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(1) **Drittes KatNet-Treffen, 18.-20.07.2007 in Berlin**

Im Juli dieses Jahres findet in Berlin bereits das dritte Treffen des KatNet statt. Undine Frömming hat dieses vorbereitet und einen Cfp dazu verfasst, der gestern über den KatNet-Verteiler gegangen ist. Das Treffen richtet sich – wie stets – sowohl an VertreterInnen aus der Forschung als auch aus der Praxis und fragt besonders nach der Rolle der Medien bei Katastrophen. Der attachierte Call ist ab dem 07. April auch auf der Homepage abrufbar.

Der Call ist – ebenfalls wie immer und wie in Fischhausen im Januar 07 besprochen – als ein Vorschlag zu verstehen, als ein grober Ausgangspunkt für Diskussionen, die sich in alle Richtungen entfalten können und sollen. Schon in Fischhausen zeigte sich, dass, wenn auch nicht jede/r der Anwesenden Experte für Lawinen war, doch die sich ergebenden Diskussionen für alle Beteiligten sehr spannend waren. Auch wer sich also nicht direkt vom vorgeschlagenen Thema oder den dortigen Fragen und Thesen angesprochen fühlt, sollte sich deshalb unbedingt nach Berlin begeben.

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(2) **Call for Applications: Second International Summer School on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management**

The objective of the Summer School on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM) is to provide PhD students with an intense interactive learning experience on the use of Information Systems to prepare for and respond to global disasters.

This year's summer school, which takes place June 20-27, 2007, at Tilburg University in the

Netherlands, has a theme of "Information Systems for Global Disaster Risks and Humanitarian Assistance."

Applications are invited from students in PhD programs in Information Systems, Computer Science, Organization Research, Management Science, and Operations Research, or in other fields with research interests related to crisis management.

*The deadline for applications is Monday, April 9, 2007.*

More information about the program, including application instructions, can be viewed here, <http://iscram.org>.

For additional information, contact [summerschool2007@iscram.org](mailto:summerschool2007@iscram.org).

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**(3) Pre-Conference Announcement: Seventh IIASA-DPRI Forum on Integrated Disaster Risk Management**

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

We would like to inform you that the Seventh IIASA-DPRI Forum on Integrated Disaster Risk Management will be held in Stresa on the Lake Maggiore (near the Joint Research Centre) in Italy on 19-21 September. The conference will be preceded by two optional working meetings (limited participation) and the Young Scientists Session on September 16-18. The Forum is co-organized by the Institute for Protection and Security of the Citizen (IPSC) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI) of the Kyoto University, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

This year's conference theme "Coping with Disasters: Global Challenges for the 21st Century and Beyond" is motivated by the urgent need to think beyond short-term disaster management goals to the challenges that lay ahead in an ever increasingly populated, urbanized, and complex world.

You can find more information and details on the conference web site <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/RAV/conf/IDRiM07/index.html>

This page will be updated regularly.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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**(4) Studies in Emergency Management at York University**

York University is proud to announce a new Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management (pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies). Information on this graduate degree as well as our Certificate in Emergency Management (now streamlined to 24 credits or 4 full courses) can be found at <http://www.yorku.ca/akevents/academic/SAS/EM/index.html>

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**(5) Philosophy of Risk Newsletter vol. 8, no. 1, March 2007**

PHILRISKNEWS - An electronic newsletter for people interested in the philosophy of risk, uncertainty, and safety.

Editors: Sven Ove Hansson and Birgitte Wandall

Contributions in the form of brief abstracts, reviews, or discussion notes are most welcome. The editors are also grateful to be informed of new literature that can be announced in the newsletter. Please send your contribution to: [owner-philrisknews@infra.kth.se](mailto:owner-philrisknews@infra.kth.se)

PHILRISKNEWS is sent out from the Division of Philosophy at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. This issue was sent to 441 subscribers.

This and previous issues are also available at the home page of PhilRiskNews: <http://www.infra.kth.se/phil/riskpage>

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1. Book review: "Precautionary politics – principle and practice in confronting environmental risk" by Kerry H. Whiteside. The MIT Press 2006 Reviewed by Erik Persson

This book is partly introductory and partly discussing. A theme through the book is the comparison between the US and the European approach to the precautionary principle. The comparison falls out clearly to the advantage of the European approach. The author believes that the American approach is more technocratic and driven by "marginalist economic reasoning" while Europeans are more open to historical, sociological and philosophical aspects. He also puts some effort into nuancing the picture, however. He points out that the precautionary principle and a general precautionary attitude does play a role also in the US, and historically the US has some times even been in the forefront.

A whole chapter is dedicated to the question of gene technology. For those who have followed the discussion, this chapter does not contain any new facts or ideas. For the novice however it might work as a good introduction to the issue and some of its problems.

Philosophically, Whiteside considers the precautionary principle (PP) to be the concrete manifestation of a new and alternative way of looking at our relation with nature. A relation formed in light of our increased understanding of how incomplete our understanding of nature really is. He confers the philosophical basis of the precautionary principle to Hans Jonas and Bruno Latour. Whiteside is critical towards Jonas expressly authoritarian tendencies and towards Latour for being too allowing regarding experiments with nature. His conclusion is, however, that Jonas after all supplies a better understanding of the precautionary principle.

The author discusses and defends the PP against some of the common objections. He also makes the important point that it is misleading to contrast PP with "science-based decision-making". It is instead according to Whiteside a matter of doing science differently. In particular it is a matter of making it more transparent.

Above all, he argues that we need the precautionary principle because the traditional methods cannot meet the challenges from the new environmental risks. The traditional methods are according to Whiteside not adapted to deal with the magnitude of the things we perform and the values we put at risk or the slowness of the process and the non-linear behaviour of the environment. He points out that the slowness of environmental change is not least problematic when it comes to our relations to future generations: Today's decision makers get the benefits while future generations pay the costs.

An interesting aspect is that the author also discusses and defends the PP against criticism launched from the opposite perspective so to speak. Jean-Pierre Dupuy criticises the precautionary principle for being too weak, and for luring us into believing that we can manage the risks of modern technology by invoking extra precautions.

Whiteside finishes the book by a discussion of the democratic aspects. For him, public participation is one of the most important aspects of the principle, and he has some suggestions about how that should be done. He recognises that there are problems involved in inviting the public to take part in decisions concerning risks but he still think that the advantages prevail.

Erik Persson ([Erik.Persson@fil.lu.se](mailto:Erik.Persson@fil.lu.se))

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2. BOOK REVIEW: "Envy and Resentment: The passions of the psyche and the closed society" by Demertzis, Nicos and Lipovats, Thanos. Polis, 2006. ISBN: 9604350951.  
Reviewed by Charalambos Tsekeris

The advent of risk society (Ulrich Beck) signified many large scale and widespread social changes that are still taking place today in various forms. These changes bring the conception of social-cultural trauma right at the forefront of intellectual life and public debate.

In the context of trauma studies and the sociology/philosophy of emotions, an exciting dialogue between social theory and psychoanalysis is taking place. The whole book, in the last

instance, constitutes an original and substantial attempt to cure the various cultural and psychological traumas of the social subjects who experienced the risks and uncertainties of the adversarial political developments in modern (post-Civil-War) Greece.

Charalambos Tsekeris ([tsekeris@panteion.gr](mailto:tsekeris@panteion.gr))

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### 3. CONFERENCE: Moral Emotions about Risky Technologies

May 3-4 2007, Delft University of Technology

Despite the fact that there is a lot of empirical research about emotions about risky technologies, as to now there is almost no philosophical research done in which moral emotions about risky technologies are studied. The aim of this conference is to set the stage for research into moral emotions about risky technologies, by bringing together scholars who study moral emotions and/or ethical aspects of risk and asking them to reflect on the issue of moral emotions about risky technologies.

Conference website: <http://www.valuesanddesign.eu/>

For more information, please contact: [riskemotion-tbm@tudelft.nl](mailto:riskemotion-tbm@tudelft.nl)

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### 4. CONFERENCE: Regulating Chemical Risks: Science, Politics, and the Media. August 15-17 2007, Stockholm, Sweden

Organised by Södertörn University College in cooperation with Royal Institute of Technology and Karolinska Institutet

The conference addresses regulation of chemicals and particularly the risks associated with them. The growing number and global diffusion of both chemicals themselves and regulation of chemicals imply a tremendous challenge for both research and policy. In Europe the most recent development of this is the emergence of the REACH programme of the European Union. Global developments are also of considerable interest however, and regulation on the national level is still very diverse.

The multidisciplinary nature of understanding and meeting this challenge is reflected in the conference, which welcomes contributions from both natural and social science. The conference is open for both academics and practitioners, including people representing the media, industry, government and NGOs. Although the geographical focus is on the development in Europe, observations from other parts of the world that are useful for comparative analysis are greatly appreciated.

Please visit the website for more information and registration:

<http://www.sh.se/chemicalrisks07>.

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### 5. RECENT PUBLICATIONS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF RISK

(links may require subscription)

Alaszewski, A and Brown, P(2007):Risk, uncertainty and knowledge. Health, Risk & Society 9(1)1-10 [Direct link](#)

Burgess, A (2006): The making of the risk-centred society and the limits of social risk research. Health, Risk & Society 8(4):329-342 [Direct link](#)

Cvetkovich, G and Nakayachi, K (2007): Trust in a High-concern Risk Controversy: A Comparison of Three Concepts. Journal of Risk Research 10(2)223 - 237 [Direct link](#)

Hansson, SO (2007): Risk. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy [Direct link](#)

Hermansson, H (2007): The Ethics of NIMBY Conflicts. Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, 10(1):23-34

Ittis, A (2007): Pediatric Research Posing a Minor Increase Over Minimal Risk and No Prospect of Direct Benefit: Challenging 45 CFR 46.406. Accountability in Research: Policies and Quality Assurance 14(1):19 - 34

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**(6) Emergency Management and Homeland Security Articles of Interest**

*The following list of articles on Emergency Management will only once be posted in this newsletter. For more information see <http://www.iaem.com/>. If there is an interest on posting it regular please contact me [M.V.]*

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Good Evening Everyone,

Below is this week's articles of interest. This service is brought to in cooperation with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). If you're interested in learning more about IAEM, please visit our website at: <http://www.iaem.com/> The information posted below does not necessarily represent the opinions of the editor of this document or IAEM. This publication is meant simply to distribute and make available information relevant to the Emergency Management profession. Enjoy!

Steve Detwiler

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

**Articles of Interest 3-16-07**

**U.S. News Reports**

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

Local Disaster Plans Still Have Major Gaps Say Experts at American Military University's 'Ripple Effect' Symposium (Provided by Wayne Blanchard)

<http://ca.us.biz.yahoo.com/pz/070222/114279.html?printer=1>

Expecting the Unexpected: The Need for a Networked Terrorism and Disaster Response Strategy (Provided by Wayne Blanchard)

<http://www.hsaj.org/?fullarticle=3.1.3>

Interoperability: Stop Blaming the Radio (Provided by Wayne Blanchard)

<http://www.hsaj.org/?fullarticle=3.1.5>

Deterrence, Terrorism, and American Values (Provided by Wayne Blanchard)  
<http://www.hsaj.org/?fullarticle=3.1.4>

Fractured Fairy Tale: The War on Terror and the Emperor's New Clothes (Provided by Wayne Blanchard)  
<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=3.1.2>

Katrina victims evacuate FEMA park (Louisiana)  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070305/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/katrina\\_fema\\_trailers](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070305/ap_on_re_us/katrina_fema_trailers)

Mass migration drill to prepare for possible crisis (Florida)  
[http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local\\_news/epaper/2007/03/05/m1a\\_migration\\_0305.html](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2007/03/05/m1a_migration_0305.html)

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/state/sfl-cmigration08mar08.0.7872691.story?coll=orl-home-headlines>

'Smuggler' response wraps massive drill  
[http://www.palmbeachpost.com/yourtown/content/local\\_news/epaper/2007/03/09/s1b\\_migration\\_0309.html](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/yourtown/content/local_news/epaper/2007/03/09/s1b_migration_0309.html)

Still a four letter word, FEMA scrambles to reform  
<http://www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070304/NEWS/203040350/1002/NEWS>

Cost vs. benefit doesn't apply to environmental disasters (Florida)  
[http://www.palmbeachpost.com/opinion/content/opinion/epaper/2007/03/05/letterfile\\_0305.html](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/opinion/content/opinion/epaper/2007/03/05/letterfile_0305.html)

New group to coordinate homeland security intelligence  
<http://fcw.com/article97794-02-28-07-Web>

Homeland Security Tests First Responder Credential Capabilities  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1172866131042.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1172866131042.shtm)

New Director to Head Emergency Management Agency (Illinois)  
[http://cbs2chicago.com/local/local\\_story\\_064145114.html](http://cbs2chicago.com/local/local_story_064145114.html)

Emergency-management leaders look at ways local kennels, shelters and other groups can help when disaster strikes and there is a need for ... Pet rescues (Oregon)

<http://www.mailtribune.com/archive/2007/0305/local/stories/petdisasterplan.htm>

UC Berkeley Launches System to Track People in Event of Disaster (California)  
<http://www.dailycal.org/sharticle.php?id=23684>

Collaborative technologies provide means to improve emergency response (Pennsylvania)  
<http://www.statecollege.com/news/local/article.php?cat=6&id=12026>

GSA releases telework guidelines  
<http://fcw.com/article97813-03-05-07-Web>

Hampton Roads to be a national model in disaster simulation (Virginia)  
<http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=120478&ran=133685&tref=po>

NOAA Provides Critical Lead Time for Southeast Tornadoes  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104268>

Former sailor arrested on terror charges

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070308/ts\\_nm/security\\_usa\\_sailor\\_dc](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070308/ts_nm/security_usa_sailor_dc)

Airport workers would be screened like passengers under bill

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070308/APN/703083106>

Congress should examine airport security breach, lawmakers say

<http://www.bradenton.com/mld/bradenton/news/politics/16857145.htm>

Escambia, Santa Rosa need more housing (Florida)

<http://www.pensacolanewsjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070308/OPINION/703080303/1020>

Lawmaker unhappy with Homeland Security research agency

[http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=36316&sid=28](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36316&sid=28)

North Central Texas Council of Governments Launches Data Sharing Network for Statewide Crime and Link Analysis

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104316>

HHS Official to Present Countermeasures in Bird Flu Summit Next Week

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104304>

Report Finds States Leading the Charge for Improved Public Safety Communications

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104295>

Conflicting Signals Can Confuse Rescue Robots (This Technical Report is included in the Report's Section)

<http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=104292>

New Technology Tests Local Emergency Responders

<http://www.10news.com/news/11194398/detail.html>

U.S. Unprepared for Nuclear Terror Attack, Experts Say

[http://www.govtech.net/digitalcommunities/story.php?id=104230&story\\_pg=1](http://www.govtech.net/digitalcommunities/story.php?id=104230&story_pg=1)

Bush vows help as he tours tornado-hit southern states

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070303/ts\\_alt\\_afp/uscanadaweather\\_070303223623](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070303/ts_alt_afp/uscanadaweather_070303223623)

Importance of 'emergency preparedness' cannot be overstated

<http://www.therolladailynews.com/articles/2007/03/03/editorials/edit02.txt>

EMA officials blame wrong figures on miscommunication after storm (Alabama)

[http://www.nbc15online.com/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=c72d5b2c-909a-4560-ab0c-0951596a53f3&rss=217](http://www.nbc15online.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=c72d5b2c-909a-4560-ab0c-0951596a53f3&rss=217)

Area school systems try to 'err on the side of caution' (Alabama)

<http://www.dailyhome.com/news/2007/dh-localnews-0303-scorona-7c02v4816.htm>

Florida Offers Support to Alabama

<http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/6268347.html>

All not in the family for GOP hopeful Giuliani

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/POLITICS/03/05/giuliani.family/index.html>

Firefighters Claim Giuliani Ignored Needs After 9/11

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/bloomberg/20070309/pl\\_bloomberg/a8o5p2xitqhk](http://news.yahoo.com/s/bloomberg/20070309/pl_bloomberg/a8o5p2xitqhk)



Alabama Governor Announces Information Phone Line and Web Site for Volunteers and Donations

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104241>

## Global Warming and Hazards Research

Decisions on dealing with severe weather difficult

<http://www.decatordaily.com/decatordaily/news/070303/deal.shtml>

State earmarks \$14 million to help locals enforce building code (Louisiana)

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070305/APN/703052467>

<http://www.theadvocate.com/news/6326632.html>

Growing white supremacist gang threatens police (California)

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/03/04/white.supremacist.gang.ap/index.html>

Bush administration rejects development of radiation drug

<http://www.bradenton.com/mld/bradenton/news/politics/16855064.htm>

After hurricane repairs, Everglades City Hall is a workplace again (Florida)

[http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2007/mar/07/after\\_hurricane\\_repairs\\_everglades\\_city\\_hall\\_workp/?local\\_news](http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2007/mar/07/after_hurricane_repairs_everglades_city_hall_workp/?local_news)

Brevard gains funds to remove vessels (Florida)

<http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070307/NEWS01/703070347/1006>

NOAA radio can help you weather a tornado's wrath

[http://www.tcpalm.com/tcp/local\\_news/article/0,2545,TCP\\_16736\\_5401819,00.html](http://www.tcpalm.com/tcp/local_news/article/0,2545,TCP_16736_5401819,00.html)

More cash needed to protect U.S. food: experts

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?chanID=sa003&articleID=A5F27F155A3F983FFB4EEE7DE7C984E3>

Ala. School Warned Hours Before Tornado

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/general/859056/ala\\_school\\_warned\\_hours\\_before\\_tornado/index.html](http://www.redorbit.com/news/general/859056/ala_school_warned_hours_before_tornado/index.html)

Warming Could Slow Ocean Currents

[http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2007/03/01/conveyerbelt\\_pla.html?category=earth&guid=20070301101530](http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2007/03/01/conveyerbelt_pla.html?category=earth&guid=20070301101530)

WHO Wants Bird Flu Vaccine Stockpiled

<http://www.physorg.com/news92063907.html>

Build inland, UN climate report warns

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/story/0,,2024779,00.html>

Millions wasted on Anthrax vaccine search?

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/03/04/eveningnews/main2534823.shtml>

NASA Can't Pay for Killer Asteroid Hunt

<http://www.physorg.com/news92338892.html>

Scientists reconstruct migration of avian flu virus

<http://www.physorg.com/news92338763.html>

Building Codes Worked During Hurricane Rita, Study Shows  
<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southcentral/2007/01/26/76339.htm>

Beefier Building Codes Helped Some Florida Homes Survive Tornados  
[http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Beefier\\_Building\\_Codes\\_Helped\\_Some\\_Florida\\_Homes\\_Survive\\_Tornados\\_999.html](http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Beefier_Building_Codes_Helped_Some_Florida_Homes_Survive_Tornados_999.html)

In California, It Pays To Go Green  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/03/06/eveningnews/main2540879.shtml>

Bird Flu Buster: New Vaccine Protects against Multiple Viral Strains  
<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?chanID=sa003&articleID=29C319E4-E7F2-99DF-30ED8A0878193075>

## Other

Some states put untrained cops on duty  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070305/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/untrained\\_police](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070305/ap_on_re_us/untrained_police)

Oklahoma City Fire Department Implements New Software  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104274>

Secretary Chertoff Tightens Post-Employment Restrictions for Senior DHS Officials  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1173370911052.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1173370911052.shtm)

[http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=36324&sid=28](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36324&sid=28)

Senate work on security bill to spill over to next week  
[http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=36326&sid=28](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36326&sid=28)

Georgia Governor Honors 911 Professionals, Young Heroes  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104326>

EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE CEM<sup>®</sup> CREDENTIAL  
<http://www.iaem.com/documents/iaempresrelease030207.pdf>

DHS Undersecretary Cohen Keynotes Conference on Interoperability for Informed Emergency Response  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/story.php?id=104362>

Windstorm aftermath: 911 alternatives needed? (Washington)  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003614746\\_webwindstorm12m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003614746_webwindstorm12m.html)

Grumpy workers are the best workers (Provided by King County, WA OEM)  
[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/302397\\_grumpyworkers05.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/302397_grumpyworkers05.html)

Much of Seattle prone to damage from infrequent disasters (Provided by King County, WA OEM)  
[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/306216\\_tsunami06.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/306216_tsunami06.html)

25 individuals who are pushing the boundaries of government-as-usual (Kudos to Eric Holdeman with King County, WA OEM)  
<http://www.govtech.net/magazine/story.php?id=104082>

SHA focuses on preparing for emergencies (Provided by King County, WA OEM)  
<http://www.seattlehousing.org/Newspage/newsarticles/EmergPrepare.htm>

Civil Air Patrol Helps Protect Nation's Capital

<http://www.nbc4.com/news/11174200/detail.html?rss=dc&psp=news>

Bank of America Introduces Emergency Relief (TM) Card Solutions

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/usnw/20070307/pl\\_usnw/bank\\_of\\_america\\_introduces\\_emergency\\_relief\\_tm\\_card\\_solutions](http://news.yahoo.com/s/usnw/20070307/pl_usnw/bank_of_america_introduces_emergency_relief_tm_card_solutions)

Yough school to turn emergency drill into bigger disaster (Pennsylvania)

[http://pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/rss/s\\_496474.html](http://pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/rss/s_496474.html)

Kentucky Guardsmen, Emergency Teams Practice Earthquake Drills

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2007/03/06/77461.htm>

Rail representatives rip DHS grants bureaucracy

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Subject: **Call for Abstracts: Speaker Submissions are Due March 23, 2007**

To: NEMA Partners

Dear NEMA Partners,

NEMA and the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) would like to make you aware of a Call for Abstracts for the 2007 National Conference on Community

Preparedness: Participation and Collaboration through Citizen Corps. This conference is hosted by IAEM and NEMA, and it is funded in part by a cooperative agreement with the Department of Homeland Security.

The conference will be held June 10-13, 2007, at the Alexandria Mark Center Hilton, Alexandria, VA. It will bring together approximately 600 partners from Citizen Corps Councils, emergency management, fire and police services, public health and emergency medical services, non-governmental organizations, state and local elected officials, private business, and industry to discuss and promote collaboration, planning, and emergency response for all hazards, including terrorism. The event is also open to the media.

The conference planning team is soliciting proposals for panelists on a variety of topics and best practices related to community preparedness. We encourage Citizen Corps members, partners, and others who are interested in community preparedness to visit the conference website and submit their proposals. For ideas on appropriate topics, we recommend reviewing the draft planning agenda that is posted to the conference website.

Speaker submissions for the Call for Abstracts are due by March 23.

More information on the conference, registration, and the Call for Abstracts can be found on the conference website: <http://www.iaem.com/NCCC2007.htm> .

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Headline: HHS LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE TOOLKIT FOR MEDICAL RESPONSES TO RADIATION EMERGENCIES (Provided by Dave Freeman)

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has developed a new downloadable online diagnostic and treatment toolkit designed for health care providers, primarily physicians, who may have to provide medical care during a radiation incident.

The new information package includes easy-to-follow procedures for diagnosis and management of radiation contamination and exposure, guidance for the use of radiation medical countermeasures, and a variety of other features to facilitate medical responses. All of this is now available on the Radiation Event Medical Management (REMM) Web site (<http://REMM.NLM.GOV>).

"The REMM toolkit is part of our effort to improve public health emergency preparedness and response," Secretary Leavitt said. "It reflects the department's commitment to help instill a spirit of preparedness throughout our nation."

Guidance on diagnosis and treatment will help health care providers by describing:

- \* types of radiation emergencies they may face
- \* initial medical actions at the incident site and or medical facility
- \* key steps in patient care

Critical information is presented in a format that will quickly and efficiently orient and guide health care providers during a mass casualty radiation event. In addition to online access, federal, state and local medical response teams will be able to download REMM information on laptop computers for quick access when they are deployed to a radiation incident or for training sessions. Users can also register for automatic e-mail updates whenever information is changed or added to the REMM Web site.

Future plans include formatting the REMM material for use on Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) devices, additional multimedia graphics, and more topic areas, such as follow-up patient care of radiation's chronic effects.

A team of subject matter experts from the HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute and National Library of Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collaborated on the development and design of the REMM tool.

Statement for the Record Subcommittee on Homeland Security Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives On "Preparing for Disasters, Natural or Otherwise" by Michael D. Selves, CEM, President of the International Association of Emergency Managers

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IAEM CEM®/AEM Examination: A Study Guide

[http://www.iaem.com/certification/generalinfo/documents/CEMStudyGuideWebVersion3\\_07.pdf](http://www.iaem.com/certification/generalinfo/documents/CEMStudyGuideWebVersion3_07.pdf)

Ready New York: Outdoor Advertisements

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/about\\_outdoor.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/about_outdoor.shtml)

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Washington State Emergency Management Association website  
<http://www.wsema.org/>

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<http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/democracymunities/publicsafety/emergencies/ceps.htm>

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<http://www.oceania-iaem.com>

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Issues in Legal Scholarship (<http://www.bepress.com/ils>) is an electronic journal offering a forum for discussion of seminal articles in the field of legal scholarship. Daniel Farber's introduction to the symposium is included below.

Stephen D. Sugarman "Roles of Government in Compensating Disaster Victims".  
<http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss10/art1>

Carolyn Kousky, Sam Walsh, and Richard Zeckhauser "Options Contracts for Contingent Takings".  
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Cass R. Sunstein "The Catastrophic Harm Precautionary Principle".  
<http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss10/art3>

Jonathan S. Simon "Wake of the Flood: Crime, Disaster, and the American Risk Imaginary after Katrina".  
<http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss10/art4>

Dwight M. Jaffee and Thomas Russell "Terrorism Insurance: Rethinking the Government's Role".  
<http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss10/art5>

National Council on Disability (NCD) Involvement (Provided by King County, WA OEM)

This is a summary of some of the things the NCD will be active with FEMA and DHS on:

Under the Homeland Security Appropriations bill (H.R. 5441) signed by President Bush on October 4, 2006, the National Council on Disability has been assigned key responsibilities for disability related issues in homeland security. These responsibilities involve the Administrator of FEMA working, in conjunction with other FEMA staff, with NCD and others (e.g., a National Advisory Council, organizations representing people with disabilities) on at least nine (9) major tasks including:

- Appointing a Disability Coordinator;
- Interacting regarding the needs of individuals with disabilities in emergency planning requirements and relief efforts in the event of a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster;
- Completing, revising, and updating, as necessary, guidelines to define risk-based target capabilities for Federal, State, local, and tribal government preparedness that will enable the Nation to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and others;
- Carrying out a national training program to implement the national preparedness goal, National Incident Management System, National Response Plan, and other related plans and strategies;
- Carrying out a national exercise program to test and evaluate the national preparedness goal, National Incident Management System, National Response Plan, and other related plans and strategies;
- Establishing a comprehensive system to assess, on an ongoing basis, the Nation's prevention capabilities and overall preparedness, including operational readiness;
- Establishing a remedial action management program to-- (1) analyze training, exercises, and real-world events to identify and disseminate lessons learned and best practices; (2) generate and disseminate, as appropriate, after action reports to participants in exercises and real-world events; and (3) conduct remedial action tracking and long-term trend analysis;
- Developing, coordinating, and maintaining a National Disaster Housing Strategy; and
- Developing guidelines to accommodate individuals with disabilities, which shall include guidelines for: (1) the accessibility of, and communications and programs in, shelters, recovery centers, and other facilities; and (2) devices used in connection with disaster operations, including first aid stations, mass feeding areas, portable payphone stations, portable toilets, and temporary housing.

NCD met during the last week of February with key FEMA and DHS staff, as well as with national organizations representing people with disabilities, about these key responsibilities and the direction FEMA is taking to fulfill its new disability mandates under H.R. 5441. FEMA management also testified in February before the House Committee on Homeland Security regarding the overall direction it is taking to strengthen its operations and infrastructure.

#### US Naval Post Graduate School & US Department of Homeland Security Masters Degree Program

The Department of Homeland Security has partnered with the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), a Military Institution for Advanced Degree work, to offer a Homeland Security Leadership Development Program for state and local emergency responders and administrative staffs. The Program will result in a Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies: Homeland Security and Defense.

This Program has been designed to educate and develop state and local personnel who will be the future leaders in their agencies and organizations. This challenging program engages the students in a course of study that enables them to develop strategies, plans and programs to reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism, build the organizational arrangements needed to

strengthen interagency cooperation, and sharpens their ability to make improvements in existing homeland security preparedness by conducting "real world" actionable policy development work.

The program is a mix of in-residence work at NPS and an innovative distance learning syllabus via the internet that allows the students to continue working in their present position and begin applying what they are learning and mastering in the program to their positions at the state and local level.

The Degree Program was stood-up in January 2003 and as of 1/1/2007 has awarded 120 Master of Arts Degrees in Security Studies: Homeland Security and Defense. FEMA Region IV accounts for 13 of those degrees with 11 more students presently completing course work. The State of Florida accounts for 4 degrees with 5 students completing course work. The single person who has received a degree from the southern Florida area, Florida Region 7, is Ruben Almaguer, a former Division Chief from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, and presently a Homeland Security Official for Florida State in Tallahassee.

Florida is a key state in the Homeland Security matrix and southern Florida is a critical node for the nation with a unique mix of Homeland Security issues and relationships. The Program Outreach Committee from CHDS has targeted the state as a priority recruitment area not only for what the program has to offer to the area, but what the southern Florida challenges and successes has to give to the nation. We are targeting any agency that has a role in homeland security with priority areas being:

State and Local Homeland Security and Emergency Management professionals,  
Government Administrators,  
Law Enforcement,  
Fire and EMS,  
Public Health,  
Public Works, and,  
PIO's from state and major cities.

The titles or positions that we are also prioritizing are:

- Administrators who manage Fusion Centers (non-FBI),
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management state or regional Administrators,
- High Density, high population public safety administrators, and,
- people responsible for coordinating homeland security or emergency management functions critical jurisdictions.

The Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, pays all expenses incurred by the student for travel, per diem, tuition, books and board..

Mr. William Kelley, the Project Director for the program from the Office of Grants and Training, DHS, and Vin Doherty, the Director of Program Outreach for the Center of Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, CA. will be coming to the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center for an information session on March 20, 2007 at 1400.

Individuals are requested to register with the Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security by sending an email to [eoc@miamidade.gov](mailto:eoc@miamidade.gov). The Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center is located at 9300 NW 41st Street, Doral (Miami), FL 33178. Directions can be found at [http://www.miamidade.gov/oem/contact\\_us.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/oem/contact_us.asp)

With the exception of registration via email, please do not contact the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security with questions about this event. Any questions regarding this event can be directed to:

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#### **(7) D&SCRN E-Newsletter - call for contributions**

Dear members and colleagues of the Disaster & Social Crisis Research Network,  
I am currently preparing the next issue of our D&SCRN Electronic Newsletter.

Please send me any material you would like to have published! As always, we are looking for:

- Your recent publications
- Upcoming conferences
- Research projects
- Disaster and crisis management practices
- Commentaries, opinions, reviews
- Calls for papers
- Research & professional life
- Other items of interest to the community

Please notice that contributions should be limited to 1 1/2 page. All material should be sent to the address [dscrn.news@gmail.com](mailto:dscrn.news@gmail.com)

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