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## **Hazards and Sustainability: Contemporary Issues in Risk Management**

Hazards and Sustainability: Contemporary Issues in Risk Management will be held at the Durham University Business School in Durham City, United Kingdom, May 26–27, 1998. This is the fourth conference in a series that began in 1994; its goal is to raise managerial awareness of the nature of risk and environmental sustainability and explore issues involved in risk perception and hazard identification, the management of risk, and crisis/disaster prevention and recovery. For further information, contact Eve Coles, The Centre for Risk and Crisis Management, Durham University Business School, Mill Hill Lane, Durham City, United Kingdom, DH1 3LB; telephone +44 (0) 191 374 1220/7326; fax: +44 (0) 191 374 3386; e-mail: EveColes@aol.com or E.L.Coles@durham.ac.uk.

## **Hazards–98: Seventh International Symposium on Natural and Man-made Hazards**

Hazards–98: Seventh International Symposium on Natural and Man-made Hazards will be held May 17–22, 1998, in Chania, Crete Islands, Greece. Symposium organizers include the International Society for the Prevention and Mitigation of Natural Hazards. The objectives of this series of symposia are to promote the advancement of hazard sciences, explore those aspects that may be similar among the various hazards, review the latest developments in selected fields, and outline directions for future research. The theme of Hazards–98 is “Natural Disasters—How do we mitigate them?” Topics will include geological, meteorological, hydrological/marine, and technological/manmade hazards; disaster prevention, mitigation, and management; economic, social, and political aspects; public education and preparedness; adaptation and risk assessment; insurance; and the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

For more information, contact the Natural Hazards Society, P.O. Box 49511, 80 Glen Shields Avenue, Concord, Ontario, Canada L4K 4P6.

## **Water: A Looming Crisis?**

## **International Conference on World Water Resources at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The International Conference on World Water Resources at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be held June 3–6, 1998, in Paris. Conference organizers are the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the International Association of Hydrological Sciences, and the World Water Council. Objectives of the conference are to take stock of present knowledge of world water resources, identify water problems that will occur in the next century as a result of increased demand for water, and make recommendations to the international scientific community for dealing with future challenges. For more information, contact UNESCO, Division of Water Sciences, 1 Rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15–France (fax: 33 1 45 68 58 11).

## **Disaster Forum '98**

Disaster Forum '98 will be held June 26–July 1, 1998, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Conference partners include Alberta Transportation and Utilities (Disaster Services), Canadian Red Cross, City of Edmonton, and Emergency Preparedness Canada. The Forum is designed for persons and organizations interested in emergency preparedness and will include interactive workshops, presentations, and hands-on planning and response exercises. For more information, contact Disaster Forum '98, Suite 437, 11215 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB, Canada, T5K 0L5 (fax: 403 422–1549, e-mail: disaster @freenet.edmonton.ab.ca, internet: <http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/disaster>).

## **National Conference on Lifesaving Intervention**

The 1988 National Conference on Lifesaving Intervention will be held March 28–April 1, 1998, in Denver. It is sponsored by the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

The 1988 conference will feature tracks focusing on the following issues: (1) public health, (2) planning, management, and coordination, (3) clinical medicine, (4) field response, (5) technology, and (6) health care facilities. The following training courses will be offered before and during the conference: Communications, Mass Fatalities, Mass Casualty, Moulage, Exercise Design, and Incident Command System (ICS). Full accreditation for continuing education is anticipated for these courses and the main conference. For additional information, contact NDMS at 1–800–USA–NDMS and press the “star” key.

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## **New Book**

### **Reaching the Unreached: Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> WEDC Conference, *Reaching the Unreached: Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, has been published by the Water, Engineering and Development Centre, based at Loughborough University, Leicestershire, United Kingdom. The papers included in the volume discuss ideas and techniques to help fieldworkers plan, provide, operate, and maintain water and sanitation “to reach the unreached.” Many of the papers deal specifically with Asia and Africa, and others are relevant for all low- and middle-income countries. Copies of the proceedings may be purchased from WEDC (Loughborough University, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, United Kingdom; e-mail: [WEDC@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:WEDC@lboro.ac.uk); telephone: + 44 [0] 1509 222885; fax: + 44 [0] 1509 211079). The book may also be viewed online at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/cv/wedc/22conts.htm>.

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