



Emergency Management Education in Canada: Building the Infrastructure November 16, 2005

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- A one-day workshop hosted by the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

Purpose: to bring together practitioners, academics, and private and public sector representatives to discuss and exchange perspectives on the challenges and opportunities they face in helping develop a robust Canadian educational infrastructure that supports emergency management/disaster studies.

8:00 **Registration Opens**
Continental Breakfast

9:00 **Welcome and Logistics** – Adam Hatfield, PSEPC
Introductory Remarks – Robert MacDougall, PSEPC

9:15 **Workshop Objectives** – Lianne Bellisario, PSEPC

9:30 **Session 1:**
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: The Changing Risk Environment
Moderator: Jack McGee, JIBC
Panelists: Ernest MacGillivray, New Brunswick EMO
Doug Bell, Dillon Consulting

A moderated discussion with emergency management stakeholders discussing the changing nature of hazards and vulnerability in Canada.

10:15 **Questions and Discussion**

10:30 **Networking Break**
Sign-up for Breakout Sessions

11:00 **Session 2:**
Where are we now? Training, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
Moderator: Robert Race, IOIC
Opening Speaker: Wayne Blanchard, FEMA HiEd Program
Panelists (15 min each): John Lindsay, Brandon University
Jack McGee, Justice Institute of BC
David Etkin, York University

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Session is opened by Wayne Blanchard, who presents highlights from the US FEMA HiEd Program and comments on lessons learned and how the development of the program might be different if started today. Followed by panel presentations and a moderated discussion exploring the range of EM educational needs (training to postgraduate education) in Canada.

12:15 **Questions and Discussion**



- 12:30 **Wrap-up of Morning Sessions**
Instructions for Afternoon Breakout Groups – Adam Hatfield
- 12:35 **Lunch** (provided)
Sign-up for Breakout Sessions
- 13:45 **Session 3:**
Breakout Sessions
**Building a Community: Creating and Leveraging Resources for
Emergency Management Education in Canada**
*All participants will break out into groups and engage in group discussions on
how to build robust educational EM programs.*
- Breakout Group A:** Building Research Capacity and Networks
Facilitated by: Stephanie Chang, University of British Columbia
- Breakout Group B:** Fulfilling Student Needs: Distance Learning,
Co-op and Skill Development
Facilitated by: Laurie Pearce, Justice Institute of B.C.
- Breakout Group C:** Building an EM Program: Program Design, Curricula and
Resource Materials
Facilitated by: John Lindsay, Brandon University
- Breakout Group D:** Getting Started: Building a Business Case for EM
Programs
Facilitated by: Judy Carter, Royal Roads University
- 15:00 **Networking Break**
- 15:20 **Reporting from the Breakout Sessions** (10 minutes per group)
Questions and Discussion
- 16:10 **Session 4:**
Recap, Open Discussion and Next Steps - a moderated discussion for all
participants
Moderator: Adam Hatfield, PSEPC
- This is an opportunity for all participants to highlight any key messages which
resonated with them through the day as well as to raise any issues which have
not been discussed.*
- 16:45 **Closing Comments**
- 17:00 **Workshop Adjourned**