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16th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine

May 12-15, 2009
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Canada



The World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) invites professionals interested in the various aspects of Disaster and Emergency Medicine to submit abstracts of papers for presentation at the 16th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine. WADEM seeks contributions of new information as a 15 minute oral presentation or as a poster (discussion) presentation. Abstracts may only be submitted via the abstract submission website accessible via link from <http://www.wcdem2009.org>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All accepted abstracts will be published in *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine (PDM)*. PDM has the right for first refusal on all presented papers. Please see website for guidelines, conditions, and dates for submitting abstracts



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Topic List for 16th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS

- * System Development
- * Primary Health Care
- * Resuscitation/Reanimation
- * ALS vs. BLS
- * Management of Trauma and Trauma Systems
- * Documentation
- * Surge Capacity
- * Mass Gatherings
- * Legal Issues

PUBLIC HEALTH

- * Public Health Emergencies
- * Population Health
- * Role of Public Health
- * Role of WHO
- * Partnerships

VETERINARY MEDICINE

- * Role of Veterinarians
- * Animals in Disaster

RESEARCH

Disaster

- * Methodologies
- * Opportunities
- * Comparisons of Disasters
- * Disaster Case Reports
- * Available resources

Emergency Medical Services

- * Evaluation
- * Comparison of Systems
- * Needs
- * Expanded role

Public Health

- * Surveillance
- * Standardization of Health Assessments
- * Humanitarian Responses

Publication

- * Standard terminology
- * Print vs. Web-based
- * Manuscript preparation

PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING

Hazards

- * Climate Change
- * Environmental Hazards
- * Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE)
- * Landmines
- * Unexploded Ordnance

Capacity Building

Safe Medical Facilities

- * Structure
- * Surge Capacity

Public/Private Collaboration

PSYCHOSOCIAL

- * Human Rights
- * Cross-Cultural Issues
- * Role of Religion
- * Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
- * Long-term Management
- * Available Resources
- * International Law and Ethics

EDUCATION

- * Why have we not learned?
- * Transfer from Research to Practice
- * Standards, Benchmarks, and Competencies
- * Preparation of teachers
- * Development of teaching modules
- * Credentialing/Accreditation
- * Legal issues/international law

GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES

- * New/Emerging Health Threats
- * Pandemics and Infectious Diseases
- * Food Security
- * Asymmetric warfare
- * Regionalization
- * Assessments and Planning

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- * Civilian-Government and Civilian-Military Collaboration
- * Relief and Life-Saving
- * Recovery
- * Coordination and Control
- * Leadership
- * Assessments and Planning
- * Media/Communications
- * Role of Non-Governmental Organizations
- * Global, Country, Community Health Clusters
- * Military Medicine
- * Resources

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- * Gender Issues
- * Elderly
- * Refugees/Displaced Persons/Homeless
- * Children
- * Mass Gatherings
- * Transportation Medicine (including cruise ship)

RECENT EVENTS

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

OTHER



Important Dates to Remember:

May 12, 2008 - Abstract submission page opens

November 1, 2008 - Abstract submission deadline

January 29, 2009 - Last date for notice of abstract acceptance to be issued

March 12, 2009 - Presenters of accepted abstracts must be registered for the congress

April 24, 2009 - Late registration fee applies

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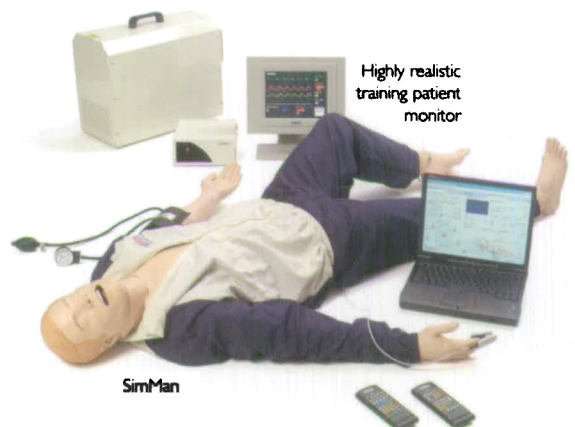
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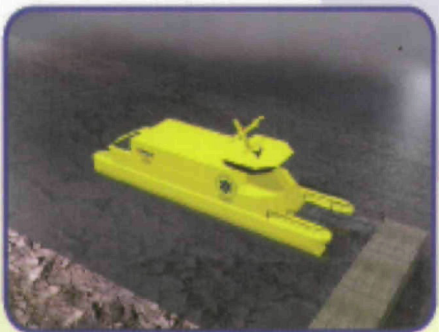
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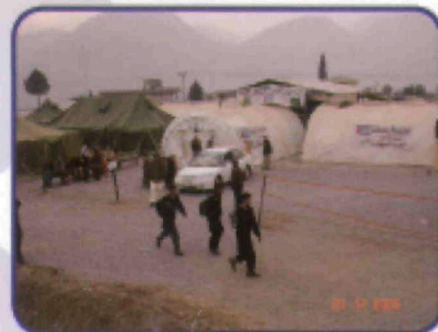
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