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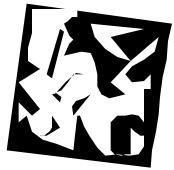
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Conferences

Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies—Third International Conference

Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies: Third International Conference will be held June 26–July 1, 1998, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The conference will provide a multidisciplinary forum to enhance global partnerships and create solutions aimed at mitigating disasters that affect people, property, and the environment in communities around the world.

Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies (LACDE) International resulted from an initiative of a local authority association in Israel and was formed in October 1994 following the first international conference in Tel Aviv. A second international conference was held in Amsterdam in April 1996. LACDE is a growing association with a broad international support base. Its members and sponsors include the United Nations, municipalities, regional authorities, countries, and the private sector worldwide. The aim of LACDE is to increase the effectiveness of local authorities in preparing for and responding to potential disasters and emergencies, both natural and manmade.

Previous conference workshops have covered topics such as natural and technological disasters, the role of local authorities in emergencies, early warning systems, search and rescue, and media roles in disaster.

For further information, contact Dave Hodgins, Managing Director, at (403) 496–3766, or visit the conference website at <http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/disaster>.

1997 National Conference on Delivering Health and Medical Services in Catastrophic Disasters

The 1997 National Conference on Delivering Health and Medical Services in Catastrophic Disasters, sponsored by the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida, May 3–7, 1997. Preconference courses will be conducted May 3–4, and the main conference will be held May 5–7. The 1997 conference will feature tracks focusing on the following issues: (1) public health, (2) planning management and coordination, (3) clinical medicine, (4) field response, and (5) health care facilities. For more information, contact NDMS at 1–800–USA–NDMS, extension 444.

Books

Policy Making in an Era of Global Environmental Change

The relationship between global change science and policy making is underscored in *Policy Making in an Era of Global Environmental Change* (R. E. Munn, J. W. M. la Rivière, and N. van Lookeren Campagne, eds.). The book provides an overview of ongoing global change research, focusing on the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme and the World Climate Research Programme. Results of the latest review of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are also included, followed by an analysis of how business and industry and public interest groups are responding to global change research results. The book is published by Kluwer Academic Publishers Group, Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

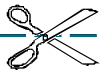
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