

International Centre of Excellence, Community Resilience, Wellington

Email update: July 2014

Dear all ICoE members and interested colleagues,

The IRDR ICoE: Community Resilience in Wellington has had a busy couple of months since our last quarterly email including attending the IRDR conference in Beijing, China (details below).

We would first like to direct your attention to our “Community Resilience: Knowledge Sharing” Workshop to be held in conjunction with the 7th Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference in September:

- **Please note there has been a time change, and this workshop will now occur at 9:00 am – 12.00 noon on Friday 26th September at WREMO (2 Turnbull Street), with a light catered breakfast available from 8:00 am.**
- Through this workshop we aim to identify, advance and promote methods, tools, and solutions to enhancing collective knowledge across practitioners and researchers for future preparedness, and ways in which this knowledge can be translated into action.
- More details about the workshop can be found in the attached flyer, please do register and also forward this on to your networks and help to make this workshop a great success!

During the past quarter, the ICoE has been involved in a number of activities, including:

- Attending the IRDR Conference, Beijing, China, 7-9 June 2014; on “Integrated Disaster Risk Science: A Tool for Sustainability”. At this conference we heard critical discussion regarding the upcoming Hyogo Framework for Action review in 2015, and how this should be framed as well as how it should be informed by best practice and research. This generated considerable lively and informative discussion. More details about the conference can be found here: <http://www.irdrinternational.org/conference-2014/>.
- After the IRDR Conference, representatives from the ICoE:CR Wellington presented an update of our formation and activities since then, to the IRDR Program Office and Science Committee (who previously approved and endorsed our establishment). We also met representatives from other ICoEs in the network, and heard about their activities, including from the Academy of Sciences in Taipei, China, University of South Carolina, USA, and the National University of Colombia. This is a growing international network, with more centres currently under review. To read more, please visit: <http://www.irdrinternational.org/about/structure/icoes/>
- The end of July also included attendance at an International Workshop on “Post Earthquake Data” as part of the 10th U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering. The workshop included participants from New Zealand, USA, Chile, Japan and Italy. More details about the conference can be found here: <http://10ncee.org/>

- We are currently hosting a three month visit from PhD Student Fatima Razeghi who is visiting from the School of Architecture & Urban Planning, Shahid Beheshti University of Iran. Fatima is looking at “The Relationship between Sustainability, Resilience, Sense of community and Residential Urban Areas Design

A reminder for your calendar - The dates for the next Emergency Management Summer Institute, to be held at the Massey University Campus in Wellington, will be 2-6 March 2015. During this we will organise another ICoE networking activity, more details to follow.

Finally, we want to thank you for joining the ICoE : Community Resilience Wellington. We see this as a very exciting opportunity to build a more resilient region by harnessing the synergies to be achieved by researchers and practitioners working in partnership. By being an active member of the ICoE, you gain the opportunity for your research or practice experience to directly inform and shape the Wellington Region Community Resilience Strategy, as well as helping to build and integrate capacity locally and nationally across NZ.

If you have any suggestions for community resilience activities that you would like to incorporate under the ICoE, please do let us know.

Look forward to seeing you at either our September 2014 or March 2015 programmes.

Regards,

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