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Emergency Medical Response Section Newsletter

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Chair's Message

2015 will see the next evolution for the EMR section. In the lead up to WCDEM, we call for our first nomination of committee members. This committee will help shape the future path of the section and build on the success to date.

19th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine EMR Section Meeting

21-24 April 2015 - Cape Town, South Africa

We look forward to holding our first meeting at WCDEM in Cape Town. 2015 is an important year in disaster health practice and we encourage as many section members to attend and participate in furthering the planning, development and impact of the EMR Section, our sections meeting is scheduled for **Thursday morning, 23 April, 07:15 - 08:15** at the conference venue. We would also encourage members to submit abstracts to the conference and hope to see research in the pre hospital field well represented within the program.

Emergency Medical Response Section Area of Practice/Interest

The Emergency Medical Response Section of WADEM exists to foster collaboration among scientists and practitioners with an interest in research, education, management and practice in prehospital, transport, emergency and /or disaster health care.

Goals:

- Foster professional growth of members of the Emergency Medical Response Section.
- Increase the profile of the WADEM Emergency Medical Response Section.
- Promote the scientific investigation of Emergency Medical Response practice.

Objectives:

- Define and promote relevant Emergency Medical Response research (including disaster response).
- Promote the function and importance of Emergency Medical Response within disaster preparedness and response activities.
- Exchange scientific and professional information relevant to Emergency Medical Response practice.
- Develop disaster health co-operation globally amongst Emergency Medical Response practitioners and organizations.
- Network and integrate Emergency Medical Response into WADEM activities and programs.
- Inform and advise WADEM on matters related to Emergency Medical Response.

Communication

The Emergency Medical Response Section now has its own webpage. We welcome any suggestions to assist in building engagement and interaction. You can view the webpage at:

<http://wadem.org/emr.html>

WADEM also has an active LinkedIn page; many followers are contributing discussions involving contemporary Emergency Medical and Prehospital Care.

Prehospital and Disaster Medicine (PDM), the official publication of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine provides the latest in evidence based practice pertaining to this field.

Emergency Medical Response Collaboration

The Emergency Medical Response Section and the Osteopathic Physician section have embarked on collaborative work to understand, support, communicate, and improve practice in drug prevention, care and treatment. This is consistent with the [UNDOC](#) mission and goals. Since the beginning of this initiative further development has occurred with proposals for students and mentorship, and development of the EMS & Civil-Military Cooperation. In particular, Jerry Overton and William Bograkovs should be recognized for their great efforts between the two sections.

Feedback

Please send any comments, suggestions, feedback to - joecuthbertson@hotmail.com.

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