

**European Geosciences Union
Natural Hazards Division**

**Business Meeting Minutes
12.15-13.15, 23rd April 2009
Vienna International Conference Centre, Room 29**

Chair: Bruce D. Malamud (President, NH Division)

In attendance: about 105 people

1. Those present approved the agenda for the meeting.
2. The Chair listed the current Scientific Secretaries and highlighted the range of roles that they undertake.
3. The Chair awarded the YSOPP prizes to those winners who were present.
4. The Chair outlined the statistics of the Natural Hazards Division of the EGU 2009 General Assembly. Of note are the following:
 - a. NH had 61 sessions, of which NH was the lead in 47;
 - b. NH received 1681 abstracts, of which 1304 were for sessions for which NH was the lead;
 - c. 33% of papers were given via oral presentations;
5. The Chair raised the issue of reserving time-block 5 (TB5) for poster sessions only and no oral presentations, as was done for the first time at EGU 2009. There was a lively debate followed by a vote. Approximately 45 of those present voted to retain TB5 as poster only, five voted against. Thus the meeting **resolved to reserve TB5 for posters in the EGU General Assembly 2010**.
6. The Chair noted the winners of the Plinius and Sergey Soloviev medals and called for nominations for the 2010 awards (nominations due by 31st May 2009).
7. The Chair reminded convenors of the need to:
 - a. Highlight items of interest to the media;
 - b. Process requests for financial assistance on time.
8. The Chair outlined other NH Division activities over the last year, and those currently planned.
9. The Chair highlighted that the Natural Hazards division would soon have a publically accessible web page. This will be managed by the NH Division Vice-President (David Petley).
10. The Chair outlined the process of generating the scientific programme for NH at EGU2010. The first step will be to generate a skeleton programme (deadline early June 2009). As the Division President will be acting as Scientific Programme Chair for the whole EGU 2010 General Assembly, the role of programme chair for NH division will be undertaken by Dave Petley.
11. A short presentation on the Plinius 2009 meeting was made by the conference co-ordinator, Dr. Maria-Carmen Llasat. The meeting will be held on 7th – 11th September 2009 in Barcelona, Spain, with registration and abstract submission open in mid-May 2009.

12. The Chair, on behalf of Fausto Guzzetti the managing editor of the EGU journal NHESS (*Natural Hazards and Earth Systems Sciences*), briefly outlined current key statistics:
 - a. In 2008 133 papers were published;
 - b. The impact factor has risen from 0.884 (2006) to 1.021 (2007);
 - c. The average cycle is 66 days from submission to an editorial decision and a further 42 days from a decision to appearance online. The number of 42 days has decreased substantially in the last few months and is now about one week.
13. The Chair noted the outgoing Scientific Secretaries, Alberto Mugnai, Bruno Merz, and Paola Reichenbach, all of whom were individually thanked by the meeting via rounds of applause;
14. The Chair called for nominations for new Scientific Secretaries.
15. There was a long and spirited debate on whether or not to combine the Meteorological Hazards and Hydrological Hazards subsections of the Natural Hazards division. The Chair called for a vote; 40 of those present were in favour of the merger; eight were against. Thus, the meeting **resolved to merge the Meteorological Hazards and Hydrological Hazards sections of the NH Division**, but with two Scientific Secretaries if needed, and to be called Hydro-Meteorological Hazards.
16. The Chair led a debate on the ways in which Scientific Secretaries are appointed, or other decisions (e.g. medal committees) where appointments might be necessary. **The meeting unanimously (30 for, zero against) resolved to empower the Natural Hazards Division President, in conjunction with the scientific secretaries, to make decisions on appointment issues.**
17. **Dr Oded Katz was confirmed as the new Scientific Secretary for Natural Hazards and Society.**
18. **Dr Giorgio Boni was confirmed as a new Scientific Secretary for Hydro-Meteorological Hazards.** A nomination is required for the second Scientific Secretary in this area, if it is felt necessary to have a second scientific secretary;
19. The Chair highlighted the need for sessions to be convened by a group that is representative of the wider scientific community, in particular with respect to gender balance.
20. The Chair asked all present to send comments about the good and bad aspects of the meeting directly to him.
21. The Chair closed the meeting at 13:15.

Prof. David Petley
4th May 2009

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BUSINESS MEETING
WELCOME !!!

Thursday 23 April 2009

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1.0 NH DIVISION SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIES

 Meteorological Hazards: Alberto Mugnai	 Hydrological Hazards: Bruno Merz
 Volcanic Hazards: Jo Gottsmann	 Landslide Hazards: David N. Petley



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1.0 NH DIVISION SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIES

 Earthquake Hazards: Michael E. Contadakis	 Sea & Ocean Hazards: Stefano Tinti
 Snow Avalanches & Glacial Hazards: Mohamed Naaim	 Natural Hazards & Society: Paola Reichenbach

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 Biological, Environmental & Other Hazards Jennifer Holden	 Outreach to Developing Countries and Short Courses Cees van Westen
 Biological, Environmental & Other Hazards Gavin Gillmore	

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1.0 NH DIVISION SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIES

OTHER tasks being done by 'scientific' secretaries:

Jo Gottsman: Young Scientist Outstanding Poster Presentations (YSOPP)

Stefano Tinti: Plinius Medal Committee Chair

Dave Petley: NH Deputy President; NH Programme Chair for 2010; NH web page

Jennifer Holden: Outreach to young scientists

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2.0 YSOPP AWARDS FROM EGU 2008

- **Young Scientist Outstanding Poster Presentation Awards** (YSOPP).
- **FIVE awards from EGU 2008.**
- **Each laureate:**
 - Has name, picture, poster published on EGU medals/awards homepage;
 - Appears in EGU newsletter;
 - Receives conference fee waiver for the next EGU General Assembly.

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2.0 YSOPP AWARDS FROM EGU 2008



Claudia Cecioni
 PhD student, Civil Department of Roma Tre University, Italy.



Jennifer Holden
 PhD student, Department of Geography, King's College London.



Olha Leontyeva
 Postgrad student, Lviv Centre of Institute of Space Research, Ukraine.

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2.0 YSOPP AWARDS FROM EGU 2008



Dominika Pradzynska
 PhD researcher, Mountain Risks Marie Curie Research Network, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.



Fabrizio Romano
 PhD student, University of Bologna, Italy.

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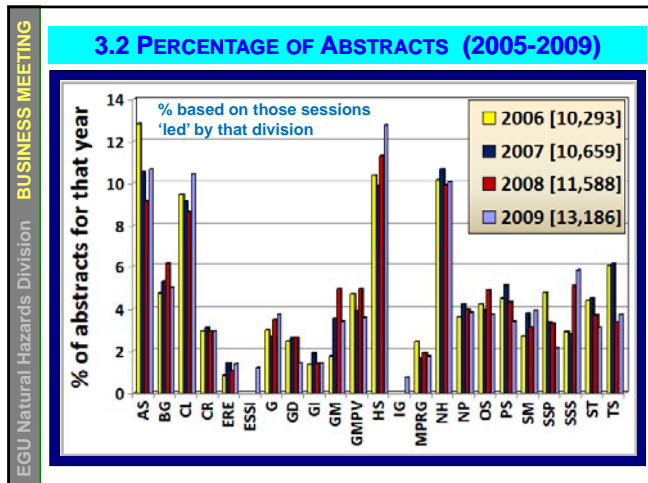
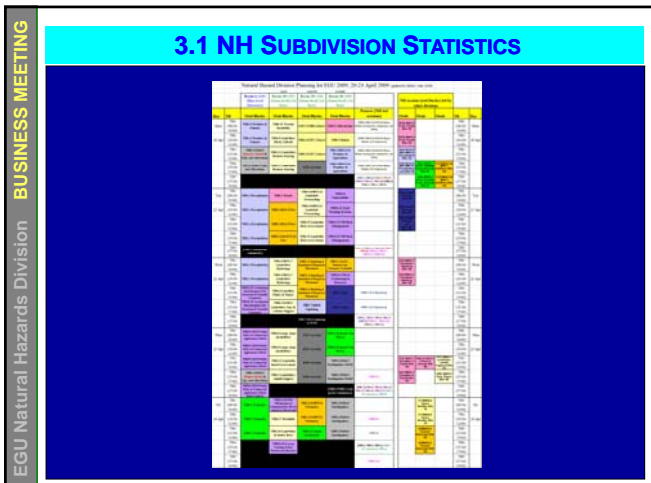
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3.0 SESSION & ABSTRACT SUMMARY STATISTICS

- NH Division: 61 sessions overall: 1681 abstracts
 - 47 NH sessions 'led' by NH (1304 abstracts)
 - 14 NH sessions led by other divisions (377 abstracts)
- NH led sessions, orals vs poster: average 33% oral & 67% poster.
- Oral sessions were TB1 to TB4.

3.1 NH SUBDIVISION STATISTICS

Subsession of NH Programme	# NH led sessions	# abstracts	# 'other' division led sessions	# abstracts
NH1.* METEOROLOGICAL Hazards	4	191	1 HS	39
NH2.* HYDROLOGICAL Hazards	3	53	3 HS + 1 GM	102 + 20
NH3.* VOLCANIC Hazards	1	29		
NH4.* LANDSLIDE Hazards	15	333	1 HS + 1 GM	18 + 17
NH5.* EARTHQUAKE Hazards	4	132		
NH6.* SEA & OCEAN Hazards	3	101	1 SM	34
NH7.* SNOW AVALANCHES & GLACIAL Hazards	1	25	2 CR	43
NH8.* BIOLOGICAL Hazards (wildfires)	2	56	1 SS	24
NH9.* ENVIRONMENTAL & OTHER Hazards (Heavy Metals, Kars, Radon, Space Weather)	3	106	1 GM + 1 ST	18 + 35
NH10.* NATURAL HAZARDS & SOCIETY	9	204		
NH11.* MULTIHAZARDS	2	69		
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EGU 2008 TOTALS	40	1153	11	322




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4.0 SOME NH ITEMS OF NOTE DURING EGU 2009

2009 EGU Sergey Soloviev Medallist

Jochen Zschau




“awarded for his commitment and enthusiasm to bridge the gap between fundamental research related to the physics of natural hazards and the implementation of risk reduction technologies for the benefit of society”

<http://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/awards-medals.html>

4.0 SOME NH ITEMS OF NOTE DURING EGU 2009

2009 EGU Plinius Medallist

Helen Crowley 

“awarded in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the fields of earthquake risk assessment and seismic risk mitigation, and in the neighbouring fields of structural engineering and engineering seismology.”

15:30-16:30 Thursday, Room 6
<http://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/awards-medals.html>

4.0 SOME NH ITEMS OF NOTE DURING EGU 2009

- 2nd year for YSOPP [Young Scientist Outstanding Poster Paper award]
THANKS to Jo Gottsmann for coordinating!
- Successful '55 all poster' only session!
- A number of press conferences, media tips (*but more needed next year*).
- A number of financial aid grants given to NH division abstracts [NH/EGU total]:
[AGTA: 1/6] [KRTA: 5/68] [YSTA: 11/75]

5.0 SOME NH ITEMS OF NOTE DURING LAST YEAR

- Successful 10th Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms
 - EGU Topical Conference within NH.
 - Received EUR 5000 from EGU.
 - Nicosia, Cyprus, 22-24 September 2008
 - Coordinator: Silas Michaelides. [THANKS!!]
 - 126 abstracts (84 oral, 42 posters).
 - ADGEO and NHESS papers.

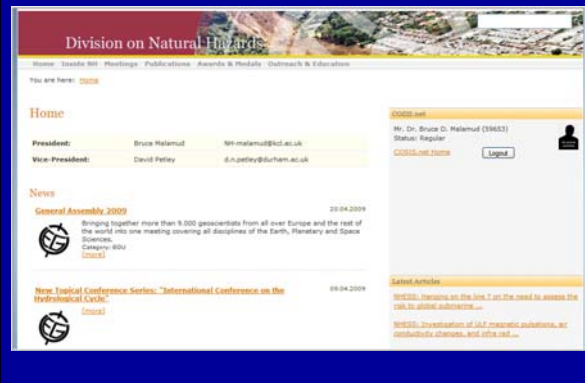
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- Other EGU NH Supported Meetings
 - “Training workshop on landslide risk management using geo-informatics”
 (Cees van Westen, ITC, the Netherlands).
 New Delhi, India. 12–23 Jan 2009.
 20 trainees. Received EUR 1000 from EGU and EGU endorsement.
 - “Typhoon-triggered landsliding”
 (Karl Chang, NTU, Taipei, Taiwan).
 Taiwan, September 2009.
 To receive EGU endorsement and monetary contribution.

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 - “Landslides triggered by the 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake”
 (Janusz Wasowski, Bari, Italy).
 Taiwan. September 2009.
 To receive EGU endorsement.
 - “Mountain Risks: Bringing science close to society”
 (Jean-Philippe Malet, CNRS)
 Firenze, Italy. November 2010.
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The screenshot shows the website for the Division on Natural Hazards. It includes a navigation menu at the top (Home, About Us, Meetings, Publications, Awards & Prizes, Outreach & Education). Below the menu, there is a 'Home' section with a list of officers: President Bruce Malamud and Vice-President David Pelley. A 'News' section features two items: 'General Assembly 2009' (23.04.2009) and 'New Topical Conference Series: "International Conference on the Hydrological Cycle"' (04.04.2009). On the right side, there is a 'COGAS user' login area for Dr. Bruce D. Malamud (39653) and a 'Latest Article' section with links to recent publications.

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6.0 Programme EGU 2009

EGU 2010 Programme [Vienna or Paris]

- Is process by which we construct programme satisfactory?
- **Setting up SKELETON PROGRAMME now.**
- **DAVE PETLEY will coordinate 2010 NH programme (d.n.petley@durham.ac.uk). (thanks Dave, this is a big job!!!)**
- **Please discuss ideas with NH scientific secretaries (or Dave) here in Vienna or e-mail.**

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Barcelona, Spain, 7-11 September 2009
 Venue: University of Barcelona

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For information and application:
<http://meetings.copernicus.org/plinius11>
<http://gama.am.ub.es/plinius/>

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SESSIONS

- Topic 1:** Societal Impacts, Risk Management, Responses, and Education
- Topic 2:** Climate Change Impacts on Mediterranean Storms
- Topic 3:** Paleofloods and Historical Information Concerning Damaging Mediterranean Storms (floods, tornadoes, heavy winds, ground effects, etc.)
- Topic 4:** Remote Sensing of Storms
- Topic 5:** Storm Processes (genesis, cyclogenesis, storm track, precipitation physics, water cycling, etc.)
- Topic 6:** Mesoscale Modelling and Data Assimilation
- Topic 7:** Hydrological Processes and Modelling
- Topic 8:** Flash Floods: From Observations to Forecasting
- Topic 9:** Nowcasting
- Topic 10:** Operational Meteorological and Hydrological Forecasting
- Topic 11:** Air-Sea Interactions, Ocean Waves, and Coastal Surges
- Topic 12:** Rainfall-Triggered Landslides and Coastal Landslides / Erosion

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INVITED SPEAKERS FOR OPEN CEREMONY/PLENARY SESSION

- Salvano Briceño** Director International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, (UNISDR, SWITZERLAND)
- Daniel Duband** President of Water-Environment Division (Société Hydrotechnique de France, France)
- Bruce D. Malamud** President of Natural Hazards Division of the European Geosciences Union, (King's College London, UK)
- Colin Price** Coordinator of the FLASH European project, (Tel Aviv Univ., ISRAEL)
- Franco Siccardi** EGS Soloviev Medal and promoter of the Plinius Conference (CIMA Research Foundation, ITALY)

INVITED SPEAKERS FOR MAIN TOPIC SESSIONS

- Marco Borga** (Univ. of Padova, ITALY)
- Isabelle Braud** (CEMAGREF, Lyon, FRANCE)
- Chandrasekar V. Chandra** (Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins, CO, USA)
- Vassiliki Kotroni** (National Observatory of Athens, GREECE)
- João Luís M. Pedroso de Lima** (Univ. of Coimbra, PORTUGAL)
- Piero Lionello** (University of Lecce, ITALY)
- Richard Rotunno** (NCAR)
- Daniel Sempere-Torres** (Technical University of Catalonia, SPAIN)

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SIDE EVENTS

7 September 2009

- FLASH Project:** The Open Session for end-users, stakeholders and scientists.
- MedCLIVAR/HYMEX:** Meeting concerning collection of precipitation data in the Mediterranean.
- MED-FRIEND (UNESCO):** "Extreme events" assembly

8 September 2009

- MEDEX (WMO):** The annual meeting, open this year to non-members of the project

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BARCELONA. The capital of the Mediterranean

SOCIAL EVENTS: Visit to the city

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POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSION

Discovering Penedès and the village of Sitges, where some flash floods and landslides were produced on September 2006

Floods in Sitges, november 2005 (L.M.)

Floods in Sitges (J.M. Sola)

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Thank you for your attention.

See you in Barcelona!

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EGU Sergey Soloviev Medal



1930 - 1994

The medal is awarded for outstanding scientific contributions in fundamental research that improves our knowledge of basic natural hazards principles, and research that assesses and leads to the proper mitigation of natural hazards from both human and environmental perspectives

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EGU Plinius Medal

Medal awarded to excellent young scientists who has outstanding research achievements in a field related with natural hazards, important interdisciplinary activity in two or more fields related with topic, and research focused on mitigation of natural risks.*

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*At year at which Medal will be presented, nominee should satisfy: (a) received PhD within last five years, and (b) age 35 or younger. Example: For 4/2010 EGU award presentation, candidate should have received PhD after April 2005 AND birthdate be after April 1975.

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EGU Union Outstanding Young Scientist Award

NH Division may nominate ONE person

<http://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/awards-medals.html>

At year at which Award will be presented, nominee should satisfy both criteria: (a) received PhD within last five years, and (b) age 35 or younger.

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8.0 MEDALS

EGU Medals & Awards

- 2009 Nominations

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

31 May 2009 !!!

Send nominations NOW to: nh-malamud@kcl.ac.uk or use EGU web site.

IF IN DOUBT MATERIALS TO PROVIDE, please ask!!

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IMPACT FACTOR

- **NHESS: indexed in the ISI database**
- **NHESS Impact Factor (2007): 1.021
 (2006): 0.884**
- **Papers published (2008): 133 (1405 p.)
 (2007): 80 (757 p.)**
- **Average time from submission to final
 editor decision (including reviews): 66 days**
- **Average time from editor decision to
 publication: 42 days** [** backlog,
 cleared, as of 12/08 about one week]**

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MANUSCRIPT TYPES

- **Research Articles**
- Review Articles**
- Brief Communications**
- Comments and Replies**
- Book Reviews**

- **Special Issues ENCOURAGED!! [On focussed
 themes that might be from sessions,
 conferences, etc.]**

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Following scientific secretaries stepping down



Alberto Mugnai
 (Meteorological Hazards)



Bruno Merz
 (Hydrological Hazards)



Paola Reichenbach
 (Natural Hazards & Society)

- THANK YOU to all three for their YEARS
 of service to the EGU Natural Hazards Division.

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**11.0 SLIGHT RESTRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME &
 NOMINATIONS OF NEW SECRETARIES**

Slight change to programme structure (after
 discussion with scientific secretaries, president, & # of others):

**NH1.* Meteorological Hazards and NH2.*
 Hydrological Hazards become: Hydro-
 Meteorological Hazards.**

Suggestions for scientific secretaries (discuss
 expectations and transparency in selection):

- **Hydro-Meteorological Hazards**
- **Natural Hazards & Society**

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0.0 NH BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA [NEEDS APPROVAL]

1. Current Scientific Secretaries
2. Awarding of YSOPP awards from EGU 2008
3. EGU 2009 Statistics
4. Some NH Items of Note at EGU 2009
5. Some NH Items of Note during last year
6. Call for Skeleton Programme for EGU 2010.
7. PLINIUS 2009 (register mid-May) [Maria Carmen Llasat]
8. Call for MEDAL nominations (by 31 May 2009)
9. NHESS Report [Fausto Guzzetti, Chief Editor]
10. Scientific Secretaries Stepping Down
11. Nomination of New Scientific Secretaries
12. **What worked, what didn't work at EGU 2009?**

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Any other matter?
(e.g. ask a scientist, do we need an outreach secretary for specific groups such as women, etc.)

Enjoy the meeting !!!