

Sharing an Uncertain World: Lessons in Managing Risk

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The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

Whatever sector you work in, your success will hinge to some degree or other on the activities of the Earth on which we live.

Now, for the first time, the Geological Society of London is hosting a conference bringing together leading Earth Scientists and practitioners from a range of other sectors to share experiences, practices and technologies to collectively learn how we can better manage risk.

Session themes will cover:

- What is risk, how do different sectors and disciplines approach it and how does it leave us vulnerable at different scales?
- Lessons for Earth Scientists from other sectors with a heightened exposure, e.g. aviation, healthcare, big engineering, performance sports
- Different sectors' experience of management of risk, from the organisational level down to the modelling of uncertainties around given activities
- The nature of the Earth's hazards and how they translate into meaningful and dramatic consequences for society, e.g. for finance, urban development, contingency planning
- How we can best use technology to identify, manage and communicate risks and their uncertainties
- Understanding the dangers and exceptional capabilities of human behaviour under event-based stress through to consideration of long-range natural hazards

Call for papers:

In addition to invited speakers, we are keen to hear from anyone who has tangible examples of lessons in risk management for/from Earth Sciences involving other sectors. These will most likely be industry, commerce, the public sector, defence/security or academic disciplines, but could also, for instance, be from non-profit, community or media organisations.

We would welcome formal presentations, short TED-style talks, practical demonstrations or posters, whatever reasonable that can get the message and exchange of ideas across.


First deadline for acceptance of abstracts is 31st April 2017.

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