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Built Environment Project and Asset Management

Special Issue on: **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

An increasing number of devastating natural disasters have occurred during the recent years. Climate change is set to worsen their incidence and impacts even further making the risk of disasters a global concern. The increased extent and intensity of disasters has resulted in higher numbers of mortalities, social problems and economic losses. The growing complexity of disasters in terms of their diversity, magnitude, frequency and uncertainty requires, even the countries previously considered not being at high risk from disasters, to re-evaluate and strengthen their risk reduction strategies and capacities. Disaster risk reduction strategies aim to avoid (prevention) or limit (mitigation and preparedness) the adverse impacts of hazards, within the broad context of sustainable development (UNISDR, 2004).

Disaster risk reduction strategies can be hazard-specific, sector-specific or commonly applicable across different types of disasters and involve multi-sectorial disciplines regardless of their nature and scale. Amongst them, capacity building has been widely accepted as a disaster risk reduction strategy that builds the resilience of targeted groups for better prevention, develops the preparedness and response strategies against disasters which can be focused at institutional, community and individual levels. Capacity building for disaster risk reduction sits at the interface of policymaking, engineering and scientific research due to the interdependencies and cascading impacts of disasters and calls a close and continuous exchange within these disciplines in order to provide effective and long-term solutions (UNISDR, 2013).

Given the increasing imperatives for the above, the Built Environment Project and Asset Management journal (BEPAM) will publish a themed special issue that focuses on multiple dimensions of capacity building for disaster risk reduction.

Selected topics within the scope of the special issue include, but are not limited to the following themes / areas related to capacity building for disaster risk reduction.

- Micro and macro economic factors
- Development of skills and knowledge
- Protection of built environment assets
- Practical frameworks and tools
- Community based disaster risk reduction
- Critical infrastructure protection and disaster risk reduction
- Legislative and policy initiatives for disaster risk reduction
- Culture and disaster risk reduction

High quality original papers are invited within the “capacity building for disaster risk reduction” special issue theme. All papers will be subjected to the journal’s double-blind peer review process.

Submission guidelines:

Author guidelines must be strictly followed and can be found on the journal web site at:

http://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=bepam

Authors should submit directly to the special issue through the ScholarOne Manuscript system at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/bepam>

To ensure that all manuscripts are correctly identified for review for this special issue, authors should please select 'Special Issue on **Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Reduction**' when you reach the "**Article Type**" step in the submission process.

Submitted articles must not have been previously published, nor should they be submitted for consideration for publication elsewhere, while under review for this journal.

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The Guest Editors will conduct an initial review of submitted papers. Those judged suitable for the special issue will be sent to at least two independent referees for double blind peer review, after which submissions may be recommended for revisions and further review, acceptance or rejection.

Overall Timescale:

Manuscripts must be submitted for review through the ScholarOne Manuscript system as above, on or before 22nd May 2015.

Accepted papers – i.e. accepted after reviews as above will be published in a BEPAM special issue targeted for about mid-2016.

We look forward to receiving your manuscript.

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