



“GEORISQUE” conference

7th Annual Meeting

Montpellier, January the 25th and the 26th, 2011.

Topic 2011

**« Local Emergency Management Plans:
Assessment, tools, first outcomes »**

In collaboration with the partners of the Fim-FRAME European research project



Call for presentation and agenda

For several years now, local authorities have been confronted with the delicate issue of crisis management. In France, communes are required to implement “Plan Communal de Sauvegarde”, i.e. local emergency plans, by virtue of the 2003 Act of Modernization of Civil Security. In England and Wales, Multi Agency Flood Plans are required in areas where the risk is considered to be high.

In the face of major accidents, either natural or technological, local contexts are various. Some communities have been able to record and analyze their experiences gained over long periods and frequent exposure to events. Some others have only just discovered the risks they are prone to and the tasks they need to implement in order to address the legal requirements. Sometimes, the production of these emergency plans is an opportunity for local authorities to determine for themselves their own vulnerability to the risks.

The 2011 “Georisque” Conference at the University of Montpellier deals with the local management of crises, and aims to promote exchanges between scientists, engineers, emergency planners and students.

First Day: January 25th

Local emergency management plans: Initial findings

The first conference day will be dedicated to the investigations and analyses of PCS (Plans Communaux de Sauvegarde in France) and equivalent local emergency plans in other European countries. What is the current dissemination of such plans? Which are the main risks covered? What feedback has there been from the first plans that have been used in real events? What are the main difficulties linked to local emergency plans that policy makers and emergency managers face in the fields of warning, evacuation, communication between different actors, etc.?

Second day: January 26th

Tools for emergency planning

The second day will be dedicated to the tools used for helping the creation, the implementation and the assessment of crisis management plans. Improving crisis management requires several decision-making tools. These tools are numerous and cover each step of emergency planning, from the diagnosis of risks to the crisis and post-crisis management.. Besides guidelines or communication and information tools, other tools have been developed to evaluate the accessibility of roads during floods, to optimize the evacuation of people at risk or to assess damage and loss of life in case of disaster. The meeting proposes to draw an overview of tools currently available to help in planning crisis management. Comparative approaches are welcomed.

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Working languages: English and French

Key words : Plan Communal de Sauvegarde/Local emergency management Plan, Natural and Technological hazards, decision-making tools, information.

Further Information

The Participants may be any researcher (geographers, geologists, hydrologists, economists, sociologists, climatologists...), professionals (private offices, engineers, insurance agent, developer contractors, planners...), journalists, agent of the local authorities...

The public: Students, professionals, engineers, teachers, researchers, bosses of company or private office...

The presentations: the speaking time will be limited to 20 min followed by 10 min of questions.

The abstracts: They will have to be sent by mail at: georisques@gmail.com with the first author’s name and his/her address by **November the 15th**.

Before December, further information will be sent concerning the venue, the program and the accommodation.

A 50 € fees for both days (lunch included) will be asked to the participants. Reduced fees for students : 20 €

Organization: These two days will be held at the University of Montpellier 3 (Paul Valéry). The conference is organized by the second year master’s degree students: Management of Disasters and Natural Hazards.

Head of steering committee: Freddy Vinet and Frédéric Leone, professors of geography at the University of Montpellier

Contact: Feel free to send us a mail for more information at georisques@gmail.com.

When you send an abstract, please specify if the presentation is for the first or the second day.

The set of presentations is meant to be published in the “Georisque” collection (<http://www.pulm.fr/+Georisques-+>)

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