



TIEMS International Pool Teacher & Trainer Biography

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Biography:

K. Harald Drager, Oslo, Norway, is the Managing Director of QUASAR Invest AS in Norway, a consultancy in global safety, emergency and disaster management. He has a Master's degree in control engineering from the Norwegian Technical University in 1966 and a Master's degree from Purdue University in USA in industrial engineering in 1973. His specializations are international organizational development, emergency, disaster and risk management, and project management. He has done consultancy work for numerous clients internationally amongst others the World Bank/International Finance Corporation, NATO and the European Commission, and he has been project manager of several international research and development projects for methods and software development in risk, emergency and disaster management.

He was employed by Det norske Veritas, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Det_Norske_Veritas in 1967 and a member of the Board of Directors of the company for 5 years until he left the company in 1983 and founded his own consultancy. He took the initiative to establish TIEMS (The International Emergency Management Society; www.tiems.org) in 1993, and was the International Vice President of TIEMS since its inauguration until 2002, when he took over as TIEMS President. TIEMS has under his leadership developed to a global well known organization with local chapters in many regions/countries, and TIEMS arranges each year workshops and conferences all over the world with focus on disaster risk reduction. Recently TIEMS has initiated development of a global education, training and certification program and a research coordination service for its members. He has published numerous papers internationally on emergency, risk and disaster management.

He was TIEMS representative in the EU funded NARTUS project with the responsibility for consensus building and establishing the PSC Europe Forum, www.psc-europe.eu, an all stakeholder forum for public safety communication. PSC Europe Forum is now a sustainable organization after it was launched at the end of the NARTUS project in 2009, and arranges two assembly conferences each year and is a leading global advocate for standardization and research initiatives in public safety communication. He is a member of the advisory boards of the EU projects; CRISMA, <http://www.vtt.fi/sites/crismaproject/index.jsp?lang=en> and Opti-Alert, <http://www.opti-alert.eu/>.



TIEMS International Education Program Course

Teacher & Trainer: *K. Harald Drager*

Title of Course: *Introduction to TIEMS Education, Training and Certification Program – TIEMS QIEDM Certification*

Course content:

The course is an introduction to international emergency and disaster management and crisis response with focus on the following:

- Introduce TIEMS International Education, Training and certification Program leading to QIEDM certification
- Where to find information, who to contact and what to learn about the different approaches used worldwide
- Awaking interest for international cooperation for exchanging experience and knowledge.

OBJECTIVES

The intention with this course is to advocate for an international standardization and certification in qualifications in emergency and disaster management, and to put focus on activities around the world in emergency and disaster management and crisis response, to learn from what others do and get an overview for further contacts and cooperation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is an introduction to all who is interested in international standardization in emergency and disaster management and international certification in this discipline and needs an overview of worldwide emergency and disaster management and crisis response.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Part 1

- Introduction of TIEMS QIEDM Certification
- Definitions of relevant terms in emergency and disaster management and crisis response
- Introduction to International/Regional/National Organizations dealing with Emergency and Disaster Management and Crisis Response

Part 2

- International Cooperation
- Internationally Available Training Courses
- Internationally Available Conferences and Workshops
- Internationally Available Research Programs and Funding