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NEWS RELEASE

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Announces the Formation of a Global Board of Directors

Sept. 17, 2008 (Falls Church, VA) – The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Global Board elected a Chairman of the Board and a slate of Directors during a productive meeting at IAEM Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia (Washington, DC metro area). “The formation of the IAEM Global Board is a huge milestone in the association’s move to restructure the organisation to reflect its growth worldwide,” stated IAEM Global Board Chairman Arthur Rabjohn, CEM.

Elected as Chairman of the IAEM Global Board of Directors, **Arthur Rabjohn, CEM**, has been an active member of IAEM, as Vice Chairman of the International Development Committee, International President and then Europa President overseeing the implementation of the international development road map and creation of IAEM's new Councils. He is a Certified Emergency Manager® experienced in the fields of resilience and business continuity management. An expert in the provision of crisis management solutions to private and public sector organizations at national government to grass roots level, Rabjohn is R3 Manager Europe and Africa, WorleyParsons Europe LLC, London. He is a member of the Emergency Planning Society and the Business Continuity Institute. Arthur has been published in numerous professional journals and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning*, the *Crisis Response Journal*, and the *Turkish Journal of Disaster*. He has successfully led the IAEM Europa Council in forming strategic partnerships and supporting national and international EM-related conferences.

Other IAEM Global Directors include:

- *Business Director*, Rick Cox, CEM (IAEM USA Treasurer) will work with the IAEM Chief Staff Officer (CSO) and headquarters staff to manage the global financial aspects of IAEM's activities.
- *Communications Director*, Larry J. Gispert (IAEM USA President) will work with the CSO and headquarters staff to coordinate IAEM's global communications and manage the representation of IAEM as an international association.
- *Membership & Marketing Director*, Ali Asgary, PhD (IAEM Canada President) will work with the IAEM CSO and headquarters staff to manage the membership and marketing aspects of the IAEM's activities.
- *Professional Services Director*, Tony Pearce (IAEM Oceania President) will work with the IAEM CSO and headquarters staff to coordinate all aspects of IAEM's professional standards program, including representation of the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) Commission and Scholarship Commission on the Board and oversight of IAEM's interaction with international standards bodies.

The other Officers of the Board are:

- Russell Decker, CEM (IAEM USA First Vice President)
- Gideon F. For-mukwai, CEM (IAEM International President)
- Nathaniel L. Forbes, MBCI (IAEM Asia President)
- Michael D. Selves, CEM (IAEM USA Past President)
- Brian M. Silva (IAEM Student President)

The International Association of Emergency Managers is governed by an international Board of Directors that includes representatives from each of the seven (7) IAEM Councils, plus one (1) additional Council representative per 500 members. IAEM Councils include: Asia, Canada, Europa, Oceania, International, Students, and United States of America.

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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. EM professionals perform the crucial function of coordinating and integrating the efforts at the local level to prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters including terrorist attacks. 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. IAEM administers the Certified Emergency Manager® Program and the IAEM Scholarship Program. Find out more about IAEM at www.iaem.com.

About the Certified Emergency Manager® Program

CEM® certification is a peer review process administered through the International Association of Emergency Managers. IAEM membership is not a requirement of certification, but it does offer applicants a number of benefits that can assist them through the certification process. Certification is maintained in five-year cycles. The CEM® program is served by a CEM® Commission that is composed of emergency management professionals, including representatives from allied fields, education, the military and private industry. Development of the CEM® program was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and a host of allied organizations.

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