



# Welcome and Keynote Speakers



TIEMS 2022 HYBRID ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**George Markowsky**, *TIEMS 2022 Annual Conference Host, USA*



## WELCOME TO TIEMS 2022 HYBRID ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Experienced Professor of Computer Science with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. Skilled in Mathematical Modeling, Python, Computer Science, Data Analysis, and Strategic Planning. Strong education professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) focused in Mathematics from Harvard University. Present position is as Chair and Professor of Software Engineering & Game Development at Kennesaw State University.

**James Westbrook**, *Acting Director of Emergency Management at Kennesaw State*



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

James Westbrook is the Acting Director of Emergency Management at Kennesaw State. He has been in this role since June 2022. Prior to that, James was the Assistant Director of Emergency Management from the creation of the Office of Emergency Management in January 2015. He joined KSU in 2013 as the Security and Safety Coordinator, a position focused on emergency management, fire safety, and security systems management. Prior to joining KSU, James worked at the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for over seven years in both the State Emergency Communications Center and as a School Safety Coordinator. He also has a background in 911 operations, hazardous materials, and the fire services. James is an Advanced Certified Emergency Manager through GEMA and a certified Professional Continuity Practitioner through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). James holds a Master of Science degree in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Georgia.

## **K. Harald Drager, *TIEMS President, Norway***



### **TIEMS STATUS AND PLANS TOWARDS 2030**

K. Harald Drager, Oslo, Norway, is the founding member of **TIEMS** (The International Emergency Management Society - [www.tiems.org](http://www.tiems.org)), which he took the initiative to establish in 1993. He was the International Vice President of TIEMS since its inauguration until 2002, when he took over as TIEMS President, a position he was re-elected to for the 6<sup>th</sup> time in 2019. He has brought in new ideas and new people in TIEMS and succeeded the organization to span worldwide.

## **Jeffrey Stern, *Superintendent, Emergency Management Institute, USA***



### **THE FUTURE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

Dr. Jeff Stern is the Superintendent of the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He previously led the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, where he was responsible for disaster and homeland security preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts across the Commonwealth. He led Virginia through nearly 50 emergency declarations over 6 years and deployed Virginia's first responders to disasters across the United States, including Hawaii, Alaska, California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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## **Arnel Capili, *Build Change, Country Director - Indonesia and the Philippines***



### **TOWARDS PROFESSIONALIZING DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROFESSION IN ASEAN**

With 20 years of experience leading organizations and programs in various capacities (Deputy Executive Director, Director for Operations, Regional Director), **Arnel Capili** is a highly experienced international disaster management specialist. He has been involved in several large-scale humanitarian responses in Fiji, the Philippines, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Taiwan and Myanmar. Arnel has also developed programs to strengthen the capacities of national and local disaster management organizations across Southeast Asia.

**Roman Tandlich**, *TIEMS Regional Director for Africa, South Africa*



**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE 2023 TIEMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Roman Tandlich, has been working in the field of emergency and disaster management since 2011. With background in biotechnology, Dr. Tandlich got involved in the development of low-cost and decentralized sanitation technologies. During the rollout of one such technology, policy and technical skills shortages at local government level. This resulted in the shift of focus of his research towards disaster management approaches towards shift action to address water, sanitation and hygiene challenges in developing countries. This has led to the development of new teaching and research tools to deal with

public health, disaster risk reduction and Development.