

2nd Advanced Course in Management of Disaster Victims

**October 28th- November 4th 2012
Kefallonia – Greece**

Welcome address

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the **Second Advanced Course in the Management of Disaster Victims**, organized by the MSc “International Medicine / Health-Crisis Management of Athens University School of Medicine.

Following many successful conferences on various topics of Disaster Medicine and Medicine in austere settings as well as the unprecedented success of the first course held last year in Cyprus, this second Advanced Course will offer comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge and skills regarding the treatment of casualties from natural disasters, armed conflict and large-scale chemical, biological or radiological events.

During six days, participants will follow keynote lectures on the most sensitive issues concerning managing mass disasters’ casualties, with reference to the most recent complex emergencies, including the recent floods in southern Russia, the Earthquake-Tsunami-Nuclear accident in Japan, the Earthquake-Cholera epidemics in Haiti, and the massive displacement of civilians following armed conflicts in Northern Africa and the Arab world.

A number of exercises in coping with austere situations are part of the program, while set scenarios in real conditions will give the participants the opportunity to acquire the skills and experience needed to plan for major events as well as in modern search-and-rescue procedures and pre-hospitalization care of the victims.

The course will end with a major field exercise organized in the dramatic setting of the village Farsa abandoned after the earthquakes of 1953 thus offering an ideal setting for the exercise. I take this opportunity to address my thankful considerations to the Regional Government of Western Greece, to the Municipality of Argostolion, the VERGOTIS Foundation, the TEI of the Ionian Islands, the Fire Brigades, the teams of the Hellenic Red Cross, the Boy Scouts and the various volunteer teams who contributed to the success of this event and manifested once more the fabulous traditional Kefalonian hospitality.

The course is open to medical doctors, nurses or medical staff with particular interest in Disaster Medicine.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Kefallonia for this most interesting seminar

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PROGRAM

Sunday October 28th

19.00-20.30 **Official Opening Session** “Kefalos” Theater

Welcome addresses:

- Mr. A. Parisis, Mayor of Kefallonia
- Prof. N. Maraveyas, President of TEI of Ionian Islands
- Prof. Th. Rosenberg

Introductory lecture: “Disaster Risk Management in Health Care” B. Domres, MD, Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c.

21:00 **Reception**

Monday October 29th

09.00-10.00 “Mass Casualties Incidents and their Optimal Management” K. Papaioannou MD

10.00-11.00 “Mobilizing all the Necessary Means to Cope with Major Incidents” E. Vasilopoulou, MD

11.00-11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15-12.15 “From the First Responder to the ICS” D. Tsiftsis, MD

12.15-13.15 “Medical Evacuation: What’s New?” E. Mitsa, RN

13.15-15.00 **Lunch Break**

15.00-19.00 **Practical Exercise:**
“Planning a Response to a Major Casualties Incident ”

15.00-16.00 a) Introduction
16.00-18.00 b) Virtual Scenario
18.00-19.00 c) Discussion

Faculty

Tuesday October 30th

09.00-10.00 “Disaster Management in Austere Environments” C. Giannou, MD
10.00-11.00 “Management of Major Incident in Urban Areas” St. Photiou, MD
11.00-11.15 **Coffee Break**
11.15-12.15 Aspects of MCIs Linked to Terrorism B. Domres, MD
12.15-13.15 Lessons learned from real disasters (panel discussion) Moderator: B. Domres, MD
13.15-15.00 **Lunch Break**
15.00-19.00 **Practical Exercise:**
“Communications in Disasters ”
15.00-16.00 a) Introduction
16.00-18.00 b) Virtual Scenario A. Samaltanos, CPE
18.00-19.00 c) Discussion

Wednesday October 31st

09.00-10.00 “Media in Disasters: Friend or Foes?” I. Ragies
10.00-11.00 “How to Respond to the Pressure of the Press” (workshop) S. Makridis
11.00-11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15-12.15	“Logistics in Major Incidents”	K. Papaioannou MD
12.15-13.15	“Post Traumatic Stress Care”	E. Lazaratou, MD
13.15-15.00	Lunch Break	
15.00-19.00	Practical Exercise “Triage” - Theory and Practice	Faculty

Thursday November 1st

09:00-19:00 **Central Set Scenario Exercise** “Coping with a Major Incident”

Friday November 2nd

10:00-19:00	“New Data for Seismic Hazard Analysis”	Prof. E. Lekkas “Kefalos” Theater
11:00-12:00	“Strategies for Emergency Response Operations for Large Scale Natural Disasters”	Prof. E. Lekkas “Kefalos” Theater
12:00-13:00	Technical Dimensions in Disaster Situations. Evacuation Plan for public buildings	K. Cholevas “Kefalos” Theater
18:30-20:00	“N. Kavvadias: References of Disease and Death in the Poems of a Kefallonian Poet”	E. Vasilopoulou, MD “Kefalos” Theater

Saturday November 3rd

09.00-13.00	De- Briefing and Evaluation Test	Faculty
19.00-20.30	Closing ceremony and diplomas award Lecture: “Social Health Care in the Byzantine Era and the Years After”	Prof. St. Geroulanos, MD “Kefalos” Theater

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- *Region of Ionian Islands*
- *Municipality of Kefallonia*
- *TEI of Ionian Islands*

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- *S. Spirou, Head of the Region of Ionian Islands*
- *A. Parisis, Mayor of Kefallonia*
- *N. Maravegias, President of TEI of Ionian Islands*