

## News!



"Canada was well represented at the US National Earthquake Conference held in Seattle, April 22-27. Its theme

### 'Understanding Earthquakes: From Research to Resilience'

brought together Emergency Managers, Scientists and Engineers, Policy Makers, & Business to share earthquake risk mitigation ideas.

The conference covered a variety of issues with respect to earthquake hazard and risk reduction including a short video of past events produced by Global net Productions.

The opening session "Toward Resiliency" by Dr. Dennis Mileti set the stage for the conference by focusing on what we have learned from past events and the introduction of the 'Resilient Community' which included lessons from around the world and Hurricane Katrina.



The conference also included an Awards Ceremony which was held at lunch on Thursday Day Three. Eleven awards were presented in the categories of "Awards for Excellence" and

"National Lifetime Achievement in Earthquake Risk Reduction." Larry Pearce and Jim Stanton on behalf of EPICC, were presented the Award for Excellence in the category of "Plans and Materials", for EPICC's work in earthquake planning for businesses. It is doubly noteworthy that EPICC received this award, since EPICC was the only Canadian organization in attendance representing Canada and the only non US agency recognized by the National Earthquake Conference. This was followed by a presentation by Jim Stanton describing EPICC's role in supporting and assisting businesses in preparation for disasters.

There were networking opportunities including a boat cruise to Blake Island for clams, a salmon dinner, and a native cultural show.



The Canadian contingent for this event included (L to R): Dave 'Ottawa' Avery, Kevin Ramsey, Maiclaire Bolton, Dorit Mason, Deborah Procter, Mike Andrews, Norene MacLeod, Jonathan Klein, Ginger Sherlock, Glormar Gomez, Elizabeth Thomson, & Fred Hoenisch.

A detailed agenda for the conference can be found at

[www.earthquakeconference.org](http://www.earthquakeconference.org)

## Coming Soon!

### 2008 EPICC AGM

We would like to encourage you to join us for our Annual General Meeting. Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:30pm  
The Sylvia Hotel, English Bay  
Vancouver

Please RSVP by May 11<sup>th</sup>, to [info@epicc.org](mailto:info@epicc.org) or 604-813-7979

**The Next Big Pandemic is coming: Are you ready?**

**JUNE 25, 2008**

**Renaissance Vancouver Hotel  
Harbourside,  
Vancouver, BC**

**EPICC Member fee: \$599.00 + gst**

**For registration information  
1-800-598-8002 ext 1352  
[www.oha.com/vancouverpandemic](http://www.oha.com/vancouverpandemic)**

**2008 World Conference  
on Disaster Management**

**June 15-18**

**Toronto, Canada**

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**EPICC's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**"Plan for Tomorrow, Today"**

Program information will be posted on our web site [www.epiccforum.org](http://www.epiccforum.org) as it comes available.

## Member News!

EPICC member, Doug McLeod has moved from BC Hydro to SKYE Emergency Planning. He was busy this month planning a 2 hour Seminar in Kamloops on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The focus of the seminar was:

**“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AS A  
KEY ASPECT OF BUSINESS  
OPERATIONS”**

Thank you Doug, for representing EPICC during this seminar!

Thank you to **Laurie Pearce**, Member of the Board, for speaking at **The BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Emergency Preparedness Project**, May 8, 2008.

This is a provincial, cross-disability advocacy organization and for more info. Contact Karen Martin 604-875-0188.

## Welcome!

EPICC is pleased to Welcome all New Members who've joined this past month. It is great to have such support from all of our Members.

### New Members:

- **Alison Blair-**  
Public Guardian & Trustees
- **Les Brown-**  
Public Guardian & Trustees
- **Ariel Cleasby-Heaven-**  
University of Western Washington
- **Mona Jane-**  
Ministry of Attorney General

### New Supplier Members:

SOS Emergency Response Technologies:  
**Stacey Friedman, Mark Friedman,**  
**Irv Dardick -[www.sostech.ca](http://www.sostech.ca)**

## Information!

### Educational Opportunities for Emergency Managers

Are any of you interested in furthering your education  
in Emergency Planning and Business Continuity?

#### **Royal Roads University**

-Masters in Disaster Emergency Management

#### **DRI Canada**

(Disaster Recovery Institute Canada)

-Education and Certification for continuity  
management professionals

#### **Justice Institute of British Columbia**

-Emergency Management Certificate Program

**NATE** (Northern Alberta Territorial Institute of  
Technology)

-Alberta Disaster Services Training School and  
Headquarters

#### **Brandon University**

-Bachelor Program in Applied Disaster &  
Emergency Studies

#### **York University**

-Master in Disaster Emergency Management

## New Member Profile!

### Write up by Donna Cragg- Meal Kit Supply Canada

Meal Kit Supply Canada was formed to bring the highest quality emergency food solution available to Canada for use by business continuity, emergency preparedness and disaster planning professionals. Meal Kit Supply Canada founder Blair Calder says "Business continuity and emergency planning are evolving in sophistication and complexity in response to need and EPICCC is an excellent example of the contribution a collaborative approach can and does make". Meals, Ready-to-eat (MREs) are specifically designed for resilience. The rate of recovery is directly related to the level of preparedness. Mr. Calder is a staunch advocate for resilience believing that the social and economic fabric of an organization, an area, a city, a corporation, the country on a national level are related to how quickly we recover whenever or whatever disaster may strike. Meal Kit Supply Canada is proud to be a member of EPICCC and to bring awareness of this resource to fellow members [www.mealkitsupply.com](http://www.mealkitsupply.com) 1-877-833-1418.

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EPICCC is pleased to announce our new mailing address and we would like to thank the North Shore Emergency Management Office for providing us the space and for their continued support.

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Glen Magel, BC Institute of Technology

#### **Past Chair:**

Carmen Funk, F.A.S.T. Limited

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