

EUROPEAN CRISIS COOPERATION 2008: FLOOD RESPONSE

13 & 14 March 2008 | Aix-en-Provence, France

Conference Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 13 March

09:00 **Registration & Coffee**

10:00 **Welcome & Introduction to Conference**

Richard Biagioni, Groupe KTI

Jean-Louis Jaubert, CEO Europôle de l'Arbois

Colonel Luc Jorda, Bouches-du-Rhône Fire Department

Colonel Eric Bruder, head of UIISC 7, French Civil Security

10:30 **Session 1: Flood Impact in Europe**

EU Floods Directive

Dr. Ad de Roo, EU Joint Research Centre

Flood Impact in Europe

Daniel Zimmer, World Water Council

Victims of Flooding: Enhancing Prevention

Dr. Laurent Boissier, Université Montpellier III

11:30 **Session 2: From West to East, Regionalized Flood Issues in Europe**

UK: Responding to the threat: the development and training of the Merseyside Rescue Team

Bill Evans, Merseyside Fire & Rescue

Bulgaria: Incorporating New Member States: Bulgarian Flood Issues & Policy

Maria Velkova, Ministry of Environment & Water – Bulgaria

12:15 **Presentation of European Reference Cluster on Risk Management**

Lunch & Exhibit Viewing

13:30 **Session 2 (continued)**

France: Case Studies from the South of France (Nimes 1998 & Arles 2003): the politics of crisis and the cooperation hierarchy (Round Table Discussion)

Colonel Luc Jorda, Bouches-du-Rhône Fire Department

Captain Fabrice Chassagne, French Civil Security

Eric Morvan, City of Arles

Jack Bedrani, City of Nimes

15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **Session 3: Learning from the past and preparing for worst-case scenarios**

Hurricane Katrina: the 'worst-case' scenario of the United States

Crisis Management during a worst-case scenario – what can Europe learn from the Katrina crisis?

Keynote Speaker Governor Kathleen Blanco, State of Louisiana

Preparing first responders for a worst-case scenario; Search and Rescue Response

Bob McKee, Texas Task Force 1



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09:00 Live Water Demonstrations

Participants brought to nearby water location - breakfast provided

Exercises of Bouches-du-Rhône Fire Department, French Civil Security, Italian Civil Protection, and the French Red Cross

Rescue Scenarios: helicopter rescue, divers, amphibious vehicles, boats, barges, with more than 120 response team members

Demonstrations from exhibitors

12:00 Lunch & Exhibit Viewing

13:45 Session 4: Current Strategies, Projects, and Technologies in Cross-Border Solutions

Community Mechanism for Civil Protection

Mascia Toussaint, European Commission

EU Flood Command

Rod Stafford, VectorCommand

European Flood Alert System

Dr. Ad de Roo, EU Joint Research Centre

German-Polish Cross-Border System (Oder River Flooding)

Dr. Gernot Wittling, THW

New GMES services and solutions for floods prevention and management

Yves Desmazières, Infoterra

Wide Information Network for Risk Management, flood experimentation

Stephane Pierotti, Thales Alenia Space

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Session 5: The Way Forward for Europe

Reflection of New Cooperative Approaches

Didier Heiderich, International Crisis Watch

Speaker Panel

Participating Speakers

16:30 Closing

Sarah-Kirman Meunier, European Reference Cluster on Risk Management

Richard Biagioni, Groupe KTI