2nd CONGRESS ON HEALTH AND DISASTERS


Havana, March 20-22, 2013

“Towards disaster reduction, for a better future”

2nd ANNOUNCEMENT
Dear colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the celebration of our 2nd National Congress on Health and Disasters which will be held in Havana, Cuba from March 20-22, 2013 at the Convention and Medical Services Center.

The objective of this event with international participation is to promote a space to interchange experiences and lessons learned among specialists who work in this field inside the country and abroad, in order to contribute to the scientific and technical development on this subject matter for the improvement of the health of the population and health institutions, with impact in the economy and the preservation of the environment.

The program is aimed at professionals, technicians, health workers and managers related to the health and disasters issue. We also look forward to our sharing experiences of the local levels of the health services, their scientific and governmental organizations so as to foster initiatives that shall enhance the cooperation on disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery at national and international levels.

We hope that this coming Congress will be a great opportunity for the technical, professional and teaching community together with the local authorities who work for disaster reduction and the improvement of our peoples´ health.

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Objectives:

1. To update the good practices and the lessons learned in disaster risk management in the Public Health.
2. To present the best experiences related to health and disasters with a multidisciplinary, intersectorial and communitarian approach and analyze its systematization for decision making.
3. To encourage the scientific exchange among professionals, national and foreign experts on prevention, preparedness, response and recovery in disaster situations for the betterment of the health of the Cuban population, of the countries of the region as well as the safety of health institutions.
4. To promote new alternatives for the cooperation concerning risk reduction and disaster management in the international field.

Basic topics

1. Climate change and health.
2. Community and disasters
3. International cooperation
4. Formation, training and development of human resources in Health and Disasters.
5. Information management and scientific documentation in health and disasters.
6. Communication of risk
7. Safe health institutions
8. Logistics and supply management
9. Emergency and disaster medicine
10. Pandemics and serious epidemics
11. Mental health
12. Legal norms in health and disasters

Profile of participants

This is a national event with the participation of foreign experts and shall have a multidisciplinary and multisectorial character, that is why it will group professionals of the Medical Sciences (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursery, Psychology and Health Technology) as well as other specialists related to the health sector and will count on a nourished representation of scientists, academics and specialists from the Civil defense, Meteorology, Seismology, Veterinary Medicine, Civil Engineers, Hydraulic Engineers, Firemen, Social Communicators, Medical Services of the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, among others.
Requirements for the submission of presentations.

The presentations have to relate to the theme of the congress. The presentations shall be typed in Word format, Arial 12, 1.5 line spacing and shall not exceed 12 pages. Tables and figures shall be inserted in the text immediately following the paragraph to which they are related. They shall be sent in electronic format to: iraida@clamed.sld.cu.

- The closing date for the reception of presentations shall be December 15th, 2012.
- The scientific commission shall inform the form of presentation of the selected papers.

The presentations shall be divided in the following way:

- Title
- Author(s)
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Objectives
- Material and method
- Development
- Results
- Conclusions
- Bibliographic references

They shall be sent in electronic format to: iraida@clamed.sld.cu

Official language: Spanish

Registration fee:

250.00 CUC (Foreign participants)

250.00 CUP (Cuban participants)

It includes: Registration, documentation and material, welcome cocktail, coffee break, lunch and closing dinner.

For registration, please fill out the form published at:

http://saludydesastres2013.sld.cu
Travel agency and Hotel reservation

HAVANATUR agency has prepared a tour package especially designed for foreign participants that includes:

- Daily lodging with breakfast included
- In-out transfer
- Assistance in hotels and airport

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Credit cards allowed in Cuba: VISA, Master Card, CABALI and VISA Electrón, if the parent bank is not American.

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