International Conferences
Emergency Preparedness and Response

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, 2001

Title: Catastrophes and Catastrophe Management in Museums
From: 17 April 2001 To: 21 April 2001
Place: Zemaljski Muzej and Rooms of Dom Armije
City: Sarajevo
Organiser: Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum Innsbruck and Zemaljski Muzej
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Description: Both museums have suffered from war and have experience in protecting and restoring their infrastructure and collections. This congress was organised in different general thematic sessions as well as general sessions which focused on the earth and science collection, biological collection, historical collections and art collection.

France

- INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, 2000

Title: Disasters Prevention in Storage Areas
From: 6 November 2000 To: 10 November 2000
City: Draguignan
www: http://www.cav-recherches.org
Organiser: Centre Archéologique du Var, Laboratoire de Conservation, Restauration et Recherches
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Centre du Var
19 rue Frédéric Mireur
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Description: This event was focused on emergency plans, earthquakes, wind effects, flood disasters, acts of war and fire prevention, in addition to international case studies presentations.
Germany

- Conference, 2003

Title: Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster
From: 30 July 2003 To: 1 August 2003
Place: Akademie der Wissenschaften
City: Berlin
www: http://www.kb.nl/iflapreconf/  
http://www.ifla.org/VII/s19/sconsv.htm
Organiser: Akademie der Wissenschaften and IFLA
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Description: The programme is designed to inform and help library and archive administrators effectively prepare for, react and respond to, and recover from disasters, both natural and man-made. It focused on national level policy planning and local initiatives, presenting the International Committee of the Blue Shield, sharing experience of disaster plan action (theory and practice), understanding the human factor in disaster response, critical lessons (flood, fire, hurricane, etc.), priorities for salvaging collections, disaster management developments and models for risk assessment, plus new recovery techniques and technologies.

India

- International Congress, 2004

Title: Natural Disasters Mitigation
From: 19 February 2004 To: 21 February 2004
Place: The Institution of Engineers
City: New Delhi
www: http://www.wfeo-cee.org/ndm.htm#02
Organiser: The Institution of Engineers
Contact person: Prof. José Medem Sanjuan (Spain)
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Address: The Institution Of Engineers
Bahadurshah Zafar Marg
New Delhi 11002
Tel. +91 11 33 70 168 / 33 70 548 - Fax +91 11 33 78 851
Description: The object of the World Congress is to provide a multidisciplinary forum for engineers, architects, planners, technocrats, scientists, disaster managers, international and voluntary agencies and others working in the field of natural disaster mitigation and management, to meet and share ideas, achievements and experiences. Time was scheduled for authors to present their work through poster sessions and interaction with delegates of eminence in their chosen specialized fields.
-- SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE, 2003

Title: Disaster Management — Case Histories of Disasters
From: 14 November 2003  To: 16 November 2003
Place: Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences
City: Pilani
www: http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in
Organiser: Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences (BITS)
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Tel. +91 01596 24 50 73/4 - Fax +91 01596 24 41 83
Description: The focus of the conference was on earthquakes, floods, cyclones, and drought. Conference organisers called for a wide variety of case histories of disaster management from around the world. Case studies and histories were presented with the goal of learning from the experience of others and building a common multidisciplinary network of best practices and policies.

-- WORLD CONFERENCE, 2003

Title: Disaster Management, Infrastructure, and Control Systems (DMIC)
From: 29 October 2003  To: 31 October 2003
Place: Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
City: Hyderabad
www: http://www.schanisj.com
Organiser: Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
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Address:
Centre for Environment Institute of Post Graduate Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
Mahaveer Marg
Hyderabad 500 028
Tel. +91 040 55 58 97 06
Description: The conference focused on the mitigation of disasters through control systems and infrastructure development. It aimed at a wide, interdisciplinary audience with the goal of providing a common platform to discuss and plan disaster prevention measures, compare strategies and experiences from around the world, and broadly disseminate information. Conference themes included disasters that are geological, medical, terrorist, and water and climate-related.
Italy

- CONFERENCE, 2002

Title: Preservation Strategies
From: 25 June 2002 To: 29 June 2002
Place: Centro Culturale Grand Hotel Dobbiaco
City: Dobbiaco/Toblach (Bolzano Province)
http://www.fs-on-line.com/home/en
Organiser: Archivio di Stato Bolzano
E-mail contact: asbz.hg@tiscalinet.it
Address:
Conference Secretary
Archivio di Stato
Via A. Diaz 8
39100 Bolzano
Tel. +39 0471 26 42 95 - Fax +39 0471 40 71 76
Description: Archival and library institutions have made great efforts to increase awareness of the importance of preservation of documents. A broad survey showed, however, that many public and private institutes do not yet have staff trained in preservation. Preservation covers many activities, from storage to digitisation. Buildings should be well equipped, and the advantages of the new media should be explored. The conference dealt with the many aspects of preservation. The plenary sessions focused on risk assessment, choices for preservation of originals, scientific research and preservation, substitutes for access, premises and the restoration of historical buildings, plus parallel sessions on technical and scientific solutions, experience in book and document restoration, migration information, training, networks and access projects.

Morocco

- INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, 2004

Title: New Technologies and the Improvement of Greatest Risk Management
From: 15 March 2004 To: 17 March 2004
City: Kénitra
www: www.cnr.ac.ma/lag/colloque2004.doc
Organiser: University Cadi Ayyad; CEPRIS and CNRST
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Description: The main purposes of this seminar are: to communicate and exchange point of views in risk prevention through specialist analysis and to enforce the partnerships between university, research centres and other players linked to this sector. The expected results are the formulation of specific proposals for technical and scientific development and the identification of areas where scientific efforts should be focused.
Serbia and Montenegro

- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2004

Title: Preventive Activities in Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Areas Affected by Ethnic Tensions and Armed Conflict
From: 10 May 2004 To: 11 May 2004
Place: Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of the Republic of Serbia
City: Belgrade
www: http://www.international.icomos.org/centre_documentation/icomos_activities.htm
Organiser: ICOMOS Serbia and Montenegro
Contact persons: Lazar Sumanov and ICOMOS secretariat
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Address: Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of the Republic of Serbia
Bozidara Adzije 11
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Description: Within the framework of the regional conference on preventive activities viewing the salvage of cultural heritage in regions where armed conflicts and ethnic tensions are acting, the international conference adopted a consensus on the Belgrade Declaration and related articles.

Switzerland

- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2002

Title: Protection of Cultural Property 2002
From: 23 September 2002 To: 25 September 2002
Place: Federal Office for Civil Protection
City: Bern
www: http://www.kulturgueterschutz.ch/english/media.htm
http://www.zivilschutz.ch
Organiser: Federal Office for Civil Protection and UNESCO
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E-mail contact: rino.buechel@bzs.admin.ch
Address: Federal Office for Civil Protection
Cultural Property Section (KGS)
Monbijoustrasse 51A
3003 Bern
Tel. +41 31 322 51 56
Description: The aim is to strengthen cooperation at a national level, in particular with relevant offices in the specialized Swiss offices such as DFA and DHA. In many countries, the protection of cultural property is only in the military sphere. Experience from many conferences has shown that Switzerland could offer an ideal platform to discuss civilian efforts.
Trinidad and Tobago

- **PRECONFERENCE, 2004**

**Title:** Mitigating the Consequences of Natural Disasters for Caribbean Libraries and Archives  
**From:** 21 May 2004  
**To:** 22 May 2004  
**Place:** National Library Building  
**City:** Port of Spain  
**www:** [http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/conf/20-21may04.htm](http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/conf/20-21may04.htm)  
**Organiser:** National Library Building  
**Contact persons:** Janice Blake and Shamin Renwick  
**E-mail contact:** jblake@nalis.gov.tt and belbrlib@yahoo.com  
**Tel:** +1 868 645 4673/5253 or +1 868 676 7537  
**Telecopier:** +1 868 662 1392  
**Address:**  
Adult Library, First Floor  
National Library Building  
Hart and Abercromby Streets  
Port of Spain  
**Description:** The purpose of the preconference is to discuss the risks of hurricanes and other natural disasters, how to deal with them and take adequate preventive measures in order to mitigate their consequences. It was expected that attendants weave a network of experts and professionals capable of helping each other in the event of a disaster. Around a hundred participants representing various cultural institutions and actors from civil society were expected from around the Caribbean.

Turkey

- **CONFERENCE, 2004**

**Title:** International Destination Risk Management  
**From:** 7 June 2004  
**To:** 8 June 2004  
**Place:** Bogazici Universitesi  
**City:** Istanbul  
**www:** [http://www.ttyd.org.tr/amta/RMCP.doc](http://www.ttyd.org.tr/amta/RMCP.doc)  
**Organiser:** Bogazici University and The George Washington University  
**E-mail contact:** turinfo@boun.edu.tr and korzay@boun.edu.tr  
**Address:**  
Bogazici Universitesi  
Büyük Toplanti Salonu  
Güney Kâmpüs  
34342 Bebek, Istanbul  
**Description:** The two objectives of the conference are (1) to address the formulation of risk management policy as it relates to destination management and (2) to address operational aspects of crisis and risk management by directing information towards members of the supervisory and mid-managerial level of the services industries. Participants in the conference and related workshops will include the private sector of hospitality and travel investors, executive managers, public destination administrators of the city of Istanbul and tourism educators across the country.
United Kingdom

- CONFERENCE, 2002

Title: Holocene Environmental Catastrophes and Recovery
From: 2 September 2002 To: 7 September 2002
Place: Brunel University
City: London
www: http://www.brunel.ac.uk/depts/geo/Catastrophes/
Organiser: Brunel University
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Tel. +44 1895 20 31 78; +44 1895 20 32 15 - Fax +44 1895 20 32 17
Description: The conference focused its themes on geological catastrophes and their impact on society: earthquakes, tsunami, fires and volcano eruptions, environmental causes of civilisation collapse, biological impacts on society (extinction, epidemic, plague, haemorrhage, etc.) and climatological impacts on society (historical droughts). An informal pre-conference was held in the Scottish Highlands from August 26 to 31, 2002.

United States (the)

- SEMINAR, 2004

Title: Disaster Preparedness
Date: 15 March 2004 To: 16 March 2004
Place: The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
City: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
www: http://www.okmuseums.org
Organiser: Oklahoma Museums Association
E-mail contact: sodaniel@okmuseums.org
Address:
Oklahoma Museums Association
2100 NE 52nd Street
Oklahoma City OK 73111
Tel. +1 405 424 7757
Description: The seminar was divided into two parts, the first one was about the bare bones of disaster planning and the second was about post-disaster response. Focused topics included situation evaluation, damage assessment, media destruction, health and safety issues, and salvage techniques.
- **CONFERENCE, 2002**

  **Title:** Lessons Learned in Emergencies: Not your Ordinary Disaster Conference  
  **Date:** 21 March 2002  
  **Place:** National Archives at College Park  
  **Organiser:** NARA  
  **Contact person:** Eleanor Torain  
  **E-mail contact:** eleanor.torain@nara.gov  
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  NARA  
  8601 Adelphi Road  
  College Park, MD 20740-6001  
  **Tel.** +1 301 713 6718 - **Fax** +1 301 713 6653  
  **Description:** The conference brought together archivists, librarians and conservators to discuss practical aspects of disaster prevention and mitigation. The conference focused on several topics such as practical, experience-based examples of how emergency situations are handled in archives, libraries, and museums to mitigate against disaster and the recovery of non-paper records e.g. artefacts, film, audio and video-tape and electronic media; how to minimise damage to papers, bound volumes, books, tapes, films, etc. during building renovation work; changes in fire suppression technology; what we have learned from fire tests, and how to keep track of hastily removed materials.

- **VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, 2004**

  **Title:** Disaster Management in Africa  
  **From:** 18 April 2004  
  **To:** 17 May 2004  
  **Place:** Internet  
  **www:** http://www.tiems.org  
  **Organiser:** The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS)  
  **Contact person:** Charles Kelly  
  **E-mail contact:** 727342412ck@compuserve.com  
  **Description:** The overall theme for the conference was about disaster management in Africa it was programmed over four weeks. The first week was on what disaster management means in Africa, the second focused on the possibility of developing disaster management as a profession in Africa, the third saw how to integrate risk reduction activities into development planning, and the last week studied the need for more efficient disaster management in Africa.
- CONFERENCE, 2002

Title: Rebuilding Societies Emerging from Conflict: a Shared Responsibility
From: 9 September 2002 To: 11 September 2002
Place: United Nations
City: New York
www: http://www.armenianreporteronline.com/old/27072002/nykalayjian.htm
Organiser: United Nations (UN)
Contact person: Anie Kalayjian
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Description: The meeting of the 55th Annual Conference for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) explored the role of the international community in supporting societies emerging from conflicts.

- CONFERENCE, 2002

Title: Cultural Heritage Research: a Pan-European Challenge
From: 16 May 2002 To: 18 May 2002
Place: Krakow University of Technology, Institute of Archaeology, Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow City Hall, Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland)
City: Krakow
Organiser: European Commission
Description: The objectives of the conference were to present the findings of projects on cultural heritage from the EC framework programmes, to present national or regional activities with emphasis on mutual opening-up (Member States and Newly Associated States) and on networking with the perspective of the new framework programme, to see how research on cultural heritage can help protect and integrate cultural heritage into a living city (in the context of both EU and candidate countries), to review the research requirements of SMEs and, more generally, to involve a wide range of stakeholders from across Europe.