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# 13th World Congress on Disaster+Emergency Medicine



THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR  
DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
(founded in 1976 as the Club of Mainz)

Hotel Sofitel  
Melbourne Australia 6 - 10 May 2003  
[www.wcdem2003.com](http://www.wcdem2003.com)



## Call for Papers

We would like to invite you to submit abstracts for the 13th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine. This Congress is the premier world forum for advancing the international body of knowledge for the health response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies. The hazards produced by natural disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and technological mishaps create the need for better coordinated responses from many agencies collaborating in an integrated, multi-disciplinary, global approach to these events.

**Our changing times require a re-examination of the scope of disaster and emergency medicine.**

The Congress program will acknowledge the transdiscipline contributions in this field. Presentations and discussions will include not only the health and social sciences but also related non-health disciplines, as the scope of disaster and emergency medicine is explored and redefined to best address the complex issues involved in preventing and responding to disasters and humanitarian emergencies.

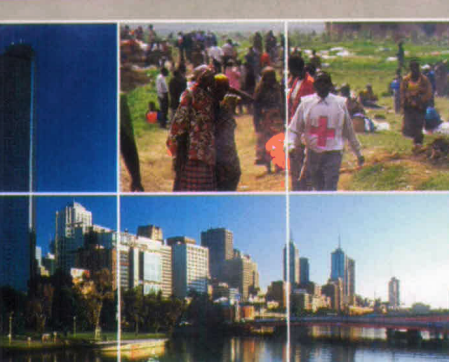
The Congress committee aims to provide a stimulating, challenging, interactive and rewarding professional program with each participant able to take home outcomes relevant to their own personal needs. It is anticipated that 800 - 1000 participants from over 70 nations, together with representatives from national and international peak organisations in this field will attend.

This is only the second time that WADEM has held its World Congress in the southern hemisphere and the first time it has been held in Australia. The calm of Melbourne is an ideal place to develop the philosophies and practicalities to **guide global emergency public health for the next twenty years – "Vision 2020"**.

## Redefining the Scope of Disaster & Emergency Medicine

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## World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM)

WADEM was originally founded as the Club of Mainz on October 2, 1976, with the goal of improving the worldwide delivery of prehospital and emergency care during everyday and mass disaster emergencies.

### Mission

WADEM is an international, humanitarian association dedicated to the improvement of disaster and emergency medicine. Fostering international collaboration, the organisation is inclusive, culturally sensitive, unbiased, ethical and dynamic in its approach. While individual members are active in field operations, the organisation remains non-operational, fulfilling its mission through:

1. Facilitation of academic and research-based education and training;
2. Interpretation and exchange of information through its global network of members and publications;
3. Development and maintenance of evidence-based standards of emergency and disaster health care and provision of leadership concerning their integration into practice;
4. Coordination of data collection and provision of direction in the development of standardized disaster assessment and research and evaluation methodologies;
5. Encouraging publication and presentation of evidence-based research findings in scientific publications and international conferences and congresses.

Further information about WADEM is available on the WADEM web site <http://wadem.medicine.wisc.edu>

### Who will attend

Participants will include physicians, educators, administrators, nurses, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, behavioural scientists, public health and disaster specialists, and other relevant experts in the field of disaster and emergency medicine.

### Invitation to submit Abstracts

The Congress Organising Committee invites international and Australian submissions. The program structure and themes should be used as a guide for preparation of your abstract(s) for presentation. While abstracts in other sub-theme areas will be considered, your abstract(s) should relate to the overall Congress theme of "Redefining the Scope of Disaster & Emergency Medicine" and to one of the listed program themes.

Abstracts utilising a qualitative methodology are particularly encouraged. Prizes will be awarded in a range of categories, including undergraduate and graduate presenters.

### Key Dates

**Abstracts due by:**  
Friday, 29th November 2002.  
Late abstracts cannot be accepted.  
**Acceptance of abstracts advised:**  
Friday, 17th January 2003  
**Closing date for Early Bird Registration:**  
Friday, 14th February 2003

### Congress Program

The Congress program will comprise the following session types:

- Keynote Addresses
- State-of-the-Art Presentations
- Themed Concurrent Sessions
- Moderated Poster Presentations
- Discipline and special interest group sessions
- Meet the Experts
- Pre Congress Workshops
- WADEM Task Force Meetings
- EMS Tours

### Congress Themes

#### 1. Leading the Way – Global Collaboration

- WADEM Strategic Plan
- Research: The Utstein Template, defining a research agenda in Disaster Medicine
- Education: Standard curricula; transdiscipline education

#### 2. WADEM Task Forces – Global Standards towards 2020

- Disaster Planning
- Coordination and Control (response management)
- Transportation
- Civilian – Military Collaboration
- Disaster Public Health
- Refugees & Displaced Populations
- Psychosocial Aspects of Disasters
- Infectious Diseases and Epidemics
- NBC Hazards
- Medical Response to Terrorism
- Landmines

#### 3. Major Themes – Global Learning, Sharing, and Advancing

- Recent international disasters
- Recent emergencies related to conflict & population displacement
- Disaster medicine in the Oceania Region
- Standard tools for assessing health needs in emergencies
- Communications and tele-health
- Effective models for international and inter-disciplinary responses
- Vulnerable groups in disasters
- Disasters in remote areas
- Bio-ethics in disasters and emergencies
- Health social sciences in disasters and emergencies
- Mass gatherings
- New technologies in disaster medicine
- Media relations

Please refer to the Congress website [www.wcdem2003.com](http://www.wcdem2003.com) for further details.

### Congress Publications

All speakers who are selected to present at the Congress, and who register to attend, will have their abstract published in WADEM's journal, Prehospital and Disaster Medicine. The journal will be provided to all delegates attending the Congress, in the delegate satchel.

### Submission Guidelines

Abstract submission is via the Congress website [www.wcdem2003.com](http://www.wcdem2003.com).

Information to be submitted on-line includes:

- Title of presentation and name(s) of all author(s)
- Relevant theme and presentation type
- 250 word outline of presentation material - no embedded graphics or tables
- 100 word Biographical Sketch

For proposals with more than one author, only one person should submit the abstract on-line, and this person will be the contact for all correspondence concerning the abstract with the Congress Office.

Proposals accepted for presentation will be published exactly as submitted and should be checked for accuracy and misspelling prior to submission.

In exceptional cases, your abstract will be accepted via email or on a floppy disk. If you do not have access to the Internet please save your proposal submission in MS Word for Windows format and either email or post to:

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Acknowledgement of receipt of all abstracts will be made by email. Notification of abstracts accepted for presentation will be sent by email, or fax, between 17th – 21st January 2003. Please refrain from contacting the Secretariat with queries about the status of abstracts prior to this date.

### Evaluation Criteria

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel. Selections will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- a clear application to the Congress themes;
- appropriate methodology, presentation of data and clarity of discussion; and,
- demonstration of innovation, quality and originality

### Submission Conditions

The invitation to submit an abstract does not constitute an offer to pay travel, accommodation or registration costs associated with the Congress. No speakers' fee is paid to successful applicants. Presenters of accepted abstracts are required to register for the Congress.

By submitting this proposal you confirm that your presentation has not been previously published nor been presented at an international meeting within 60 days of this Congress. You also grant the Organisers permission to publish the abstract in WADEM's journal in hard copy and electronic format. The Organising Committee's decision on acceptance of proposals will be final.

Presenters are expected to reserve the Congress dates of 6th – 10th May 2003 in their diaries until they receive notification of submission outcomes.





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the biggest  
disaster  
is our  
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**Key dates:** Register by 14 February, 2003 for an early bird rate. Abstracts due 29 November, 2002. Visit our website for more information.

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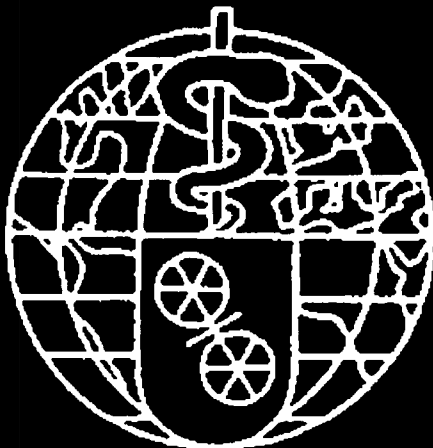
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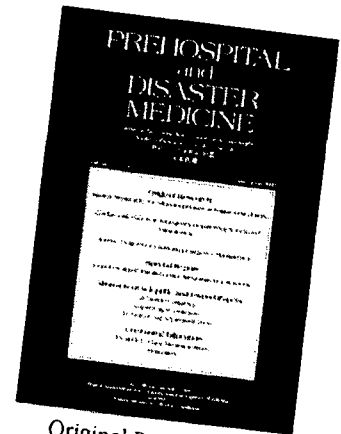
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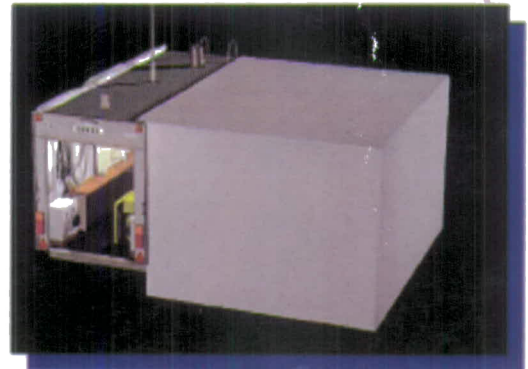
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