

# THE RESPONDER

## STUDENT REGION NEWS

**Student Region reaches a total of 995 students in IAEM out of 4217 total members! Congratulations to all!**

### STUDENT NEWS

#### All Students!

For all of you that have found jobs in the Emergency Management field we want to hear from you. Include your name, new title and agency so that you can be recognized.

#### University of South Dakota

Ariel Del Gaizo and Laura Bunner discussed a high school shooting drill that they were involved in. They, along with their classmates, were Disaster Mental Health (DMH) workers during the drill. The school shooting drill took place in June 2007 in the rural town of Vermillion, South Dakota. The police department, EMS, and the fire department conduct an emergency drill on a full-scale level every other year. This was the first year that DMH workers were invited to be a part of the drill. Laura discussed how even though it was a drill; it still stirred emotions for people involved. Ariel described her time working with the American Red Cross ERV crew. Both Ariel and Laura stated that this drill was good preparation for them to see what DMH work might be like. The presentation was followed by a discussion about school preparedness around the nation. Ariel and Larua presented statistics about how well universities are prepared and they discussed current legislation activity related to school shooting preparedness.

Jordan Pekevski, M.A.  
President  
University of South Dakota IEMSA

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#### Metropolitan College of New York

This month we are starting another semester at MCNY. With all beginnings, there are endings and we must say farewell and congratulations to another class of graduates. Team Delta has completed sixteen months of study. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, they will each be awarded a Master of Public Administration in Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Teams Bravo and Charlie will also be joining Team Delta at the annual commencement ceremony. I would like to welcome Team Hotel to their first semester at MCNY. The next sixteen months will fly by, so enjoy your time. Well done to Team Golf for completing their first semester. Team Foxtrot, we are half way through.

Next month, Team Echo will conduct an emergency management symposium, titled, “We Know Where We have Been, But Where Are We Going?” The symposium is actually their constructive action. Please refer to the invitation below to get more information about the event. Team Echo is in their last semester at MCNY and have been working very hard to complete both the constructive action and their respective theses.

Susamma Seeley  
President, IAEM-MCNY  
Philadelphia University

Last month 5 students from Philadelphia University had the chance to experience and tour Israel for 8 days. They attended a Mass Casualty & Terrorism Workshop sponsored by the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR). This workshop featured tours of several hospitals in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Ashkelon and meeting with hospital directors and staff. The delegation also spent time at the Magen David Adom EMS headquarters and Home Front Command Center of the Israeli Defense Force.

A large variety of extremely relevant topics were discussed including: Principles of Mass Casualty Management and Surge Capacity, CBRNE concepts within civilian populations, security and counter-terrorism principals, Forensic Medicine as it relates to terrorism and visits to actual suicide bomber sites. These site visits were explained to the delegation and include actual video footage of the events and explanation of the healthcare response. One student was amazed with the resiliency of the Israeli people and how quickly they are able to return a site “back to normal”.

The highlight of the trip was undeniably the full-scale decontamination exercise at a hospital in Tel Aviv. It was an exceptionally well-done drill and really pulled together the learning accomplish in prior days. Students noted how remarkably over 200 plus casualties were processed in about 2 hours. The students felt this trip was a valuable experience and would highly recommend that other colleagues avail themselves of this great learning opportunity. ITRR and their associates in Israel did an outstanding job in educating and entertaining the Philadelphia University delegation and we appreciate the students sharing this experience with us.

Additionally the chapter had its first full membership meeting and a presentation was done on doing effective Internet searches and using internet resources to develop a database of current topics and trends in Emergency and Disaster Management. As the semester winds down we are looking forward to a productive summer and greeting incoming students for the summer residency in July.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Buzzerd RN, MS (c), EMT-Paramedic  
IAEM Student Chapter President  
Philadelphia University

### University of North Texas



UNT member Erin Knapp at the Denton Exercise



Secretary Brian Watts at the Denton Exercise



Past President Deon Pfenning having fun with a UNT member



IEMSA President Stephanie Knopp with one of the EADP Professors at UNT Dr. Sudha Arlikatti

The semester is wrapping up for the UNT Chapter; we will all be done next week! It was a fun & exciting semester. We have a new secretary on board with us, his name is Brian Watts. He is very passionate about IEMSA & has very good ideas for our chapter to start using. We are very excited to have him join the IEMSA family. The Emergency Managers Association of Texas held a conference in Plano, Texas & they invited IEMSA to hold a fundraiser to raise money for the UNT chapter. The City of Denton held a full-scale exercise & invited IEMSA out to participate in the exercise. We were all disaster victims for the exercise. Some of the "victims" were care-flighted & some were taken to local hospitals where they were processed through as real patients. We all really enjoyed getting out & interacting with the community. This semester was very successful for the UNT Chapter & we are very excited about what the future holds!

Stephanie Knopp  
EADP Student  
IEMSA President

## **We Know Where We have Been, But Where Are We Going?** Emergency Management Symposium

Wednesday June 18, 2008  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY)  
431 Canal Street  
New York, New York

### **Featuring:**

Paul Butler, an active United Nations Chemical Weapons Inspector; Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management, City of Beverly Hills; Paul Malool, from FEMA Region II; Shelly Raffle of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York; and Jessica O'Neill, pandemic specialist and MCNY professor.

### **Overview:**

*Disaster Myths and Dealing with Contaminated Corpses* (Public Health); *The Government's Role in the Evacuation of Special Needs Populations* (Special Needs); and the newly released *National Response Framework* and *Effective Exercise Design Using Non-Linear Branching Table Top Exercises* (Education).

The symposium will provide a forum for emergency management and homeland security personnel to exchange ideas and best practices in this emerging and vital field. The one-day event will consist of speaker tracks, vendor exhibits and an informal meet and greet with participants. Also, symposium registrants will receive access to all sessions. Subjects to be covered in the symposium will include Public Health topics; Special Needs issues; and Education/Training.

*\* Program is subject to change and more guest speakers are to be confirmed. Please check [www.iemsa-mcny.org](http://www.iemsa-mcny.org) for up to date information.*

**Registration:**

The cost of the symposium is \$35. MCNY Alumni pay \$25 and current students and faculty are admitted free. Advanced registration is required and all participants must RSVP and pay in advance.

**Contact:**

For additional information, contact Patrice Burkes at [pburkes@iqmail.mcny.edu](mailto:pburkes@iqmail.mcny.edu)

**From the Student Region President:**

May! For many of us, this signals the beginning of the end of the school year. For others, it is the end of the semester with more on the horizon. However, for a select few, this may also be the realization of a long, tough process culminating in GRADUATION! For all the members who have completed this semester, but especially those completing their degree programs I wish you a hearty "congratulations!"

The Student Council is alive and kicking! We are getting more and more students involved both in the newsletter, on committees, and other projects. This month we debut the IAEM Student Council Facebook and MySpace groups so you can start communicating with each other as well. We have plans to dramatically revamp what is offered to our members at the annual conference including specific sessions geared towards our needs, and networking and job hire opportunities.

We are also proud to announce our first IAEM Europa chapter in Portugal and our first IAEM Oceania chapter in New Zealand! A big welcome to these and all our new members and chapters. Because of this explosive growth, we have been working to refine our bylaws to create a strong student presence as well and a solid connection to your local IAEM Council. Our goal is to have these revisions available to you to vote on soon.

Finally, you will be receiving a request in the next week to participate in our annual IAEM Student survey. I know we all get busy but it is imperative that we get as many students as possible to participate. This information is used to justify our positions on everything from dues, to funding, to policy. I hope all of our members will take the time to complete it.

Thank you all again and remember...this is your IAEM!



Brian Silva

## **REGION REMINDERS!**

### **IAEM Scholarship**

The 2008 IAEM Scholarship Application Form is now available for download at <http://www.iaem.com/resources/scholarships/documents/2008ScholarshipApplication.pdf>. The first place of the application form includes complete instructions and tips. Materials must be submitted by May 16, 2008.

### **FEMA Higher Ed Conference**

The 11th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Conference June 2-5, 2008 is quickly approaching and we need your help in making the conference run smoothly. We are seeking students currently enrolled in a college/university emergency management program to fulfill the position of student volunteer recorder/reporters. See the announcement on the Student Region webpage for further details or contact Michael Kemp at [michael.kemp@ndsu.edu](mailto:michael.kemp@ndsu.edu).

### **IAEM Mid-Year Meeting**

The IAEM 2008 Mid-Year Meeting will be held June 5-7, 2008 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Please register online if you will be attending by going to [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).

### **IAEM 56th Annual Conference**

The IAEM 56th Annual Conference & EMEX 2008 "Putting a New Spin on Emergency Management" is being held November 15-20, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel & Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas City (Overland Park), Kansas. For more information go to [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).

### **3rd Annual Poster Contest**

The IAEM Student Council is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Student Poster Presentations at the IAEM 2008 Annual Conference in Kansas City. The contest is open to all IAEM student members, and cash prizes will be granted. This year there are separate categories for graduate and undergraduate students for a total \$1000 in six different awards! More information will be released shortly!

IAEM coming to MySpace and Facebook....details to come soon!!!

## IAEM USA COMMITTEE REPORTS

### IAEM-USA BOARD OF DIRECTORS *April 2008 – Brian Silva*

#### INFORMATION

Updates were made to the CEM process including requiring someone to be a current CEM at the time of application for Lifetime status. The Board also approved waiving the midyear fee for Board and Committee chairs. Additional discussion will be had at the midyear about this policy. The reasoning behind it, and keeping the cost low for everyone overall, is that the Midyear meeting is mainly to do IAEM business. Many did not feel that we should be asking members to pay, or at least not pay much, to attend a work meeting.

The draft 2008-9 budget was also presented and discussed. Income was \$1,364,625 and expenses were \$1,359,289 for a net excess of \$5,336. The budget was approved.

#### IMPACT ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL

By keeping the fee low for the midyear meeting, this will hopefully encourage more students to attend

#### UPCOMING / FUTURE ISSUES

There will be a discussion on how to structure the Midyear fee in the future.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE *April 2008 – Brian Silva*

#### INFORMATION

Much planning still going on including options for the welcoming reception, and optional activities (i.e. local visits). Some plenary speakers have been confirmed and will all be released via IAEM soon. Any ideas for additional speakers should be forwarded to Brian Silva ([bsilva05@gmail.com](mailto:bsilva05@gmail.com)). Calls for abstracts for speakers / sessions was supposed to go out in April but has been pushed back. Anyone wanting promotional materials for the conference (i.e. flyers) to hand out at work or school should email Melissa Trumbull ([mtrumbull@asmii.net](mailto:mtrumbull@asmii.net)).

The Student Council is planning a variety of new initiatives for the conference including student specific sessions prior and / or during the conference, networking / hiring events, and a social reception. Poster abstract requests will be going out the beginning of May.

#### IMPACT ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Students wanting to enter the poster competition should keep an eye open to the IAEM emails and website. Also, nothing solid has been planned with the new initiatives yet so ideas can still be sent to Brian.

#### UPCOMING / FUTURE ISSUES

N/A

**INFORMATION**

Much consternation about UCC structure since the approval of the new IAEM structure. Canada wants to be a part of what we are now versus starting their own UCC, but an email from Larry Gispert to Dave Bujak (chair) indicated that Larry assumes the UCC is part of IAEM USA only.

**IMPACT ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL**

None.

**UPCOMING / FUTURE ISSUES**

Next meeting is a teleconference during IAEM mid year meeting

**ATTENTION STUDENTS  
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU  
RESEARCH ARTICLES, SUCCESS STORIES,  
FIRST JOB, LESSONS LEARNED WE WANT TO  
HEAR ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVE AN  
INTERESTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
EXPERIENCE AND PHOTOS WE WANT TO  
HEAR ABOUT IT. HAVE IDEAS FOR THE  
REGION, WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT. BEST  
PRACTICES ON STARTING AND OPERATING A  
CHAPTER, LET US KNOW**

# IAEM POSTER PRESENTATION RULES AND PREPARATION GUIDELINES

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*This poster competition is sponsored by the IAEM Student Council. Please e-mail abstracts to \_\_\_Melissa Trumbull, Program Manager for IAEM, at [trumbull@iaem.com](mailto:trumbull@iaem.com) in Word or WordPerfect format. The subject line of your email must read "IAEM Poster Abstract."*

- A. Who may submit a poster abstract** — Any Student Member of IAEM may enter. This year for the first time, entries will be divided into two separate competitions – one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students.
- B. Deadline** — Abstracts must arrive on or before October 1, 2008. Submissions will not be accepted after that date.
- C. Multiple papers** — You may present one poster at this meeting.
- D. Format of Abstract Submission** — Title, presenter(s), affiliation, address, phone & fax numbers, and e-mail address.
- E. Abstract and Title Length** — Abstracts must be less than 150 words. The program chair reserves the right to edit abstracts, if necessary, for clarity, grammar or good usage. Abstracts above the 150-word limit will not be accepted. Titles of abstracts are limited to 10 words.
- F. Poster Format** — Your poster must not exceed 4 feet in height or 4 feet in width.
- G. Poster Presentation Theme** — The poster theme must relate to an aspect of emergency management

The exhibit **must** include:

- Short title of the exhibit
- Identification of either a undergraduate or graduate level presentation
- Abstract
- Student's name, or names, and whether they are a graduate or undergraduate student (*There may be no more than 2 students per poster and both must be at the graduate or undergraduate level*)
- Collaborators, advisor(s), and department(s)
- Funding sources
- Internal Review Board Proof of regulatory committee approval if required
- Objectives of the research
- Significance to the field
- Significance to society in general
- Methods
- Results, interpretation of results and conclusions, and directions for future research if the project is completed

## **H. Additional Presentation Rules**

You must be present to at the IAEM 2008 Annual Conference to participate.

- All posters must be set up in the time allotted, and presenters must be present during the entire judging period

- The media or design of the poster is at the creator's discretion
- You are responsible for all needed materials. (Audiovisual equipment and other materials to individual posters will not be provided.)
- If needed, you may have access to one standard electrical outlet should you need it. (When you register your poster, please be sure to note this need.)
- While the author may receive minor assistance (as determined by the judges), the poster must be the student(s) original work and not that of others including their professor(s)

**I. Judging Guidelines for Poster Presentations**

The purpose of a poster exhibit is to convey to a wide audience a research project's significance to scholars in the field and its potential significance to the general public. While all posters will be publicly displayed for the length of the Annual Conference, judging will take place in private.

Exhibits will be judged on their quality in three areas:

- **Content** (*50% of total score*) — See Sections G and H for what the exhibit must include.
- **Display** (*30% of total score*) — The core of each exhibit is a poster with text and graphics intended for a general audience. The poster should attract attention and convey important information about the project. Language should be simple and descriptions brief. Jargon should be avoided, and necessary technical terms should be defined. Spelling and grammar must be correct. Photographs, drawings, graphs, charts, figures, etc., should be simple and well-organized. All text should be large enough to be readable from a distance of 4 to 6 feet.
- **Oral Description and Defense** (*20% of total score*) — During the poster session, each student should be positioned with their poster, prepared to answer questions and elaborate upon their research and presented materials. The quality and accuracy of this discussion will be evaluated by the judges.

**J. Awards**

The award structure is as follows:

Undergraduate Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$225
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$175
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

Graduate Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$225
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$175
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

**K. Questions**

All questions should be directed to Dan Hahn, IAEM Student Council Vice President at [danielh@santarosa.fl.gov](mailto:danielh@santarosa.fl.gov).



## REGION XII CHAPTERS

American Public University System (APUS)

Arkansas Tech University (ATU)

Brandon University

California University of Pennsylvania

Central Missouri State University (CMSU)

Homeland Security Management Institute  
at Long Island University (Provisional)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)

Lakeland College - Canada

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Metropolitan College of New York

North Dakota State University

Philadelphia University (Provisional)

University of Akron (UA)

University of Chicago (Provisional)

University of South Dakota (USD)

University of North Texas (UNT)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Virginia Commonwealth University (Provisional)

Western Washington University

Don't see your school on here? Want to start a chapter? We'll help! Please feel free to contact the Student Region Vice President and we will help guide you and your fellow emergency management students in starting a chapter. It has been a phenomenal year of growth for the IAEM-USA Student Region, let's keep up the momentum and continue to grow!

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