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NEWS RELEASE

IAEM Europa Announces the Formation of the First IAEM Student Chapter Outside of North America

April 15, 2008 – IAEM Europa is very pleased to welcome the first IAEM student chapter outside of North America to the association's ever expanding global presence. The Instituto Politecnico de Castelo Branco is part of the Escola Superior Agraria in Portugal and is a leading provider of emergency management and civil protection degree programs in that country.

The petition to form the chapter was accepted by the IAEM Europa President at the International Meeting on Emergency Management held recently at the university. Chapter President Joao Canas said, "We are very proud to be taking this step and joining with IAEM. We are grateful to IAEM Europa for the assistance they have given us in achieving the formation of a student chapter."

The Instituto Politecnico de Castelo Branco (IPCB) Chapter will join the other 19 student chapters that form the International Emergency Management Student Association within the International Association of Emergency Managers. IAEM Europa President Arthur Rabjohn, CEM, said, "I am very pleased with this development within the Europa Council of IAEM, as it is a milestone on our road to develop our association as the premier organization for emergency management professionals. I hope that we will soon be able to welcome other university chapters throughout Europe."

If you are a university student studying emergency management or related subjects and think your university would benefit from forming an IAEM student chapter, visit <http://www.iaem.com/about/membership/studentchapters/StartChapter/intro.htm>.

About IAEM

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 emergency management professionals from local, state and federal governments, the military, private industry, and volunteer organizations worldwide. IAEM has consistently promoted the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters since its founding in 1952 as the U.S. Civil Defense Council. Find out more about IAEM at www.iaem.com

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