



# The International Emergency Management Society 2016 Annual Conference

## Innovation and Urban Planning for Emergency Resilience in Large Cities

September 13 to 15, 2016

San Diego, California, USA

In an increasingly interdependent world, coordination between local, state, national, and international agencies and the ability to leverage innovative technology have become critical to the success of today's emergency management strategies. This conference will explore best practices and emerging technologies to facilitate coordination of resources, as well as urban planning strategies to build resilient communities.

Topics to include:

- Cross-Border and Inter-Agency Coordination
- Cyber Security
- Coastal Risk Management
- Urban Planning and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- New and Applied Technologies

Keynote presentations from US and international leaders will provide unique insights on these important topics, and panel sessions will create an exceptional opportunity to discuss local and international perspectives. See our Call for Papers section below to add your ideas to the discussion. Take advantage of our extended Early Bird Registration pricing and join us to learn, network, and enjoy beautiful San Diego!

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# Welcome to The International Emergency Management Society 2016 Annual Conference



On behalf of the citizens of San Diego, I would like to welcome you to The International Emergency Management Society 2016 Annual Conference.

San Diego has worked diligently at fostering communication, collaboration and sharing best practices among our countless professionals in the fields of healthcare, public health, emergency medical services and emergency management. As we are often reminded, ensuring disaster readiness and building healthier, safer and more resilient communities must be a top national priority. San Diego is a shining example to the nation in the field of emergency preparedness, drawing on our thriving defense industry, expertise in innovation, and cross-border collaboration.

San Diego is known for its world-class restaurants, beautiful beaches and thriving neighborhoods. While visiting, I hope that you have the opportunity to experience some of the attractions that America's Finest City has to offer.

Please accept my warmest wishes for an enjoyable event in San Diego.

Best personal regards,  
Kevin L. Faulconer  
Mayor

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## Speaker Highlights



### **Jorge Astiazarán Orcí (Mexico), Mayor of Tijuana (Invited)**

Dr. Jorge Astiazarán Orcí was elected Mayor of Tijuana in 2013. He is a physician and has been a Red Cross volunteer since he was 11 years old. Jorge Astiazarán Orcí has been instrumental in achieving cross-border collaboration for emergency resilience. He will speak to us on his **experiences and insights working with San Diego to improve emergency resilience in the region.**



### **K. Harald Drager (Norway), Founding Member and President of TIEMS**

Mr. Drager has expanded TIEMS to become a worldwide organization with activities in Asia, Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania. Mr. Drager will provide us a **global perspective on emergencies, the role played by TIEMS and set the context for this Conference.**



### **Kay Goss (USA), Founding president and CEO of World Disaster Management**

Ms. Goss is the Former Associate FEMA Director in charge of national preparedness, training, and exercises for President Bill Clinton. Ms. Goss is also a Fellow at the National Academy of Public Administration and President of the TIEMS USA Board. Her topic will be **"The Profound Impact of International Collaboration: Models and Standards"**



### **Maureen O'Connell (USA), Special Agent/InfraGard Coordinator, FBI**

Ms. O'Connell will describe her work representing the FBI in a National working group to improve cyber security and awareness, and dealing with emergency incidents including **the 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.**



### **Mark L. Benthien (USA), Global Coordinator Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills**

Mr. Benthien is Director for Communication, Education, and Outreach for the Southern California Earthquake Center, headquartered at the University of Southern California. He will speak to us of his activities to **communicate earthquake knowledge to increase awareness, reduce economic loss, and save lives.**

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**Guosheng Qu (China), Professor and Deputy Director of S&T Committee of the National Earthquake Response Support Service** Dr. Qu has published more than 100 papers in earth science, earthquake risk analysis, and emergency response, and he will provide a seasoned perspective from an area of the world with extensive earthquake experience.



**Murray Turoff (USA), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, New Jersey Institute of Technology** Dr. Turoff is the designer of the Emergency Management Information System and ReferenceIndex (EMISARI) and co-founder of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM) .



**George M. Karagiannis (Greece), Research Scientist, Technical University of Crete** Dr. Karagiannis's interdisciplinary research lies at the intersection of disaster resilience and infrastructure sustainability. His presentation will discuss the **emergency management aspects of the current European migration crisis**, and how support functions are complicated by international politics, security and legal concerns, as well as Greece's sovereign debt crisis.



**Carl Taylor (USA), Executive Director XCH, LLC, Sr. VP Risk, Unified Physician Management, Executive Director, Fraser Institute for Health and Risk Analytics.** will discuss the **assessment and communication of risk during disasters.**

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## Call for Papers

Papers are sought on the following topics, for presentation during themed paper sessions:

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Presenters will be allocated 20 minutes for each presentation, plus 10 minutes for discussion. Presenters will be asked to submit presentation materials (PowerPoint or equivalent for use at the conference and for publication in the conference proceedings. Presenters may also submit full papers for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

Please submit 300-word abstracts for proposed papers by June 1, 2016 through ([abstract submission](#)). Abstracts will be approved by July 1. Authors will be asked to submit PowerPoint presentations by September 1, and they may also elect to submit full papers by August 15 for inclusion in the conference proceedings. Full papers will be reviewed, with final revisions due September 10.

Proposals for 60 minute panels and poster presentations are also sought. Please indicate if you propose one of these, when you submit your abstract.

## Special Student Scholarship

TIEMS Rohrmann Student Scholarship Fund was initiated by *Bernd Rohrmann*, who donated the basic funds for TIEMS to be able to support graduate students to participate in TIEMS annual conferences. This Fund will financially support two students each year, and students are encouraged to submit their paper proposals and applications for financial support by filling in the application form according to the [Rules and Procedures](#) for the Fund. Students need to fill out the [Application Form](#) and send as instructed at the end of the form.

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## About TIEMS

TIEMS ([website](#)) is a Global Forum for Education, Training, Certification and Policy in Emergency and Disaster Management. TIEMS is dedicated to developing and bringing the benefits of modern emergency management tools, techniques and good industry practices to society for a safer world. This is accomplished through the exchange of information, methodology innovations and new technologies, to improve society's ability to avoid, mitigate, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

TIEMS provides a platform for all stakeholders within the global emergency and disaster management community to meet, network and learn about new technical and operational methodologies. It also aims to exchange experience on good industry practices. This will influence policy makers worldwide to improve global cooperation and to establish global standards within emergency and disaster management

To learn more about TIEMS activities and membership, please visit [www.tiems.info](http://www.tiems.info)

## Special Tour: San Diego State University Visualization Center



The Viz Center is a physical space but one that largely represents relationships between people and organizations collectively attempting to positively impact the worlds of Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief, Community Resilience, Search and Rescue, and aid to operational Emergency Responders and Homeland Security. The Viz Center specializes in organizing and delivering geospatial data (dots on maps) over small networks (terabytes to the handheld) for emergency response and disasters. By linking emerging technologies, innovative back-end processing, and operational needs especially for disasters, the Viz Center community is attempting to assist our community, region, nation, and world in responding to difficult situations with critical information, knowledge, and decision-support tools.

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## Conference Venue



Join us in America's Finest City - San Diego, California at the city's new Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. At nearly 500,000 square feet and standing nine-stories high, the San Diego Central Library boasts the latest technology, an outdoor garden and courtyard café, an art gallery, and views of the San Diego Bay, Petco Park, and the San Ysidro Border Crossing—the busiest land-border crossing in the world.



## TIEMS Annual Conference Dinner

Wednesday evening will be our gala dinner, featuring great local cuisine, beautiful views of San Diego Harbor, music and dancing, and an informal opportunity to get to know your international colleagues. See ticket information below.

San Diego offers many opportunities for an enjoyable visit, including Balboa Park, SeaWorld® San Diego, Legoland® California, historic Old Town San Diego, the Gaslamp District, and beautiful beaches.

## Travel

Lindbergh Field at the San Diego International Airport (SAN) is 5.3 miles from the conference facility. Transportation from the airport to the conference can be obtained the public transportation, taxi, or Uber.

Non-US persons may need to apply for a visa to attend the conference. If you need a visa, you will need to obtain one from the US Embassy Consular Section in your country. We recommend you start the process right away, as it can take several months. For information on how to obtain a visa, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

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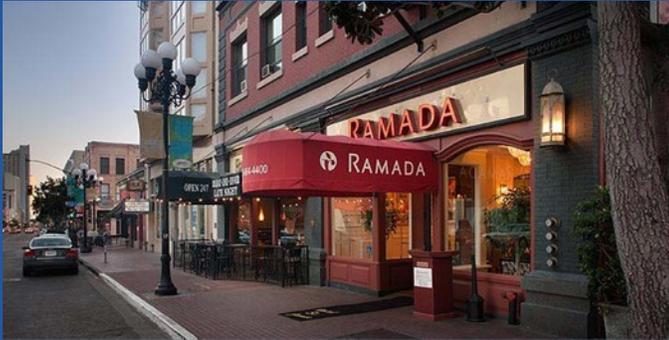


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## Conference Hotels



### Ramada Gaslamp / Convention Center

Built in 1913, this historic establishment combines an ambiance of yesteryear with the convenience of 21st century amenities and services. Located in San Diego's entertainment district, the Gaslamp Quarter, the hotel is a 15 minute walk from the conference venue.

Rooms start at \$82.20 per night\*



### Marriot San Diego Gaslamp Quarter

This hotel offers guests the intimate, quaint, unique experience of a boutique hotel, supported by the well-known personalized service provided by the Marriott brand. The Marriot San Diego Gaslamp Quarter is located near Petco Park, the San Diego Convention Center, shopping, dining, and more, and is a 7-minute walk from the conference venue.

Rooms start at \$209.00 per night\*

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**Conference Registration: <http://tiems.info/>**

Conference registration includes:

- One-year TIEMS membership (not included in single day passes)
- Conference program and online access to abstracts, presentation materials, and full papers
- Attendance at all plenary and subject sessions
- First Night Reception (\$25 charge for single day pass holders and non-registered guests)
- Coffee breaks and lunch.

Time of Payment	Conference fee Regular		Conference fee Student	
	Non TIEMS Members	TIEMS Members	Non TIEMS Members	TIEMS Members
<b>Early Bird Registration</b> Before 5/12/2016	400US\$	300US\$	200US\$	170US\$
<b>Advanced Registration</b> 5/13/2016—7/12/2016	450US\$	350US\$	250US\$	220US\$
<b>Pre-Event Registration</b> 7/13/2016—9/12/2016	500US\$	400US\$	250US\$	220US\$
<b>At Event</b> After 9/13/2016	550US\$	450US\$	350US\$	330US\$
<b>Single Day</b>	220US\$	180US\$	140US\$	120US\$

Conference Dinner Wednesday, September 14 - 50US\$ per person

Sponsorship packages available - contact [thinkingteams@gmail.com](mailto:thinkingteams@gmail.com)



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