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Announcements

IAEM's 49th Annual Conference and Exhibit

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will hold their 49th Annual Conference & Exhibit November 3–6, 2001, in Riverside, California, USA. "Emergency Management: Interfacing with Our Partners" will consist of five concurrent conference tracks: Business Partners, Incident Management, Mitigation, Recovery, and Allied Professionals. Topics to be discussed include web-based mutual aid management tools, GIS systems, building effective public–private partnerships, organizing corporate emergency operations for crisis support, preparing for terrorist attacks, and lessons learned from recent disasters. For more information, visit the IAEM website: http://www.iaem.com/conferences.html.

International Conference on Drought Mitigation and Prevention of Land Desertification

The International Conference on Drought Mitigation and Prevention of Land Desertification will be held April 21–24, 2002, in Bled, Slovenia. The Conference will address the various aspects of drought mitigation and prevention of land desertification in the central and eastern European (CEE) regions. The Conference will explore the status of national drought mitigation strategies in CEE and other countries, through invited country reports. The impacts of drought on the environment and economies also will be discussed. Themes of the conference include the impact of climate change on CEE and Mediterranean countries; drought as a complex phenomenon; national strategies and action programs to mitigate drought; and international cooperation for solving common drought problems. For more information, contact the secretariat at the Slovenian National Committee of ICID, c/o IZVOR, Preradoviceva 44, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia; phone +386–1–2317–913; fax +386–1–433–51–04; e-mail SDNO–SINCID@guest.arnes.si.

New Book

Drought is a major natural hazard, resulting in significant economic, social, and environmental costs. In Europe, water shortage is an important problem in many regions. However, despite the increasing awareness of this hazard, there is no European drought policy, and institutional frameworks to cope with drought situations are only weakly developed. *Drought and Drought Mitigation in Europe,* edited by Jürgen V. Vogt and Francesca Somma, is dedicated to furthering our understanding of the drought problem in Europe and discussing policy and management options to mitigate its impacts. It covers topics ranging from detecting water stress to planning mitigation strategies. The contributions, written by world-recognized experts, represent various aspects of drought. After the introductory overview on drought in Europe (Part One), problems related to the definition of drought are highlighted from different hydrological and agricultural perspectives (Part Two). Questions of drought risk are discussed from climatological, hydrological, and pedological points of view, including issues such as vulnerability and climate change. An overview on the development of a comprehensive drought policy in the United States, which could serve as a model for Europe, is also included (Part Three). Conventional and more advanced approaches to drought monitoring are then presented and recent progress in the United States is described (Part Four). The quantification of drought impacts in socioeconomic, hydrologic, and agricultural terms and views on mitigating these impacts are central themes of Parts Five and Six. Part Seven presents conclusions and recommendations formulated by the plenum of experts contributing to this book.

Drought and Drought Mitigation in Europe (Jürgen V. Vogt and Francesca Somma, eds.) is Volume 14 (ISBN 0–7923–6589–5) of the Advances in Natural and Technological Hazard Research Series. It is available from Kluwer Academic Publishers, P.O. Box 322 – 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands; http://www.wkap.nl.

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