



WADEM Oceania Communique - May 2018

Hello and welcome to the WADEM Oceania Communique. The aim of this communication is to provide short summary of key information and activities occurring in the Oceania region.

Conference Update

- The 2018 Australian & New Zealand Disaster & Emergency Management Conference will be held on the **21-22 May** at The Star Gold Coast; further details can be found at - <https://anzdmc.com.au/>.
- The APCDM2018 (14th Asia-Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine) will be held on **16-18 October 2018** at Sea-side Villa Maiko Hotel, Kobe, Japan. The abstract submission date has been extended, further details can be found at - <http://www.apcdm2018.org/>.
- The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience will host the inaugural Australian Disaster Resilience Conference (ADRC) in Perth, Western Australia from **6-7 September 2018**, further details can be found at - <https://aidr.org.au/programs/australian-disaster-resilience-conference/>.
- The Monash University Disaster Resilience Initiative (MUDRI) returns for its 6th Annual Forum to address community needs and help drive resilience strengthening activities on Thursday, **5 July 2018**, 9am to 5pm. further details can be found at - <https://shop.monash.edu/community-based-resilience-forum.html>.
- International Conference for Emergency Nurses 2018; Melbourne, Australia; **10-12 October 2018** Abstracts due: **13 June 2018**. further details can be found at - <http://2018.icen.com.au>.
- College of Emergency Nurses NZ Conference (CENNZ) 2018 'Connected'. **26-27 October 2018**, Napier, Hawkes Bay, NZ Abstracts due **31 May**. Further details can be found at - <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=2224319>.
- Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM) Asia Pacific Conference 2018; Wellington, NZ, **5-7 Nov 2018**. Further details can be found at - www.iscramasiapacific2018.co.nz.

Education Update

- Queensland University of Technology provides a four unit program in Disaster Management which fulfils the requirements of a Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management. These units are also available for individual study as professional development units. During second Semester 2018, two courses will be available for professional development.
 - Disaster Response and Recovery: This course is a two day block intensive conducted on **Thursday 20 and Friday 21 September 2018.**
 - Leadership in Disaster Management: This course is a one week block intensive from the **15-19 October 2018.**

For further information please contact Prof. Gerry FitzGerald - gj.fitzgerald@qut.edu.au - or Kym Adkinson at - ph_shortcourses@qut.edu.au.

- The AIDR website has a list of educational courses, further details can be found at - <https://aidr.org.au/programs/scholarships-for-volunteers/>.
- The following link relates to weekly reporting on the national flu scene in New Zealand - <https://www.esr.cri.nz/our-services/consultancy/flu-surveillance-and-research>.
- A free website for planning and response coordination for Primary health and Community pharmacies can be found - www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz.
- The Torrens Resilience Institute (TRI), Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia and the Observatory on Security and CBRNe (OSDIFE), in cooperation with the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" – Department of Electronic Engineering and the state University of Republic of San Marino - Centre for Security Studies, presents a Masterclass on 'Chemical, Biological Radiological Investigation'. The TRI is a research institute, who aims to improve the capacity of organisations and society to respond to disruptive events. The institute works with a wide range of stakeholders, both within Australia and internationally including, the World Health Organisation, particularly in the area of deliberate chemical and biological events, academic institutions, Government and non-Government agencies, and is a member of the Global Resilience Network.

The OSDIFE, is an independent scientific site for the study, monitoring, analysis and dissemination of knowledge regarding CBRNe risk. It is the first Italian observatory dedicated to risk awareness, with particular attention to the CBRNe sector, and is affiliated with the University of San Marino and University of Rome, among other international entities. This unique Masterclass will focus on building awareness and skills related to the challenges of investigating a CBR incident and would be valuable for those agencies and individuals that may be called to work with law enforcement during a suspicious or confirmed event.

At this time, we are seeking your EXPRESSION OF INTEREST to attend. EOI's are kindly requested by **2 July 2018** via email to Dr Rebecca Hoile at - rebecca.hoile@flinders.edu.au - and tri@flinders.edu.au.

**21st WADEM Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine
7 -10 May 2019 – Brisbane, Australia**

2019 is an important year in Disaster Health practice for our region as we are hosting the conference. We encourage as many chapter members to attend and participate as possible. We would also encourage members to submit abstracts to the conference and hope to see research in Oceania well represented within the program.