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This is the quarterly electronic newsletter of the Disaster & Social Crisis Research Network. The purpose of the D&SCRN is to promote the study, research and analysis of "natural", "technological" and "social" disasters with a view to contributing to the development of disaster resilient European communities, and preventing or mitigating the human, economic, social, cultural and psychological effects of crises and disasters.

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Announcements of conferences, book, film, and CD-ROM reviews, reportage on conferences, disaster diaries, brief articles on best or worst practices in disaster prevention and recovery, commentaries on disasters and crises, human interest stories relevant to disasters, etc. should be sent electronically to the editor, Susann Ullberg ([susann.ullberg@fhs.mil.se](mailto:susann.ullberg@fhs.mil.se)) no later than the first of the month of publication. Contributions to the newsletter should preferably be written in a concise format (½-1 page long maximum) in order to make reading comprehensive albeit focused.

Relevant contributions from the field of disaster and crisis research, as well as from applied disaster and crisis management practice, are most welcome!

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American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13-16, 2005. The Committee on Disasters of the International Sociological Ass'n (ISA) will hold 2 paper sessions at this conference. Please note that the 2005 ASA Chair Conference: It's the Law begins already on Friday, 12 August and that the **DEADLINE for conference pre-registration is 13 July!**

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After the Tsunami: UNEP's Rapid Environmental Assessment Report. United Nations Environment Programme (2005)

Know Risk. United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, 2005 (2005)

Mainstreaming Gender in Environmental Assessment and Early Warning. United Nations Environment Programme (2005)

“ECHO Annual Review 2004: When Disaster Strikes”, published March 2005.

“European Humanitarian Aid: Values and Principles” European Commission – Humanitarian Aid Office, ECHO, published June, 2005.

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Finally, a special mention of an earlier publication, Methods of Disaster Research (2002) edited by Robert Stallings is made in this issue as well.

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Announcement of a new section of the UN ISDR website, providing Information on the tsunami early warning developments.

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Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado

# 1) D&SCRN Coordinator's Report

**Editorship for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Issue of the D&SCRN E-Newsletter.** The present issue of the D&SCRN Newsletter was prepared and edited by Lindy Newlove ([lindy.newlove@fhs.mil.se](mailto:lindy.newlove@fhs.mil.se)), a member of our Network and Analyst at the National Center for Crisis Management Research and Training (CRISMART) of the Swedish National Defence College. Lindy temporarily replaced Susann Ullberg who is doing her dissertation field work in Argentina. I would like to thank Lindy who, despite of a temporary but treatable health problem, completed the editing of the E-Newsletter. Susann, our network members and I send her our love and wish her the best.

**Progress Report on the 7<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference in Torun, Poland, 9-12 September 2005.** Since the publication of the last newsletter, there was a slight reorganization in the composition of the sessions and a modification of two session titles in order to make them correspond more with the content of the sessions. In the table that follows, we publish the revised version as well as the dates of the sessions and the names and e-mails of the panelists. The panelists are now in the process of writing and submitting their full papers to the Session coordinators with a copy to D&SCRN Coordinator. We remind the paper contributors that they have until 15 July 2005 to register in order for their names to appear in the formal program of the conference and their abstracts to be included in the ESA book of abstracts. We have a good collection of papers, and I hope that all panelists surpass the economic difficulties and make it to the Torun conference. I would like to thank all the prospective participants for making a contribution to our Network and all the convenors for their excellent collaboration. Looking forward to seeing you all in Torun.

Number, Title and Date of Session	Convenors/chairs
<b>I. "The role of social, economic and historical factors in disasters, crises and mass emergencies", Friday, 9 Sept., 15:00-17:00.</b>	Nicholas Petropoulos ( <a href="mailto:erc@otenet.gr">erc@otenet.gr</a> ) Juergen Weichselgartner ( <a href="mailto:jw@nenv.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp">jw@nenv.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp</a> )
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<b>IV. “Disasters, crises, complex emergencies and dependent populations: Questions regarding Methodology &amp; Impact Mitigation”, Sunday, 11 Sept., 9:00-11:00.</b>	Murat Balamir <a href="mailto:Balamir@arch.metu.edu.tr">Balamir@arch.metu.edu.tr</a> Joseph Scanlon <a href="mailto:jscanlon@ccs.carleton.ca">jscanlon@ccs.carleton.ca</a>
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<b>VII. “Emergent types of disasters, crises, and mass emergencies and civil protection organization”, Monday 12 Sept., 9:00-11:00.</b>	Nicholas Petropoulos <a href="mailto:erc@otenet.gr">erc@otenet.gr</a> Boris Porfiriev <a href="mailto:b_porfiriev@hotmail.com">b_porfiriev@hotmail.com</a>
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<b>VIII. “Open session on disasters, crises and mass emergencies: alternative approaches to interpretation, preparedness &amp; recovery” Monday, 12 Sept., 15:00-17:00.</b>	Nicholas Petropoulos <a href="mailto:erc@otenet.gr">erc@otenet.gr</a> Philip Buckle <a href="mailto:p.buckle@coventry.ac.uk">p.buckle@coventry.ac.uk</a>
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**New Members of the D&SCRN.** Four new members, three associates and one regular, have joined our Network since the publication of the last E-Newsletter. They are Dr. [Ilan Kelman](mailto:ilan_kelman@yahoo.com) of the Cambridge University Center for Risk in the Built Environment, UK ([ilan\\_kelman@yahoo.com](mailto:ilan_kelman@yahoo.com)); Dr. Robinson Mose Ocharo of the Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Kenya ([rocharo@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:rocharo@uonbi.ac.ke)), Mr. [Sanjeev Santhosh Peethala](mailto:Sanjeev_Santhosh_Peethala), Project Officer of the UNDP Disaster Risk Management

Programme (India) and Mr. Andry Widyowijatnoko, Department of Architecture, Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia ([andry\\_widyo@yahoo.com](mailto:andry_widyo@yahoo.com)). We welcome these new members aboard and we look forward to sharing their experiences with us, their contributions and their active involvement in our Network. Their names, affiliation, interests and contact details will be entered on the Network webpage membership list ([www.erc.gr/english/d&scrm](http://www.erc.gr/english/d&scrm)) along with the publication of the E-newsletter.

**Business meeting at the ESA meeting in Torun.** The business meeting for all the Research Networks has been set by the Executive Committee for **Saturday, Sept. 10, 19:30-20:30**. At the meeting, we shall discuss matters of membership, the structure of the Coordinating Committee and the future course of the Network and will also hold elections for a new Coordinating Committee for the next two years. Elections will be conducted in accordance with the ESA guidelines set out by the Executive Committee (See E-Newsletter, Coordinator's Report, No. 20, October-December 2004). Among other things, the guidelines include (a) the election of a Coordinator, plus one or two other officers (e.g. deputy coordinator and/or secretary/treasurer) (b) the election of the officers at the business meeting for a two-year term and (c) a provision for the limitation to a maximum of two consecutive terms for the officers. As some of you will recall, at the Murcia business meeting, I accepted to serve as Coordinator until the Torun Meeting. Consequently, I am looking forward to new candidates for the Coordinating Committee posts, to bring new ideas to the Network. I might also remind you to study the Executive Committee's proposal for amending the statutes relating to Research Networks, and specifically the limitation on the number of terms of office and the submission of an activity report to the Vice-President for RNs within two months of each ESA conference. For more information concerning the current and proposed versions of the statutes, as well as for information concerning the role of RN Coordinator's, please read the ESA guidelines in the 20<sup>th</sup> issue of our E-Newsletter.

**A brief note on the results of the travel fund drive initiative.** Although we publicized widely to our members the call for funds to contribute to the travel and registration expenses of colleagues from soft currency countries, unfortunately the results were discouraging. We had only two contributions, one from Vera Vratusa and the other from the undersigned, amounting to 100 Euros. The Emergencies Research Center of Athens decided to match this with 300 Euros and subsidize the registration of two colleagues/panelists in our sessions from Eastern European Countries. However, this is not a permanent solution and at the business meeting of our Network and the general assembly of the Association we have to propose a moratorium on the payment of registration fees by colleagues from Eastern Europe until these countries recover from their transitional economic crisis.

**Coordinator's relevant professional activities and problematics-March-June 2005.** During this past quarter, the coordinator occupied himself mostly with "crisis prevention" activities on various levels. First, in his capacity as Sociology Counselor at the Pedagogical Institute of Greece, he oversaw the production of a sociology textbook for students in upper secondary education, that also includes a unit on intercultural /intesocietal/intergroup relations with subunits on prejudice, war and terrorism (Let's hope that peace education takes place on all fronts, and not just only in the periphery!!!). Second, he completed a country report for the UN Committee on

the Rights of the Child in Education; this included not only the rights of Greek children (the general population, the gypsies, the moslems and the children with special needs), but also the rights of the children of migrants, including the children of non-documented migrants (Let's hope that the big powers do not abolish the Human Rights Committee of the UN before the report reaches the UN!!!). Third, he devoted part of his professional time to the writing of a unit on the socioeconomic aspects of earthquakes for a cross-disciplinary booklet targeted for the general population; the latter is part of the project "Seismopolis" that I have described in my previous reports. In this booklet, we try, among other things, to convey in simple words how societies have progressed from the "theocratic" to the "naturalistic" to the "social" interpretation of earthquakes and earthquake impacts (Of course, there may also be a metropolis/periphery dimension to earthquakes!!!).

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## 2) Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

The American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting 2005

See: <http://www.asanet.org/convention/2005/>



Comparative Perspectives, Competing Explanations



Accounting for the Rising and Declining Significance of Sociology

### ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Please join us at the American Sociological Association's 100th Annual Meeting, to be held August 13-16, in Philadelphia. The convention theme, "Comparative Perspectives, Competing Explanations: Accounting for the Rising and Declining Significance of Sociology," explores the wide historical sweep of Sociology and addresses the key aspects of the social history of the discipline.

#### **REGISTRATION AND HOUSING NOW OPEN AND AVAILABLE**

Make plans to attend this year's Centennial Meeting! The registration and housing services for the Annual Meeting are now open and available. Take advantage of reduced registration rates by registering no later than July 13.

The preliminary program for the 2005 Annual Meeting is now available here on the site. Please visit Online Program at

<http://www.asanet.org/convention/2005/program.html>

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### **6th PhD Students' and Advisors' Meeting in the Field of Natural Hazards.**

Organizer: Natural Hazards Competence Centre (CENAT). **Ticino, Switzerland: September 18-20, 2005.** This meeting is designed for PhD students (including students who will start their PhD work soon), and their advisors, whose research relates to natural hazards and risk (e.g., natural hazard processes, vulnerability studies, risk assessment). The program includes oral and poster presentations by the participating students. For more information, contact CENAT, Fluelastrasse 11, 7260 Davos-Dorf, Switzerland; +41 81 417 01 11; e-mail: [cenat@slf.ch](mailto:cenat@slf.ch); <http://www.cenat.ch/index.php?nav=672,689,789,1019&userhash=12074896&IID=1>.



**5th Regional Training Course on Tsunami and Earthquake Vulnerability  
Reduction for Cities**

**Dear Disaster Management Practitioners,**

Warm greetings from the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center! We are pleased to announce and present the **5th Regional Training Course on Tsunami and Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction for Cities (EVRC-5)** scheduled to take place in **Phuket, Thailand on 19-23 September 2005.** The course is being organized under the Urban Disaster Risk Management Team (UDRM) of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC).

The Course builds on past and enduring endeavors such as Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative (EMI), UN, IDNDR, ISDR initiative for Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis of Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters (RADIUS) and Global Earthquake Safety Initiative (GESI) launched by UNCRD and Geo-Hazard International.

EVRC-5 is designed to provide greater understanding of the causes and effects of earthquakes and tsunami and how to mitigate such impacts in order to reduce damage and loss of lives from these destructive events.

The Course intends to assist administrators and officials from provincial and city administrators, development & planning authorities, national level ministries, departments & institutions dealing with urban planning, development, housing, infrastructure, public work, utilities, waterworks, drainage; private sector corporations, builders, infrastructure developer, insurance companies, elected representative from cities & towns, emergency response agencies and emergency planners, relief and rehabilitation agencies, UN agencies and international organizations, NGOs working on disaster mitigation particularly on earthquake mitigation.

In this respect, ADPC has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in this fee-based Regional Training Course on Tsunami & Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction for Cities (EVRC-5). The Course is open to all countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

For further information, please download EVRC-5 course brochure located at <http://www.adpc.net>. Interested applicants may send an email to Ms. Clarence Carlos, EVRC-5 Course Coordinator <[clarence@adpc.net](mailto:clarence@adpc.net)>

Thank you very much for your interest in making ADPC your partner in capacity building and we look forward to receiving applications from your organization .  
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## 7th Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms

Host: European Geosciences Union. **Rethymnon, Crete, Greece: October 5-7, 2005.** The objective of this conference is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of the present state of knowledge on Mediterranean storms, considering their meteorological, hydrological, and geological aspects and their effects on mountain and hill slopes, river networks, and coastal areas. Topics will include physical processes, monitoring and diagnosis of Mediterranean storms; new methods in monitoring and forecasting Mediterranean storms; meteorological, hydrological and geological risks, disaster management, and mitigation strategies; and Mediterranean storms in an evolving climate. For more information, contact Vassiliki Kotroni, National Observatory of Athens, Institute of Environmental Research, Lofos Koufou, P. Penteli, 15236, Athens, Greece; +30-210-8109126; e-mail: [kotroni@meteo.noa.gr](mailto:kotroni@meteo.noa.gr); <http://www.copernicus.org/EGU/topconf/plc7/>.

## 3) News and Updates

1. The **ADPC** announced in their most recent newsletter (June 2005) the creation of a new project on Coastal Risk Analysis of Tsunamis and Environmental Remediation (CRATER) with financial subsidy from the Italian Ministry for Environment and Territory (IMET).
2. **WHO Conference on the Health Aspects of the Tsunami Disaster in Asia**, May 4-6, Phuket, Thailand

The World Health Organization in collaboration with the Royal Thai Government organized a conference in Phuket, Thailand on May 4-6, 2005. It specifically reviewed health sector experience with response and early recovery so as to determine successes and limitations and to identify key areas for future focus.

Among the key findings were

- The need for a new agenda for a stronger disaster response system for health;
- That children are a particularly vulnerable group, largely because women were harder-hit by the tsunami; and
- Information problems hampered forensic identification

For details on these and other findings from the conference, please see: <http://w3.whosea.org/en/Section23/Section1108/Section1835/Section1968/Section1969.htm>

3. **Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI)** held a virtual symposium on the web April 18-22, 2005.  
See <http://www.riskinstitute.org/test.php?pid=page&tid=17#current> (below an excerpt from website showing symposium topics)

## **Early Warning Systems – Interdisciplinary Observations and Policies from a Local Government Perspective**

The complex issues involved in how to get to the point whereby a useful and effective early warning system is in place is the central theme of this Virtual Symposium sponsored by the Public Entity Risk Institute: *Early Warning Systems – Interdisciplinary Observations and Policies from a Local Government Perspective*. The Symposium took place April 18-22, 2005.

### **Early Warning System Issues**

The Symposium program's moderator, Dr. Eelco Dykstra, prepared a concept paper framing several critical issues involved in early warning systems. To read Dr. Dykstra's concept paper, please [click here](#).

### **Monday, April 18, Issues and Ideas Papers**

#### [Introduction to the Symposium](#)

by Eelco Dykstra, M.D.

#### [Early Warning Systems – Practical Before Convenient and the Local Opinion](#)

By Jason Kingsley, CEM, Aurora, Colo., Region VIII President, International Association of Emergency Managers

#### [Successful Warning Systems are Dependent Upon a Successful Comprehensive Emergency Management Program](#)

By Rick Comerford, CEM, CHS-III, Director, Training and Exercises, E Team, Inc., Woodland Hills, Calif.

### **Tuesday, April 19, Issues and Ideas Papers Local Community Perspective**

#### [The Human Component of the Early Warning Issue](#)

By Avagene Moore, CEM, President, Emergency Information Infrastructure Partnership.

#### [Reaching the Hardest-to-Reach with Critical Information](#)

By Burt Wallrich, President, Emergency Network Builders LLC.

#### [The Final Connection in the Warning Chain](#)

By Patrick J. Crawford, Midwest Regional Director, James Lee Witt Associates, LLC and Philip W. Kurze, General Manager, Whelen Engineering Company, Inc.

#### [Is Your County Prepared for an Influenza Pandemic?](#)

By Gerard J. Hoetmer, Executive Director, Public Entity Risk Institute.

### **Wednesday, April 20, Issues and Ideas Papers Legal Issues and Law Enforcement**

#### [Legal Issues: Warning Systems](#)

By William C. Nicholson, Adjunct Professor, Widener School of Law and Delaware University

#### [This is a Test ... This is Only a Test](#)

By Major John Carroll, Ph.D., Broward County Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

### **Thursday, April 21, Issues and Ideas Papers Global Perspectives**

#### [Four Elements of People Centered Early Warning Systems](#)

By UN/ISDR – Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning, Bonn, Germany

#### [Structure of an International Emergency Alert System](#)

By Fred Baker, Cisco Systems, Santa Barbara, Calif., and Brian Carpenter, IBM Corporation, Rueschlikon, Switzerland

#### **Friday, April 22, Issues and Ideas Papers Policy and Education**

#### [Raising Awareness: Informing and Educating the Public and Local Leadership](#)

By John (“Jack”) Harrald, Ph.D., Professor of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering, and Director, Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

#### [Trailing the Tsunami](#) (Please note, this is a PowerPoint file.)

By Paul Currion, Humanitarian Affairs Consultant and Regional Focal Point, UN World Food Program, Bangkok, Thailand and Rome, Italy

#### [Connecticut Emergency Broadcast System Survey: Public Reaction to the Erroneous Statewide Broadcast of February 1, 2005](#)

By the Center for Survey Research and Analysis, University of Connecticut

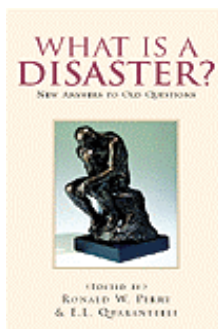
## **4) Awards and Grants**

Nomination for this year’s **18th United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction** is now open. The candidate shall have distinguished herself/himself through outstanding and internationally recognized action in the following fields:

- a) The implementation, at the international or regional level, of activities designed to strengthen people’s awareness of natural disasters;
- b) The launching of scientific activities contributing to technological innovation facilitating disaster prediction;
- c) The launching of scientific and social activities contributing to the strengthening of disaster prevention and preparedness;
- d) The promotion of preventive activities which reduce the economic impact of disasters and contribute to sustainable development;
- e) Any other activities recognized as essential in promoting disaster prevention and mitigation (land-use planning, seismic risk reduction, awareness-raising, education, etc.)

DEADLINE for submission is on 29 July 2005. The award will be presented on 12 October 2005 on the occasion of the annually held event – “International Day for Disaster Reduction”. For complete details and to download nomination form, please visit <http://www.unisdr.org/eng/sasakawa/2005/nomination-sasakawa-award-english-2005.pdf>

## 5) Recently Published



***What is a Disaster? New Answers to Old Questions.*** R.W. Perry and E.L. Quarantelli, Editors 2005, 442 Pages. Hardback ISBN 1-4134-7986-3 . US \$34.99. Paperback ISBN 1-4134-7985-5. US \$24.99 plus shipping costs. From Xlibris Publishers, International Plaza II, Suite 340, Philadelphia, PA 19113 USA, phone +1-888-795-4274. [Orders@Xlibris.com](mailto:Orders@Xlibris.com) 10% discount on orders through Xlibris.

This volume addresses the most basic question in the field: that of defining the phenomenon of study. It brings together twelve social scientists representing eight disciplines and seven countries to share their definition and vision of disasters. In the process, a wide range of views are expressed and issues raised regarding the relationship of academic versus practical definitions, the impact of grouping types of disasters in different ways, and the epistemologies on which theoretical growth should rest. The forum provided involves the presentation of each author's views, followed by a discussant's critique, and closed with a response from the author. The editor's close the volume with discussions of the theoretical framework of disaster research and an agenda for disaster research in the twenty-first century.

***After the Tsunami: UNEP's Rapid Environmental Assessment Report.*** United Nations Environment Programme, 2005, ISBN 9-2807-2565-3, US\$20.00. Order online at [www.earthprint.com](http://www.earthprint.com) or write to [orders@earthprint.com](mailto:orders@earthprint.com)

The destruction caused to the environment by the Asian tsunami offers an opportunity to rebuild in a manner that preserves natural resources for the benefit of the local communities who were hardest hit. This report is based on surveys by UNEP teams in the field working with other UN agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations in the affected tsunami regions. It looks at how regions are rebuilding and how future tragedies can be avoided by adequate planning. The report covers topics such as waste, water supply, sanitation and soil fertility, coral reefs, mangroves, wildlife, beach erosion and coastal vegetation.

***Know Risk.*** United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, 2005, ISBN 9-2113-2024-0, UN Sales Number E.04.III.M.1, Tudor Rose, US\$125. Order online at [www.know-risk.org](http://www.know-risk.org) or contact Know Risk, Tudor Rose, Tudor House, 6 Friar Lane, Leicester, LE1 5RA, UK, Tel: +44(0) 116 2229900, Fax: +44(0) 116 2229901

Know Risk is a fully illustrated publication with contributions from over 160 authors relating their work in disaster reduction at international, regional, national, municipal and local levels. Commentaries under 15 sections cover a range of themes and issues such as, governance, institutional policy, risk identification and assessment, information, knowledge and experience, habitats in different areas, disaster preparedness and contingency planning, international and regional support and future directions. This commemorative publication reflects over ten years of progress in this field, highlighting good practices and drawing on the ISDR coordinated review of the Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action for a Safer World (1994). It emphasizes the benefits of experience leading to future actions and institutional commitments to disaster reduction.

***Mainstreaming Gender in Environmental Assessment and Early Warning.*** United Nations Environment Programme, 2005, ISBN 9-2807-2487-6, 82 pp, US\$25.00. Order online at [www.earthprint.com](http://www.earthprint.com) or send an email to [orders@earthprint.com](mailto:orders@earthprint.com)

This report seeks to understand key questions relating to gender mainstreaming in UNEP's early warning and assessment program. It contains reviews of the current situation and provides recommendations. It also analyses key issues in the areas of gender and the environment as they relate to water, poverty, security, conflict, early warning, disaster and vulnerability to environment change.

**ECHO Annual Review 2004: When Disaster Strikes.** Downloadable at: <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900SID/EVOD-6DCDM5?OpenDocument>

## ECHO Annual Review 2004 : When Disaster Strikes

This annual report for the year 2004 considers humanitarian crises worldwide. In addition to examining key events, its special features look back at the response to the Indian Ocean tsunami and how "Sudan, a forgotten crisis enters the limelight". Other features include:

- ECHO at work: in brief, global reach, facts and figures
- People: Burma / Myanmar, Palestinian Territories, Angola
- Crises ZONES: DR Congo, Iraq

**European Humanitarian Aid: Values and Principles,** Downloadable at <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900SID/EVOD-6DCG7B?OpenDocument>

## European Humanitarian Aid : Values and Principles

Humanity and solidarity are among the core values of the European Union, which is why the bloc is one of the largest humanitarian donors in the world. But giving is not enough. The humanitarian aid Directorate General of the European Commission (ECHO) is committed to providing quality, efficient and fast aid, that benefits the most vulnerable.

Humanitarian aid is a difficult and serious business that must be carefully constructed, not improvised. Crises are more numerous and complex nowadays, and choices that are made about aid delivery have a direct impact on the lives of millions. Effective humanitarian aid is built on fundamental principles: impartiality, non-discrimination, independence, neutrality.

If these principles are forgotten, then humanitarian aid, and the survival of millions is put in question. The purpose of this brochure is to explain why it is so important for European humanitarian aid to stick by its value and principles.

[View the full document](#) (PDF \*, 596 KB)

**ProVention Consortium Publications** The website of ProVention Consortium contains downloadable useful publications including: Learning Lessons from Disaster Recovery: The Case of Mozambique, Learning Lessons from Disaster Recovery: The Case of Bangladesh, Natural Disaster Hotspots: A Global Risk Analysis, Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction: A Tool for Development Organisations, Surviving Disasters and Supporting Recovery: A Guidebook for Microfinance Institutions, Methodologies for Assessing Natural Hazard Risks and the Net Benefits of Migration – A Scoping Study, as well as publications. To download these publications, please go to <http://www.proventionconsortium.org/publications.htm>

***Methods of Disaster Research*** Edited by Robert A. Stallings, Volume Two in the International Research Committee on Disasters Monograph Series, See University of Southern California, page of Robert Stallings, <http://www-rcf.usc.edu/~rstallin/BookWebSummary.htm>

#### *Description*

The methods of disaster research are indistinguishable from those used throughout the social sciences. Yet these methods must be applied under unique circumstances. Researchers new to this field need to understand how the disaster context affects the application of the methods of research. This volume, written by some of the world's leading specialists in disaster research, provides for the first time a primer on disaster research methods.

Topics covered include those which have been standard methods of research in the field of disaster studies such as qualitative field studies and survey research. Among these is a chapter on the exploratory techniques of the Disaster Research Center, the oldest institute for disaster studies in the world, written by one of its cofounders and long-time codirectors.

Also included are chapters on several approaches underutilized thus far in disaster research such as cross-national comparisons, economic modeling, historical methods, and media studies.

Newer tools, bound to be more prominently used in disaster studies in the future, are covered as well. These include Geographic Information Systems (GIS), electronic databases, and the Internet as a research tool. Also included is an extensive appendix identifying and annotating Web sites around the world that are especially relevant for disaster researchers.

Among the special topics covered by the contributors are: issues involved in conducting field research in developing countries; needed research on nonprofit organizations and on public-private partnerships in disaster mitigation; gender issues affecting field research; the use of simulation as a technique for verifying hypotheses generated in exploratory field studies; and problems encountered in conducting research in an era of increasing concern for litigation, public image, and the protection of human subjects.

Included in this volume is the classic National Research Council-National Academy of Sciences report prepared by Lewis Killian in 1956. This rare document remains one of the best statements ever written on the special problems encountered in studying postdisaster behavior. The volume also contains an introductory chapter reviewing the previous scholarly literature on the methods of disaster research.



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Announcement of a new section of the UN ISDR website providing information on the tsunami early warning developments. It also contains a concise summary of information on tsunamis and links to other tsunami expert websites. At the moment, the main focus of tsunami early warning activities is on the Indian Ocean region but the site will also highlight endeavours in other tsunami-prone regions of the world. For further information, please visit the homepage of “Platform for Promotion of Early Warning” at <http://www.unisdr.org/ppew/tsunami/ppew-tsunami.htm>

Unitary Website for Aceh and North Sumatra Reconstruction Information Sharing e-Aceh.org is the Government of Indonesia’s on-line portal for information sharing on the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Aceh and North Sumatra. The site supports the rapid and coordinated multi-actor response to restore the lives of the people of Aceh and North Sumatra whose lives have been devastated by the disaster. Information from all government agencies, international institutions, bilateral donors, international NGOs and local Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat (LSM) participating in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Aceh shall be made available on the site. Timely, reliable and relevant information is of the essence for effective collaboration and coordination. See <http://www.e-aceh.org/>

Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado, while predominately American-based, has among other useful things, an extensive periodicals list. See <http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/resources/periodicals>