based solutions to protect people and the planet. Specifically, it will address the relationship between the health of the planet and the health of people. To learn more, e-mail: conference2007@ncseonline.org; www.ncseonline.org/2007conference/.

2007 Race, Gender, and Class (RGC) Annual Conference—New Orleans, Louisiana: February 1-4, 2007. Organizers: SUNO RGC Project, UNO RGC Studies, American Sociological Section (Sociologist for Women in Society, SWS) and the Asia Baptist Church at New Orleans. The meeting will be held at the University of New Orleans Conference Center located in the Hampton Inn, Downtown/French Quarter Area. The meeting will have plenaries that will focus on natural and social disasters across borders. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina uncovered human-made disasters of equal magnitude. The economic, political, and social systems of the US were exposed and amid this chaos glaring questions about racial, class, and gender inequalities became evident. This Conference will address both the inequalities and the solidarities that emerged to address them. For more information, contact organizers: Jean Ait Belkhir, (SUNO) RGC; ibelkhir@suno.edu Ph: (504) 280-5468; Manisha Desai (UIUC); SWS: mkdesai@uiuc.edu Ph: (217) 244-7942; Rachel Luft (UNO); Local community organizations: rluft@uno.edu Ph: (504) 280-6479 and Rev. K.G. Thibodeaux, The Asia Baptist Church: kthiday@aol.com Ph: 504.394.4345.

Homeland Security: The Ripple Effect—Washington, DC: February 6-7, 2007. Organizer: American Military University. This

symposium will explore the impact of a large-scale event on small towns, counties, and states surrounding metropolitan areas. It will address the resources, planning, and training needed to prepare for such an event. Participants will mix practice with policy through lively and informed exchange among politicians, planners, emergency managers, and scholars with a goal of developing a systematic approach that will assist communities in responding to future disasters. To learn more, contact Jeffrey McCafferty, American Public University System; (304) 724-3848; events@apus.edu; www.apus.edu/disaster/.

EERI Annual Meeting—Los Angeles, California: February 7-10, 2007. Organizer: Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI). The objective of EERI is to reduce earthquake risk by advancing the science and practice of earthquake engineering; improving understanding of the impact of earthquakes on the physical, social, economic, political, and cultural environment; and advocating comprehensive and realistic measures for reducing the harmful effects of earthquakes. EERI fulfills this role by fostering a sense of shared commitment among the diverse communities dedicated to earthquake risk management; promoting research; facilitating the exchange of information among members and others; and forging a consensus and speaking with a common voice to public forums and legislative bodies on behalf of the diverse risk management community. The EERI annual meeting addresses all of these goals. For more information, visit: www.1906eqconf.org/.

National Conference on Disaster Planning for the Carless Society—New Orleans, Louisiana: February 8-9, 2007. Organizers: University of New Orleans Transportation Center, New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, and Regional Transit Authority. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita revealed how vulnerable carless residents are in emergency situations. Evacuation plans in most major cities across America fail to adequately take into account the needs of the elderly, disabled, and transit dependent populations. The goal of this conference is to bring together government officials, professionals, and experts to discuss how we can better prepare to help those who most need it. Learn more at www.carlessevaccuation.org/.

6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities—Los Angeles, California: February 8-10, 2007. Organizer: Local Government Commission. This conference will include a mix of plenaries, interactive breakout, hands-on workshops, specialized trainings, and optional tours of local model projects. It will also feature the latest on smart growth issues, implementation tools and strategies, best practices, interactive learning experiences, new partners, new projects, and new policies. It will attract a multidisciplinary audience of local elected officials, city and county staff, landscape architects, developers and builders, planners, transportation professionals and traffic engineers, public health professionals, architects, and others committed to building safer, healthier, and more livable communities. Learn more at www.newpartners.org/.

28th Annual International Disaster Management Conference—Orlando, Florida: February 8-11, 2007. Presenter: Emergency Medicine Learning and Resource Center (EMLRC). This conference is designed to meet the educational needs of individuals and agencies involved with emergency preparedness and response and disaster recovery. Highlights include lessons learned from recent disaster events, disaster response strategies and tactics, medical/public health disaster management, and terrorism response strategies and tactics. For more information, contact the EMLRC; (800) 766-6335; www.emlrc.org/disaster2007.htm.

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Mid-Year Conference—

Alexandria, Virginia: February 10-15, 2007. Organizer: NEMA. This conference provides an opportunity for people to come together in the nation's capitol to discuss the many challenges that face us today, share solutions, grow professionally and network with peers. During the conference we will hear from those involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management, strengthen relationships with our partner organizations, and share NEMA's views on all hazards emergency preparedness with the leadership in Washington. NEMA's goal is to enhance the overall capabilities of emergency management to meet the challenge of any and all disasters facing our country. For more information, visit: <http://www.nemaweb.org/?1740>.

Environmental Connection '07—Reno, Nevada: February 12-16, 2007. Organizer: International Erosion Control Association. This conference for contractors, engineers, builders, and regulators will share information on the best solutions available for the stormwater and erosion control industry. The program will include 20 full-day training courses and over 50 case studies and technical paper presentations. Learn more at www.ieca.org/conference/annual/aboutec.asp.

2007 PARMA Conference—Monterey, California: February 13-16, 2007. Organizer: Public Agency Risk Managers Association (PARMA). PARMA is a forum promoting, developing, and advancing education and leadership in public agency risk management. It is dedicated to facilitating the exchange of ideas and innovative solutions toward risk management in government. This is its annual conference. Learn more at <http://parma.com/index.cfm?pageid=545>.

Cat Modeling 2007—New Orleans, Louisiana: February 13-16, 2007. Organizer: Reinsurance Association of America (RAA). This catastrophe modeling seminar explores how we use models, how this impacts our decision process, and how the past years' events may impact both the primary and reinsurance markets in the years to come. With an unbiased perspective of all catastrophe modeling applications, as well as an open forum for developing methods to confidently make modeling-based decisions, this seminar will provide new information for insurance and reinsurance decision makers. To learn more, contact the RAA at (800) 259-0199 or meetings@reinsurance.org; <http://community.reinsurance.org/StaticContent/Meetings/recat.htm>.

9th World Conference on Stress, Trauma, and Coping—Baltimore, Maryland: February 14-18, 2007. International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). This event is a forum for the multidisciplinary exchange of ideas and information among those who provide crisis intervention services. Over 150 presenters will explore concepts, practical applications, and results in sessions designed for professionals in all practice settings covering areas of crisis intervention, such as emergency services, the faith-based community, disasters and terrorism applications, schools, children, the military, public health, and business. To learn more, contact Shelley Cohen, ICISF; (410) 750-9600; scohen@icisf.org; www.9thworldcongress.org/.

Geo-Denver 2007: New Peaks in Geotechnics—Denver, Colorado: February 18-21, 2007. Organizer: Geo-Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This conference will provide professionals and students of geotechnical engineering with information about innovative and emerging technologies needed to advance the field and related disciplines. Topics will include risk assessment and management, earthquake engineering and soil dynamics, engineering geology, and many others. To learn more, visit <http://content.asce.org/conferences/geodenver07/>.

EPICC Forum 2007—Vancouver, Canada: February 19-21, 2007. Organizer: Emergency Preparedness for Industry and Commerce Council (EPICC). EPICC is a nonprofit society

whose mission is "to lead businesses in preparing to survive a disaster." The purpose of this forum is to inform businesses about business continuity and emergency preparedness to assist them in disaster mitigation. To learn more, contact EPICC at (604) 222-9122 or epiccforum@telus.net; www.epiccforum.org/.

Firehouse World Conference & Exposition—San Diego, California: February 25-March 1, 2007. Organizer: Cygnus Public Safety Group. This event offers hands-on training programs, preconference workshops, and classroom sessions to better prepare participants from the fire, rescue, and emergency medical services for the challenges they face every day. To learn more, e-mail Info@firehouseworld.com; www.publicsafetyevents.com/pub/fhw/index.po.

2007 Annual Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Conference & Exhibition—New Orleans, Louisiana: February 25-March 2, 2007. Organizer: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is the healthcare industry's membership organization exclusively focused on providing leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of human health. HIMSS frames and leads healthcare public policy and industry practices through its advocacy, educational and professional development initiatives designed to promote information and management systems' contributions to ensuring quality patient care. The sessions at this conference include risk management, interoperability, and information security. For more information, visit www.himss07.org/.

March

The National Emergency Management Summit—New Orleans, Louisiana: March 4-6, 2007. Sponsors: "Health Affairs," "Harvard Health Policy Review," and Louisiana Hospital Association. An extraordinary confluence of events, both environmental and geopolitical, has coalesced to create a heightened risk of natural disasters, epidemics, and terrorism in the United States. The summit seeks to assess these risks and articulate practical approaches to strategies of planning, response, and recovery focusing on the special challenges that health care organizations face in emergency situations. Find out more at www.emergency-managementsummit.com/.

All-Hazards Planning and Emergency Management Institute—Boston, Massachusetts: March 5-7, 2007. Organizer: Academic Impressions. This institute is to help you learn and apply tools for developing or revising a successful all-hazards emergency management plan. Participating in these working sessions and their engaging activities will help you identify the resources you need, the crucial stakeholders, and the best tactics available as you develop, test, and refine the emergency plan at your institution. You will leave the institute with a work plan in hand that details what you can do at your campus in order to develop your all-hazards emergency plan. For more information, visit www.academicimpressions.com/conferences/0307-emergency-planning.php.

DRJ's Spring World 2007—Orlando, Florida: March 25-28, 2007. Organizer: Disaster Recovery Journal (DRJ). This conference focuses on all aspects of disaster recovery, contingency planning, and business continuity. Attendees will gain knowledge and information through sessions, workshops, exercises, and networking opportunities. An exhibit hall will showcase the latest products and services in the industry. To learn more, visit www.drj.com/conferences/ori2007/.



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