

A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TIEMS COURSE



" Preparation Of Voluntary Services Chiefs From Rural Communities For Management Of Emergency Situations Created By Disasters "

DAMBOVITA, ROMANIA: 22 JUNE - 24 JUNE 2012

1. Formal Training

The course was attended by 114 participants, most of them from Emergency Management Services from local villages around Dambovita and from private emergency services and one attendee from Nigeria. The course was designed with the highest standards and was facilitated by world class lecturers able to convey complex ideas and Global Emergency Management concepts. Participants felt it was an effective and memorable experience.

As can be seen from the following photo, the Dambovita, Romania Emergency Management course was well attended.



2. Course Delivery

At the end of the course - "**PREPARATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES HEADS FROM RURAL COMUNITIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS CREATED BY DISASTERS**" - a post-course evaluation questionnaire was provided to all participants. This enabled the course participants to evaluate the success level of the course and provided insight to course organizers on how well knowledge and skills were conveyed and retained by attendees. The survey was designed using a multiple choice format.

The questions themselves were designed to help evaluate the various course materials and test the level of knowledge that course participants obtained and retained through their experience with the various course components and topics.

The course environment was designed to create a relaxed atmosphere that ensured participants were able to maintain focus and attention. The course itself was designed to enable the transference of complex subject matter in an easily understandable manner. This approach helped, not only to communicate complex matters, but also to enable attendees to understand various methods of response to situations they may be faced with. Course materials were not limited to lecturers, but included power point slides and films; all provided valuable insight and references for course participants.

This approach also helped transfer the idea that the same situations can occur throughout the globe and the materials presented did not just focus on the local communities but situations and occurrences that have significant consequences on an international scale. A mult-faceted library of examples helped stress ideas and communicate mitigation and responses that can be leveraged.

All these methods provided an elevated level of educational learning during each course day; a positive signal for maintaining readiness and acquiring knowledge, while achieving course objectives.

Maintaining a constant level of interest is a key strength in service quality training and development, where skill and knowledge transference is core.

The course program is shown below:

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TIEMS
"PREPARATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES HEADS FOR RURAL COMUNITIES
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS CREATED BY DISASTERS MANAGEMENT"**

PERIOD	PROGRAM	LECTURER	POSITION / INSTITUTION
Day 1 14,00-19.00	Opening Program. 1. Activities And Organizations Worldwide In Emergency And Crisis Response And Management of Disasters	Kare-Harald Drager	President TIEMS International Teacher TIEMS

	2. Global Emergency Management Concepts Case Studies and Practical Examples. Debates. Consultations	Prof. James Hagen	International Teacher TIEMS
Day 2	3. Current Picture Of Crisis Management In EU.	Prof Univ. Dr. Dan Mănăstireanu	International Teacher TIEMS
9.00 to 14.00	4. The VULNERABILITY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES EMERGENCY	Prof. Dr. Nicolae Steiner NATO International Expert in Disaster Medicine;	International Teacher TIEMS Responsible for preparing TIEMS Romania Course
	5. IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT OF HAZARDS IN A COMMUNITY		
	6. PLAN COVERAGE ANALYSIS AND RISK IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TERRITORIAL UNIT Case studies and practical examples. Debates. Consultations		
Day 3	7. CONCEPTS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION	Dr. Marcu Carmen	Deputy Director of Emergency County Hospital Mumbai
9.00 to 14.00	8. REDUCTION OF NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SPECIFIC HAZARDS.	Prof dr. eng Ion Popa, PhD	International Teacher TIEMS
	9. MONITORING, ASSESSMENT AND RISK REDUCTION		
	10. PSYCHOLOGICAL BEHAVIORAL OF POPULATION		
	FINAL EXAM		

3. Course Assessment

The results of the evaluation questionnaire completed by attendees, showed that the majority felt they acquired a solid level of knowledge and skills, which denotes that the educational objectives for the course was achieved.

4. Trainer & Attendee Relationship

Though there were many attending the course, the venue and facilitators provided a relaxed atmosphere, which helped facilitate the transfer of knowledge and skills from the teachers to the attendees even when communicating complex issues and topics. This relaxed and open forum greatly contributed to a successful knowledge transfer through out the course.

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

- a. In order to ensure a balanced distribution of knowledge it's recommended that participants receive course materials on a CD; also containing useful guidelines and good practices, which may be useful for participants upon their return to their respective places of employment.
- b. It is recommended to send an invitation to participate in the courses to GIES (General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations in Romania) to help bolster the course and course materials and open up participation to an international level.

- c. There is a desire to develop specific topics of interest that can focus on specialized Emergency and Disaster Management subjects. This would allow for many participants to attend single-day courses that meet their specific needs.
- d. All course participants were awarded a diploma of graduation by TIEMS International for attending the course.

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