



TIEMS MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Why a Newsletter?

A periodic newsletter for the members of a society generates more awareness about the works and the activities carried out inside the society Council and contributes to the creation of a more strong communication link to & from the organisation members.

A newsletter is the most classical form to exchange ideas, suggestions or recommendations about works, projects and activities of a society.

Obviously today, more than in the past, there are many other forms of communication, that can also be more efficient and probably more adequate for the young generations. Such forms are the Web oriented users groups, the virtual forums, and all other types of communications that may be supported by the new generation of Web-oriented tools.

Personally I don't want to look down on such new innovative forms of communications. Anyway I think that the two different forms of communication, the more traditional and the innovative one, have to live together at least for a certain period of time.

For many people of my generation is not yet so usual communicate the ideas using the tools available on a Web site, and many of us, if are interested in a certain matter, like to have some structured and "printable" material to take away.

Another important aspect that differentiates a Newsletter respect to a Virtual forum is "periodicity" of the letter. My intention is to send this letter to all TIEMS members three times during the year: in October, in February and in June. If we establish a well defined time on which we have to do a job, is more easy to collect data and information to produce the document.

The Members Newsletter is not only a vehicle of information exchange from the Council to the Members but also a "resource" available to every member that likes to publish advises, ideas or suggestions toward all other members of the society.

As you can see I have inserted, as last section of this Newsletter, many advises about scientific events that are incoming in the next months. I have inserted here only the events that seem more interesting for TIEMS community, but for the second newsletter, before February, I invite all of you to communicate me the advises you like to be inserted in the Newsletter.

Probably some of these advise are present also on TIEMS web site; but this is not a real duplication because the communication mechanism is different and the same advise can potentially be acquired by different classes of people.

TIEMS membership reorganization process

The general TIEMS member Assembly, last May in Australia, established to introduce more flexibility in our By-law to respond to the needs of the growing international nature of membership and organizational activities. In such perspective a transition of TIEMS from governance by the Florida articles and incorporation to a new Swiss “statuten” is necessary.

During the next months a draft proposal will be prepared to modify and improve the sections relative to membership, members assembly, members rules, duties and benefits. Personally I hope such draft may be distributed to all members two month before the next Conference so the everyone will have the possibility to make comments or suggestions before and during the general Assembly.

In the following are reported some ideas and innovations that I and other members of the Council proposed and that was already partially under discussion.

Membership grades

We have actually an adequate number of membership grades in relation with the different situations coming from different countries around the world. Here we must to consider the new reality of Chapters inside membership. One of the main objective of Chapters for TIEMS is the purpose of to attract the interest and recruiting members at regional level. In such perspective a Chapter could be considered a sort of Institutional Member of TIEMS.

Membership fees

The actual way to collect membership fee seem not adequate to the preferences and needs of many members. In particular, for the members that participate to the annual TIEMS Conference, it seem more efficient to link membership fee with the Conference registration fee. For new members the participation to a Conference may include the membership fee for the first year.

Many actions are also undertaken to have the possibility to pay membership and Conference registration fee directly on the Web site. This process is anyway low because we need to select and experiment a safe mechanism to manage money transactions.

Membership rules for applying and for separation

Well defined rules for applying and separation from the Society have to be defined, trying to use simplicity and avoiding bureaucracy.

Membership benefits

Regarding the potential benefits that TIEMS society may offer to the members, many discussions and debates are actually in progress inside the Council. A specific request was sent by Charles Kelly to all members, asking them to indicate what types of benefits they expect from the Society. I think that the availability of this Newsletter, and its future improvements could be also considered an additional benefit to be members of TIEMS.

I would like here invite all of you to think about this issue; your suggestions or indications could contribute to define a list of benefits to be included inside our by-law.

Identification of Special Interest Groups inside TIEMS members

The identification of Groups of interest inside the TIEMS community and the possibility for every member to participate to the work of one or more of such groups, may be also one of the previous benefits.

This issue have generated also debate inside the Council.

Groups of interest was firstly proposed by myself in 2003, but now it is also suggested by Charles Thomas (actually he is working to develop such idea) as an appropriate structure to link together members with common specific interests in the different fields of Emergency Management.

This proposal is in general appreciated by the members of the Council and by the President, with the condition that the Groups must not be “alternative” structure respect to the Chapters, but an “additional” instrument to attract members, that have no national boundaries, and whose interests could not be represented through a national Chapter. Interest Groups could also contribute to create a more strong technical/scientific communities inside the Society, giving to the Society the possibility to organise Workshops or Seminars on the specific themes of the Groups.

Also regarding this issue the members are invited to give their suggestions, preferences or indications.

IJEM (Int. Journal of Emergency Management)

IJEM international journal (<http://www.inderscience.com>) has emerged from TIEMS society with the purpose to provide a forum where researchers, planners, managers, response personnel and other interested parties can exchange knowledge and information on the use of innovative methods and technologies to improve the ability to avoid, mitigate, respond to, and recover from natural and technological disasters.

The Editorial Board of this Journal is mainly composed by members of TIEMS; and improved versions of the papers presented at every TIEMS Conference can be submitted for publication contacting the Executive Editor Dr. Jean-Luc Wybo at the address available at Inderscience Web site.

The special link that we have with this International Journal is another important benefit of TIEMS members.

TIEMS Conference

Alan Jones has already sent an invitation to participate to the 12th TIEMS annual Conference in Faroe Islands from 24th to 27th May 2005. As always we seek unique and interesting papers for presentation at the event and eagerly await your continued support and valued contributions. For a copy of the first call for papers please visit http://www.tiems.org/files/pdf/CfP_12th_Annual_TIEMS_Conference.pdf

TIEMS Chapters

Last TIEMS Chapter

The first Croatian TIEMS Workshop entitled "Risk Assessment and Disaster Management at Regional Level" has been held from 21st until 22nd September 2004 in Split, Croatia.

The workshop was organized by the Regional Centre for Assistance and Disaster Relief (www.rcadr.org) – Divulje in cooperation with the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Split.

At the Workshop participated 54 people from 12 countries, and a representatives from the Prime Minister.

During the Workshop the President Harald Drager has laid the foundation for a TIEMS South East European Chapter.

Next TIEMS Chapter

The TIEMS Czech Chapter is planned to be established during the 7th International Conference "The Presence and Future of Crisis Management 2004" which will be held from 22nd - 23rd November 2004 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The conference will be organized in cooperation with the Czech University of Defense, the Crisis Management Institute VŠE, AFCEA Czech Chapter and the Police Academy of the Czech Republic.

For information about the Conference see the www.emergency.cz/en/19.asp (call for papers, information, registration, accomodation).

For information about all TIEMS Chapters or to negotiate the creation of additional Chapters, you can visit the TIEMS Website www.tiems.org

Next Meetings, Workshops and Conferences related to EM

This section is dedicated to give notice about the most important events that are in program for the next months. TIEMS members and friends are encouraged to send, at the membership e-mail address (membership@tiems.org) information about incoming events that may be of interest for the TIEMS community.

The received event information will be published in the newsletter three times during the year in the months of October, February and June.

Securing Critical Infrastructures

2nd International Conference on Critical Infrastructures

October 25 - 27, 2004, Grenoble, FRANCE

Certain technological infrastructures are critical for the well-being of modern societies. During the past several years electric power networks, communication networks, and computer networks have become so intimately interlinked that it is necessary to consider these infrastructures in an integrated framework.

The conference hopes to bring together researchers, manufacturers of infrastructure hardware and software systems, and institutions involved in security and emergency management at national and international levels, in order to exchange views on what should be the direction of developments in these critical disciplines.

<http://www.leg.ensieg.inpg.fr/cris2004/>

The 2th National Risk Management Conference

TE PAPA Wellington, New Zealand

4-6 November 2004

This Conference takes a step up from the Society's inaugural Conference two years ago which highlighted the theory and principles of Risk Management. "Risk in the Real World" takes an up close and personal look at what people are actually doing to make the theories work in real life situations.

<http://www.risksociety.org.nz/conference2004/index.html>

4TH WORKSHOP On Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and Crisis Communication

November 4 & 5, 2004

Dallas, Texas 75201

This highly-acclaimed Workshop, in its fourth year with the annual IAEM conference, will enhance understanding and advance implementation of a comprehensive emergency management, homeland security, and crisis communication program. The requirements, as described in the updated NFPA 1600 standard will be addressed.

<http://www.edmus.info/>

International Conference on Grounding and Earthing.

Brazil: **November 7-11, 2004.**

This conference will provide an opportunity for researchers, engineers, designers, and users, from a wide range of industry and academia to present and discuss the latest scientific results and share practical experience about lightning physics and practical applications to protect against lightning. Complete information can be obtained from Silvério Visacro F.; tel: (055.31) 34994872;

e-mail: LRC@cpdee.ufmg.br;

<http://www.ground2004.com/>

Emergency Response Conference and Exposition.

San Diego, California: **November 17-20, 2004.**

This conference will focus on how emergency responders and organizations can integrate their response to major incidents and manage new activities. For conference details contact Stephen Schuldenfrei, Access Intelligence, 1201 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD 20854; (301) 354-1813;

e-mail: sschuldenfrei@accessintel.com

<http://www.emergencyresponseshow.com/>.

4th Global Homeland Security Conference & Expo **Protecting the Nation's Critical Infrastructure and Key Assets**

November 22-23, 2004, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

<http://www.protectinfrastructure.com/index.html>

SAFE 2005

First International Conference on Safety and Security Engineering

13 - 15 June 2005 Rome, Italy

The purpose of this First International Conference is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of the most recent developments in the theoretical and practical aspects of Safety and Security Engineering. SAFE 2005 covers all aspects of this interdisciplinary area of research and its applications, which brings together all fields of engineering; from the traditional to the most technologically advanced. The conference will cover issues such as: crisis management; security engineering; natural disasters and emergencies; terrorism; IT security; man-made hazards; control, protection and mitigation issues.

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2005/safe05/index.html>

15th World Conference on Disaster Management

"The Changing Face of Disaster Management - Defining the New Normal"

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada July 10-13, 2005.

WCDM is a very important annual event that addresses issues common to all aspects of disaster/emergency management. The conference program includes speakers from many parts of the world and provides excellent opportunities for training and networking among those in Emergency Planning/Management, Emergency Response, Disaster Management Research, Emergency Communications, Business Continuity, Risk Management, Security, IT, HR, Environmental, Community Planning, as well as for the organizations which supply and service these professions.

<http://www.wcdm.org/>

Invitation to contribute to the next Newsletters

All members and supporters are invited to contribute to the next Newsletters sending at the e-mail address membership@tiems.org small articles, advises, info or suggestions that you want to divulgate to TIEMS members community.

The last dates available for publication inside the Newsletters are:

- 31 of January for publication inside February Newsletter
- 31 of May for publication inside June Newsletter
- 30 of September for publication inside October Newsletter