



# IDRiM Society Annual Report 2023 - 2024

## IDRiM Society

Integrated Disaster Risk Management



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# Our Objective

## ▶ The **Vision**

The IDRiM Society strives to be:

An inclusive, international community for advancing integrated disaster risk management at all scales through high-quality interdisciplinary research, policy, and implementation science.

The vision conveys IDRiM's identity and the contributions it intends to make in the future.

Having been a formal professional society for a dozen years, we can build on our accomplishments and traditions but also chart a new course to address pressing needs and pursue new opportunities. Our vision statement was formulated, in great part, on the basis of feedback received from a survey of IDRiM members. It bridges the gap between past and future. It also balances the need for a succinct statement but also one that conveys all of the elements of a vision to be undertaken by a leading professional organization. The IDRiM vision statement places a strong emphasis on research, since that is our core endeavor. At the same time, it acknowledges that many of our members actively engaged in research are not doing so just for its own sake but for the betterment of society, as connoted by the term integrated disaster risk management in our name. The vision statement emphasizes that we are interested in the policy relevance of our work. It also acknowledges that we have been and want to continue to be leaders in making a science out of policy implementation. These three aspects—research, policy, and implementation—bring together our entire membership for an overall common purpose. The Society looks forward to making this vision a reality and thereby making this a safer and more sustainable world.





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# Award Committee

## 2024 IDRiM Awardees

### Distinguished **Research Award**



**Mohsen Ghafory-Ashtiany**  
Distinguished Professor, International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (IIEES), Iran



**Elisabeth Krausmann**  
Principal Scientist, EC JRC, Ispra (IT), Italy

### Aniello Amendola Distinguished **Service Award**



**Roland Nussbaum**  
Executive Board Member, French Association for Disaster Risk Reduction (Association Française pour la Prévention des Catastrophes Naturelles et Technologiques – AFCPNT), France




**Funda Atun**  
Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Geoinformation and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente, Netherlands

### Norio Okada Distinguished **Implementation Science Award**



**Toshitaka Katada**  
Project Professor, The University of Tokyo, Japan

-  Note that we again received very few nominations for the awards and welcome suggestions for stimulating more nominations in the future

## ► **Lifetime** Outstanding Service Award

Recall that we established this award in 2023, and, to make this Award even more prestigious, we recommended that it only be given every 2 or 3 years -- hence, no award was made this year in this category.

## ► Suggested **New Award:** Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

The Committee again recommends the establishment of an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. We also recommend that the outstanding dissertation be published in the IDRiM Book Series. This award is intended to recognize young scholars and to encourage more of them to join our Society.

Dr. Makoto Okumura has agreed to serve as the Chair of this Committee. Norio and I have agreed to serve on the Committee as well. We welcome nominations for additional members.

## ► **Increasing** Award Committee Membership

The Committee currently only consists of 5 members. We would like to add up to 3 more from a diversity of disciplines and welcome nominations, especially from members of underrepresented groups.

### Committee members

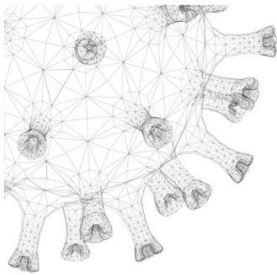
- Adam Rose (Chair)
- Hirokazu Tatano  
Mohsen Ashtiany  
James Goltz  
Dan Wei

# ▶ Event Organizing Committee

## ▶ The Object

Through our events, we aim to extend the network between young researchers, prestigious professors, and cutting-edge researchers, as well as between IDRIM members and non-members, and to provide learning opportunities.

## ▶ IDRIM Cafe



Is society prepared for future pandemics?

**12th IDRIM CAFE**  
31 May 2023 @ 12:00 pm (UTC)

### 12th Cafe

Is society prepared for future pandemics?



6 September 2023 @ 11:00 am (UTC)



### 13th Cafe

Knowledge Management Practices in Disaster Risk Reduction: Insights and Experience from Asia and Pacific Countries



### 14th Cafe

Disaster Resource Centres/ Networks at various levels



### 15th Cafe

Scientific Expertise and Disaster Management Interface: Challenges and Prospects for Better Policy and Practice



### 16th Cafe

Art of On-the-Spot Solutions: Spontaneity and Improvisation in Crisis Response



### 17th Cafe

Contribution of Social Media to Effective Disaster Management: Comparative Analysis of Romanian and Indian Scenarios

▶ 18th and 19th Cafes are scheduled to be held in 2024!

▶ You can watch these cafe recordings on:  
<https://idrim.org/?p=8421#tab-id-17>



## ► IDRiM YSS Awardees Presentation



The annual IDRiM conference has given young scientists an opportunity to present their innovative research, through the 'Young Scientist Session'. This specially arranged session is to give those who are awardees who came in the top three of the YSS at the IDRiM annual conference, a chance to give a full academic style presentation. In 2023, there were two types of presentations, online and face-to-face, so we created two types of prizes and held two types of presentations.

Please check their presentation on: <https://idrim.org/?p=10733#tab-id-3>

## ► Achievements

The IDRiM Event Organizing Committee has had a productive year from 2023 to 2024. The committee has devoted efforts to advance the discourse and practice of integrated disaster risk management through a variety of inclusive and engaging events, including IDRiM Café, IDRiM Lectures, IDRiM Webinars, and the IDRiM YSS Awardees Presentation.

In the past year, we have successfully organized six IDRiM Café events, with two additional sessions currently in preparation for later in 2024. The topics addressed in these cafés were both varied and highly relevant, covering cutting-edge issues within the field. In addition, the IDRiM lecture series this year featured three distinguished speakers: Prof. Ortwin Renn from Germany, Prof. Andrew Collins from the UK, and Prof. Bijay Anand Misra from India. These lectures covered a broad spectrum of topics, from risk governance to human vulnerability, to how to coping with a world with increasing uncertainty and complexity. These lectures have provided attendees with deep insights and have stimulated significant discussions within the community. Furthermore, the IDRiM webinar series, which newly started in 2024, is an international initiative aimed at fostering a network for risk-based decision making. The committee has conducted two webinars this year, which facilitated international collaboration and shared knowledge on critical topics in disaster risk management. Lastly, this year's IDRiM conference have innovatively adopted a combination of online and offline methods to organize the Young Scientist Session in order to increase the participation of young scholars. Accordingly, presentations by YSS Awardees of two types of awards and two types of awards were also successfully organized.

Our committee members have held regular monthly meetings to select themes, identify speakers, and coordinate with invited guests. These gatherings have been instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of our events. Through these efforts, we have successfully involved a diverse range of participants, including distinguished scholars, early-career researchers, decision-makers, and community representatives. Over the year, the committee has engaged more than thousands participants in the series events.

The diverse range of activities organized by the IDRiM Event Organizing Committee has provided a vital platform for stakeholders from various sectors, fields and age groups to engage in meaningful risk communication. By bridging gaps between different communities and promoting interdisciplinary dialogue, our efforts have facilitated more effective and inclusive risk communication. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year to enhance the understanding and management of disaster risks through innovative, inclusive, and impactful events.

## ► Members

**Hirokazu Tatano (Chair)**

Bijay Anand Misra / Norio Okada / Alexandru Ozunu / Funda Atun  
Xinyu Jiang / Mark Ashley Parry / Hiroaki Daimon / Huan Liu / Roland Nussbaum



# Finance Committee

## Fund application history for IDRiM Conference

	Apply to	Amount (JP)	Amount (US\$)	Approved
IDRiM2024 (Colombia)	DPRI, Kyoto University	650,000	4,116	○
IDRiM2023 (India)	Kyoto University Fund	1,000,000	6,332	○
	DPRI, Kyoto University	410,000	2,596	○
IDRiM2022 (Romania)	Kyoto University Fund	1,000,000	6,332	×
	DPRI, Kyoto University	533,000	3,375	○
IDRiM2021 (Japan)	Kansai Energy	400,000	2,533	○
	Kyoto University Fund	1,000,000	6,332	○
	DPRI, Kyoto University	550,000	3,483	○
IDRiM2020 (Virtual Workshop)	Japan Foundation	2,000,000	12,664	×
	DPRI, Kyoto University	552,000	3,495	○
	Kansai Energy	500,000	3,166	○
IDRiM2019 (France)	DPRI, Kyoto University	690,000	4,369	○
IDRiM2018 (Australia)	DPRI, Kyoto University	609,000	3,856	○
IDRiM2017 (Iceland)	DPRI, Kyoto University	659,000	4,173	○
IDRiM2016 (Iran)	DPRI, Kyoto University	680,000	4,306	○
	Japan Foundation	558,327	3,535	○

# ▶ IDRiM Implementation Gap (IG) Task Force

## ▶ The **Goals** of the Task Force (to be adaptively updated)

The task force goals: to help IDRiM build on its earlier efforts and take significant steps forward to improve the understanding of implementation in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Risk management (DRM) settings.

These steps will lead to an implementation science appropriate for DRR and DRM.

Target Period: Five years (2023-2027)

## ▶ **Accomplishments** of the past year

- The start-up team consists of the task force members (ca. 20 people) including the core team as well as advisory people.
- Organized two special sessions at IDRiM 2023.
- Published perspective paper → received IDRiM Journal Year Award
- 3 IG Task Force meetings by Zoom
- 3 double IG seminars by Zoom
- Informal bilateral, multilateral discussions in person or online
- This year (2024), we are organizing our special session on IG (90 minutes) at the IDRiM2024.
- New members are continuously joining.

## ▶ **A Look** to next year (to be discussed)

- Continuing IG Seminar Talks
- Encouraging more people to join our task force
- Set up a digital common platform for archiving seminar presentations, stories collected, etc.
- Who volunteers?
- Proposal and Call for a special issue for IDRiM Journal
- This may require concept note and reviewing policies to be shared by IDRiM Journal Editorial Board.

## ▶ **Members**

▶ **Chair** - Norio Okada

▶ **Co-Chair** - Robert Goble

▶ **Existing Members** - Guoyi Han, Hideyuki Shiroshita, James Goltz, Miranda Dandoulaki, Katsuya Yamori, Subhajyoti Samaddar, Kami Seo, Yoko Matsuda, Yoshiyuki Yama, Ray-Bennett Nibedita, Masamitsu Onishi, Mohse Ashtiany, Dimitrios Tzioutzios, Hari Darshan Shrestha

▶ **New Members** - Sun Fengyi, Katarina Holla, Maria Goulara, Sophia Kalogeromitrou

▶ **Special Member** - Ana Maria Cruz

▶ **Senior Advisors** - Ortwin Renn, Ilan Chabay, David Alezander, Bijay Anand Misra

# Journal and Publications Committee

## IDRiM Journal

▶ 2024

Volume 14, Issue 1 (10 articles)

Volume 14, Issue 2 (in progress)

▶ 2023

Volume 13, Issue 1 (8 articles)

Volume 13, Issue 2 (8 articles)

▶ 2022

Volume 12, Issue 1 (6 articles)

Volume 12, Issue 2 (5 articles)

▶ 2021

Volume 11, Issue 1 (7 articles)

Volume 11, Issue 2 (7 articles)



## Journal analytics

42%

Acceptance  
rate

292

Total  
Submissions

37

Manuscripts  
in progress

63

Average days  
to decisionAverage  
days to  
decision

37

Days to desk  
reject

105

Days to  
reject

60

Days to  
accept

## Journal Editors and Editorial Assistant

## ▶ Editor In-Chief

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Stefan Hochrainer-Stigler

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## ▶ Editorial Assistant

Kumiko Harada

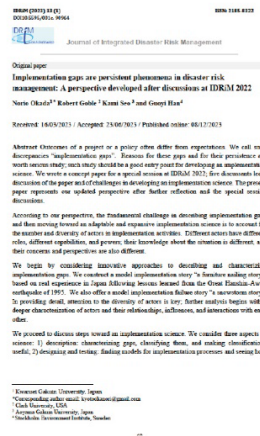
# IDRiM Journal Awards - 2024

## Article of the Year Awards

“Implementation Gaps Are Persistent Phenomena in Disaster Risk Management: A Perspective Developed After Discussions at IDRiM 2022,”

by Okada N., Goble R., Seo K., and Han G.

IDRiM Journal, 13(1), 2023.

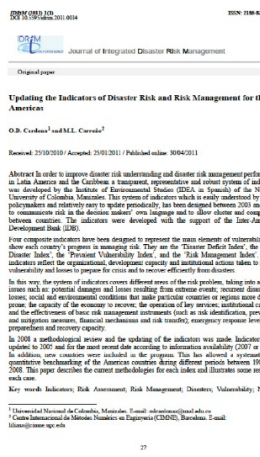


## Landmark Article Awards

“Updating the Indicators of Disaster Risk and Risk Management for the Americas,”

Cardona O.D., and Carreno M. L.

IDRiM Journal, 1 (1), 2011.



# IDRiM Journal Editorial Manual

## Editorial Manual

Developed  
July 2024

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**IDRiM Journal**  
Journal of Integrated  
Disaster Risk Management

## Editorial Manual

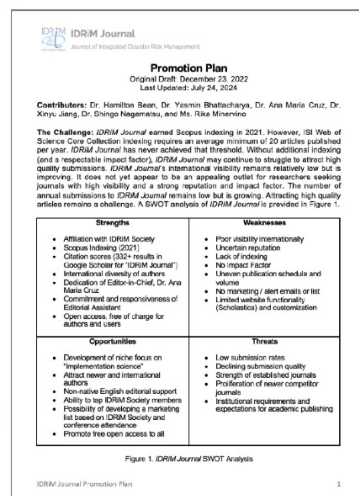
v. 1.1  
July 26, 2024

\* This document was made with the assistance of GPT-4o.

## IDRiM Promotion Plan

### ► **Promotion Plan** - Developed Dec. 2022 (In progress)

- Letter to IDRiM Society members to report the current situation of the journal and ask for contributions.
- Directly ask honorable professors in our Society to publish a “landmark” paper.
- Give award to most cited paper in IDRiM Journal at IDRiM conferences, Landmark Article Award.
- Journal best Article of the Year Award.
- Give prize to the most active IDRiM Journal reviewer at IDRiM conferences.
- Aim for a minimum of three IDRiM Journal articles cited in new manuscript before final approved.
- Publish a special issue that sets the framework for the vision of the journal focused on defining the genre of “Implementation Science.”
- Conduct a publication workshop/special session at the IDRiM conference. (The first one was held at IDRiM 2023)
- Print hard-copy issues of the journal for promotion at IDRiM conference. Establish an IDRiM Journal marketing/promotion email list of researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders. Achieve mention of IDRiM Journal on almost all websites and platforms where competitor journals are listed.
- Establish IDRiM Society members campaign to promote IDRiM Journal in their email signature block.
- Develop a comprehensive IDRiM Journal editing manual.



## Call for papers: Special Conference Issue (IDRiM2024)

Submission deadline: December 31, 2024

We invite the submission of manuscripts based on work presented at the IDRiM 2024 Conference. Please visit the IDRiM Journal website for more information at:

<https://www.idrimjournal.com/>

## Permanent open call for papers and special issue

We invite the submission of manuscripts for our regular issues, as well as proposals for special issues on specific themes within the scope and focus of the IDRiM Journal

Please visit the IDRiM Journal website for more information at:

<https://www.idrimjournal.com/>



# Membership Committee

## ▶ Period 10.2023 - 08. 2024

In addition to the routine function of processing ongoing membership applications and responding to the requests from the IDRiM Board, the Membership Committee regained and maintained its monthly meeting since October 2023 after a period of inaction. The main focuses since have been:

- Analysis of the current state of the IDRiM Society membership and identify priorities for an action plan
- Criteria and procedure for the Honorary Membership, both internal and external.
- Supporting and coordinating the development of the IDRiM Regional Chapters
- Initiating the development of an 'Young Scientist/Student Forum (YSF)'
- Expansion of the Membership Committee

### ▶ IDRiM Membership analysis

In order to identify the priorities for the MC action plan, Professor Jiang Xinyu led and carried out a detailed overview and analysis of the current state of the IDRiM Society Membership (a result reporting PPT is available). While there has been a steady growth of the membership since the IDRiM Society establishment, we have seen notable fluctuations of the membership over the years. Thus, actions and measures that can support the maintenance of the existing membership are identified as an equally important priority as the expansion of the membership. The MC has looked into a wide range of factors based on the result of the membership analysis, including the fee structure, the rewards and benefits/attraction for being a IDRiM member, the diversity of the IDRiM memberships, and possible measures/actions to motivate more active participation of the members, especially young members.

### ▶ Developed and finalized criteria and procedure for IDRiM Honorary Membership

After several rounds of discussion among the MC members as well as consultation with the IDRiM BoD members, the Criteria and Procedure for IDRiM Honorary Membership (HM) was submitted to and approved by the BoD meeting in March 2024. And the first group of the HM recipients, both internal and external, have been granted and accepted.

### ▶ Coordinating the development of the IDRiM Regional Chapter-India

It has been agreed by the BoD as a strategic direction to enlarge the global standing of the IDRiM Society through the development of IDRiM regional chapters. As a pilot, Professor Misra and colleagues have made major efforts to secure and prepare all the necessary conditions for initiating the IDRiM Regional Chapter – India. The proposal was in principle agreed by the BoD in March 2024, followed by coordination meetings discussing the possible operational structure including the membership relations. This task will continue with the further development of the regional chapters.

### ▶ Initiating and development of a Young Scientist/Student Forum (YSF)

As a key effort to motivate more active involvement of young IDRiM members, the MC has worked closely with the Young Scientist Committee to initiate and promote a Young Scientist/Student Forum (YSF), in addition to the already existing young scientist session at the annual meeting; award; and awardee lectures. The idea of YSF is to promote continuous engagement of motivated members to share career/research development needs and challenges, enhancing network and collaboration. A special session will be organized at the IDRiM 2024 Conference to solicit interests and feedback, as well as initial volunteers to form a group that is keen to initiate a YSF.

### ► Change of the Membership Committee

Professor Adam Rose resigned from the MC. Professor Jiang Xinyu (since October 2023) and Professor Madhumita Chatterji (since April 2024) have joined the MC.

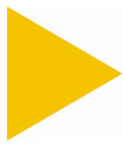
### ► Members

#### Current Chair: Guoyi Han

Norio Okad, Hirokazu Tatano, Mohsen Ashtiany, Peijun Shi, Xinyu Jiang, Bijayanand Misra, Madhumita Chatterji,

As of April 2024

Country	Number	Country	Number
Australia	1	Japan	114
Austria	15	Malaysia	1
Belgium	1	Netherlands	3
Canada	6	New Zealand	5
China	29	Norway	1
Colombia	2	Romania	11
Finland	1	Slovakia	3
France	5	South Africa	2
Germany	3	Spain	3
Greece	5	Sri Lank	1
Hangury	6	Sweden	1
India	26	Switzerland	2
Iran	2	United Kingdom	12
Ireland	1	USA	17
Italy	2		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>



# Review **Charter** and Bylaws Committee

## ▶ **WHAT WE DO**

### 1. Purpose:

To proactively monitor the IDRiM Charter and Bylaws so that these are responsive to new demands for developments in Integrated Disaster Risk Management as reflected within the Society.

### 2. Activities:

The past year involved ongoing iterative review of the Charter and Bylaws in coordination with the IDRiM Board of Directors and corresponding activities of the other IDRiM committees. The committee focussed on developing one appropriate addition to the IDRiM Charter that will guide the establishment of regional chapters. Members of the committee attended all IDRiM meetings during this period during which the establishment of regional chapters were discussed. This included additional follow up discussions with IDRiM members in India in respect of a specific proposal from that region brought to IDRiM for the establishment of a South Asia Chapter of IDRiM. In response to an agreement by the IDRiM Board of Directors to accept in principle the establishment of the chapter secretariate in India, the Charter and Bylaws Committee developed an additional article for insertion in the IDRiM Charter. This is for general application to all regional chapters.

### 3. Outcomes:

The final revision for Article 14 of the IDRiM Charter was made on 30th July, 2024 as follows:

Article 14 (Regional Chapters)

1. The Board of Directors may approve the establishment of Regional Chapters of the IDRiM Society. A region must be more than one country.
2. A Regional Chapter exists to provide additional forums that expand the implementation of IDRiM objectives and activities at a regional and local level whilst creating new opportunities through the IDRiM regional membership. It should give importance to the expansion of IDRiM into different regions, create opportunities in those regions for young and professional members and help strengthen the institutions engaging IDRiM.
3. IDRiM requires its Regional Chapters to have an advisory board and regional secretariate that reports to the Board of Directors of IDRiM as need be, this being not less than once each year. Regional secretariates will be a centre of disaster management committed to furthering IDRiM aims, objectives and activities. The office of the regional secretariate must rotate around institutions within the region. The rotation will usually be on a three yearly basis or as agreed between the advisory board of the regional chapter and the Board of Directors of IDRiM.
4. Regional Chapters of IDRiM appoint a chairperson and sub-group that represents the regional chapter and is approved by the regional chapter and the Board of Directors of IDRiM. The Chairperson will be the director of the institution responsible for the Secretariate and the activities of the Regional Chapter, or their institutional designate.
5. Members of IDRiM can also be members of a Regional Chapter should one exist in their region. The Chairperson and sub-group that represent the Regional Chapters will be members of the global IDRiM Society. Members of Regional Chapters must be encouraged to also become members of the global IDRiM Society.
6. Regional Chapters will be self-financed. The Regional Chapter Secretariate can be sponsored by corporate, government or third sector finance with the approval of the Board of Directors of IDRiM. To be self-financed, the Regional Chapter Secretariate, with the approval of its advisory board and IDRiM can enrol willing and eligible members with a fee.

### 4. As a next step:

it is recommended by the Committee that this approved Article 14 be inserted into the IDRiM Charter with immediate effect following the next Board of Directors Annual General Meeting.

**Committee Chair: Andrew Collins**



# Social Media Committee

## Meeting and Coordination

### ► IDRiM Social Media Committee Kick-off Meeting: 16 February (Fri) 2024:

The new composition of the SMC was introduced, with Dimitrios Tzioutzios continuing to serve as the committee chair for this term (as jointly agreed by the members during the meeting).

An overview of the SMC's tasks and ongoing activities was presented during the meeting, highlighting key developments over the past couple of years. Additionally, all members were granted full administrative access to the IDRiM Society's active social media accounts on Facebook and LinkedIn to perform their allocated tasks.

In order to facilitate continuous communication and coordination of committee activities throughout the year, including social media posts and News Bulletin compilation, a dedicated 'WhatsApp' channel was established for its members. The committee proceeded with their activities, utilising the instant messaging application to address any minor issues pertaining to task coordination.

A standing invitation was extended during the kick-off meeting, allowing any committee member to request an online meeting to discuss any relevant issue. However, no major issues arose, and thus no additional meetings have taken place in 2024 so far.

Finally, the compilation of the bimonthly News Bulletins for 2024 was agreed on an iterating editor basis following the schedule below:

News Bulletin Issue	Editor	Indicative Deadline
Jan - Feb	DT	10 Mar
Mar - Apr	HR	10 May
May - Jun	MAP	10 Jul
Jul - Aug	DT	10 Sep
Sep - Oct	HR	10 Nov
Nov - Dec	MAP	10 Jan

Table 1: Bimonthly IDRiM News Bulletin Yearly Schedule

## Activities Oct 2023 - Dec 2024

Below is a concise list of the activities of the Social Media Committee (SMC) from October 2023 until August 2024. For further information please contact TZIOUTZIOS Dimitrios (dimitziou@gmail.com).

### ► October 2023

- Editing the Aug-Sep 2023 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

### ► January 2024

- Editing the Nov-Dec 2023 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

### ► February 2024

- Kick-off Meeting for IDRiM Society Media Committee 2024

### ► March 2024

- Editing the Jan-Feb 2024 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

### ► May 2024

- Editing the Mar-Apr 2024 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

### ► July 2024

- Editing the May-Jun 2024 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

## Planned Future Activities

### ► Short-term Future Tasks (next month)

- Edit and publish the issue **Jul-Aug** (in preparation), **Sep-Oct**, and **Nov-Dec 2024** of the IDRiM News Bulletin

### ► Long-term Future Tasks (within 2024)

- Continue editing and issuing IDRiM News Bulletins on a bi-monthly (every two months) schedule for the rest of 2024 and in 2025
- Draft and work toward implementing a more specific social media strategy for IDRiM Society

## Items for BoD Consultation

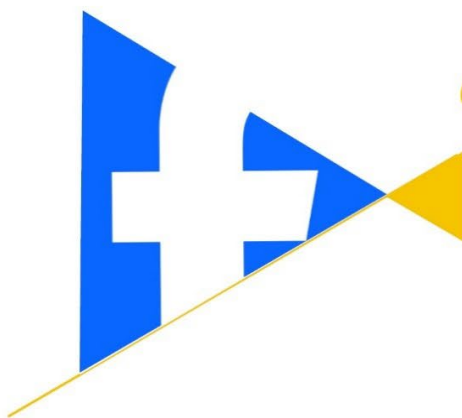
Social Media Engagement Metrics: Present current engagement metrics from social media platforms, as detailed in the accompanying report presentation. This includes key performance indicators (KPIs) such as the number of 'followers', posts, and overall reach on the online platforms of Facebook and LinkedIn.

### “ Members

**Committee Chair:** Dimitrios TZIOUTZIOS

**Members :** Mark Ashley PARRY, Haris RAHADIANTO

# Our Channel

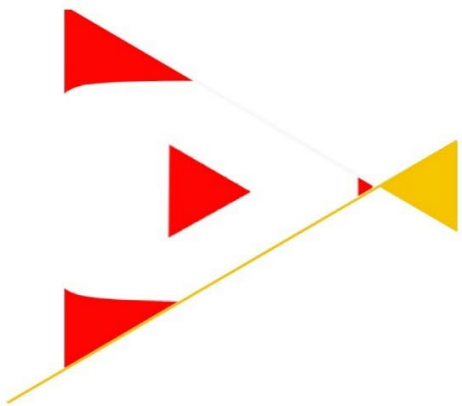
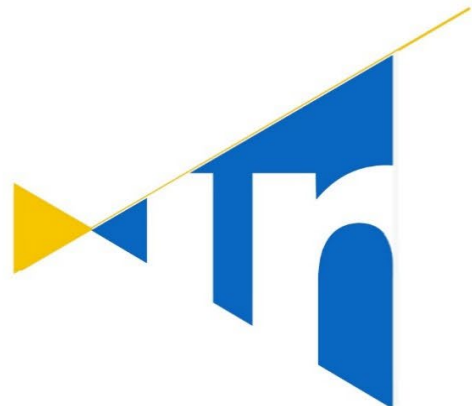


## “ Facebook

**IDRiM (public) page on Facebook :** <https://www.facebook.com/IDRiMSociety/community>  
**Follower :** 94 → 109 followers (+28%) - Steady growth!  
**Posts :** IDRiM activities (e.g. IDRiM Cafe, IDRiM2024), Other conferences / Workshop, news of interests, IDRiM Journal articles, etc.

## “ LinkedIn

**IDRiM page on LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/idrimsociety>  
**Follower :** 223→389 followers (+41.1%) - Exponential growth!!  
**Posts :** Similar posts as on Facebook



## “ YouTube

**IDRiM page on YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyXvSy53eISTw09UGmJc7A>  
**Subscribe :** 56  
**Posts :** IDRiM Cafes, IDRiM Lectures, YSS Awardees presentations, etc.

## “ News Bulletins (2023-2024)

**Issues :** 4 Bulletins Oct 30 2023- Aug 2024  
**Schedule:** 1 under preparation. 1 preparation, and 1 more scheduled for the end of 2024



# ▶ **Women** in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee

Since 2021, IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice committee encourages and sustains female scientists and practitioners, especially those in their early careers. The group's mission is to better understand women's challenges, strengths, roles and responsibilities of women in the disaster risk domain and develop a trans-disciplinary network of gender-aware scientists, practitioners, and gender equality advocates in the disaster risk domain.

As IDRiM Women in Science and Practice Committee, we recognize current challenges to equity, diversity and inclusiveness and the consequent necessity to review our understanding of risk and disaster in light of the mutating nature of compounding and diverse risks affecting contemporary societies.

## ▶ IDRiM **Mentorship** Program

IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk and Practice committee was established to support female academics and practitioners by linking them to experts from our network. Therefore, in 2024, we have started a mentorship program. For more details and to sign up as a mentor or mentee, please fill in the form in this link: <https://forms.gle/PwxuUWb5YqY-mYsVA>

If you're a middle-career researcher or practitioner, you can consider to be signed up for both. If you are looking for a mentor or if you are interested in mentoring, please let us know by filling in the form.

## ▶ **Contribution** to the IDRiM Conference in Cartagena by co-organizing a session

We co-organized a session together with Jeisson Orlando Garcia Orjuela on "Diverse and Inclusive Voices for a Resilient Future: Participation of Women, People with Reduced Mobility, the LGBT Community, and Ethnic Focus in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change".

## ▶ **Supporting** Young Scientists

**MSCA Fellowship on Hazard Mapping and Social Vulnerabilities (2024-2027).** Cross-European project purposed to bridge knowledge and practices from Japan to the EU.



Dr Irene Petraroli, who has been awarded the prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Twente, starts her fellowship on 1 September 2024 under the co-supervision of another senior member, Dr. Funda Atun. The project, which has a theoretical

and practical component, will focus on understanding and mapping risks and resources for foreign residents in a cross-country European study. Dr Petraroli has been working on public risk perception and the identification of the motors of disaster engagement in Japan since 2019, and will adapt and use the experience and models developed in her previous studies in her new environment.

Dr Irene Petraroli is a graduate of the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies at Kyoto University (Class 2022) and graduate of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Post-Doctoral Fellow (2024).

## ► 8 March 2024, Women's Day Message

We published a message during the 8 March 2024, Women's day and shared it with our network. We received nice feedbacks from our colleagues and a couple of colleagues showed interest to join to IDRiM society.

To IDRiM members  
Subject [IDRiM] Happy Women's Day



Dear IDRiM members,

Today, the 8th of March, we celebrate the International Women's day to recognize women's achievements.

However, women and girls continue facing challenges in Natural and Technological (NaTech) hazards that are increasing in frequency and severity globally. Disasters continue impacting women and girls disproportionately which are exacerbated by risk factors, such as violence against women, exposure to high-risk environments, inequalities, increased life stressors. In addition, the war in Ukraine and Russia and conflict between Israel and Gaza have increased the gender-based violence, displacement of victims, human trafficking, loss of crucial livelihood, and poor healthcare system.

As IDRiM Women, we recognize current challenges to equity, diversity and inclusiveness and the consequent necessity to review our understanding of risk and disaster in light of the mutating nature of compounding and diverse risks affecting contemporary societies. We encourage and sustain female scientists and practitioners, especially those in their early careers, and contribute developing a worldwide gender-aware network of scientists and practitioners. To this end, the group's mission is to better understand women's challenges, strengths, roles and responsibilities of women in the disaster risk domain and develop a trans-disciplinary network of gender-aware scientists, practitioners, and gender equality advocates in the disaster risk domain.

We congratulate the International Women's Day of IDRiM women.

IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee

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## ► Share with us your stories and achievements

We welcome the participation of colleagues who support and improve diversity, inclusion and gender equality in disaster risk science and practice. We welcome research but also achievements, stories, experiences and career-path narratives of women and men scientists and practitioners who had to deal with gender, diversity and inclusion issues in their work in the field of hazards and disasters. Please share them with us.

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# ▶ YSS Committee

## ▶ Introduction

Young scientists are a distinctive group within academia, known for their innovative ideas and research that either supports or challenges existing worldviews. Regrettably, the majority of these researchers leave academia within three years of completing their programs, causing many of their significant insights and studies to remain unexplored.

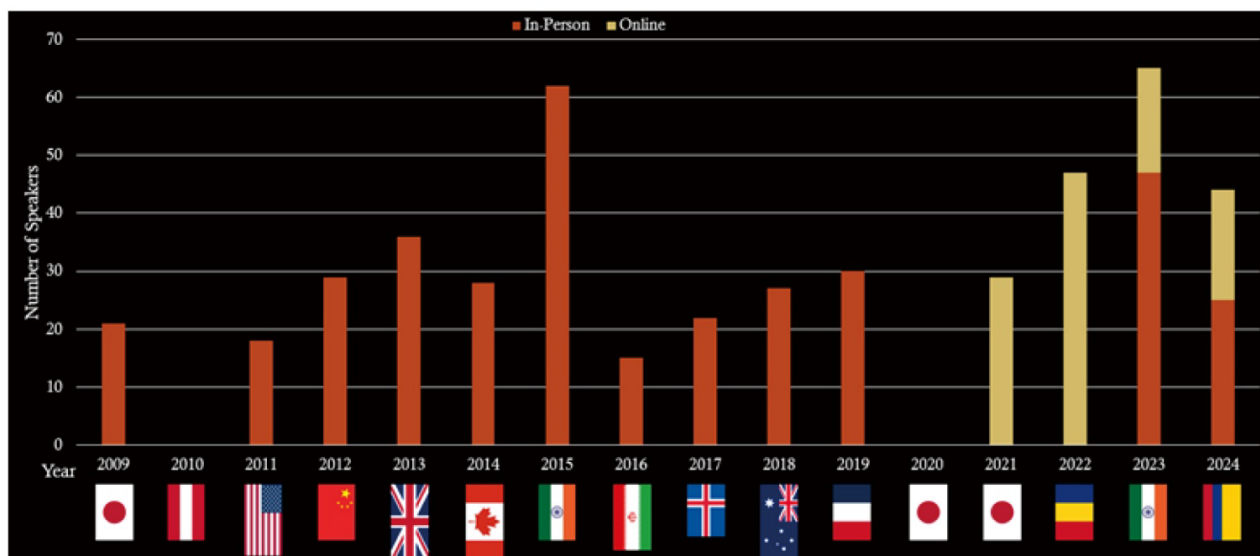
The Young Scientists Session (YSS) is a pivotal feature of each IDRIM conference. It offers young academics and practitioners a crucial platform to present their work to a broader audience. This year's conference, hosted by the Unidad Nacional para la Gestión del Riesgo de Desastres (UNGRD) in Colombia, has adjusted the presentation format. Presentations have been extended from the previous 7 and 10 minutes at IDRIM 2022 and 2023 respectively to 15 minutes, including a Q&A session. This modification aligns with last year's format, ensuring that both young and senior researchers are evaluated by the same standards.

## ▶ IDRIM2024 - Maintaining Growth

For this year's IDRIM conference, we have provisionally recognized 52 presentations/posters as part of the YSS. As demonstrated in the figure below, this represents a 8.3 percent increase from 2022, and a significant 79.3 percent increase from 2021. However, it reflects a 17.5 percent decrease from 2023. It's important to note that the conferences hosted by IDRIM in India historically attracted a significant influx of young researchers. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a general uptrend in the participation of young researchers at IDRIM conferences. However, it is worth noting the notable absence of young scientists based in North America and Oceania during this year's conference.

Early in the planning of this year's conference, we decided to continue using the format from IDRIM 2023 held in India, allowing young researchers to present alongside more experienced colleagues. Notably, this is the second IDRIM conference to employ a hybrid format. As observed during the last conference, while it poses certain challenges, it also expands opportunities for young researchers who might not be able to travel to Colombia by allowing them to present their research remotely.

Due to the high number of abstracts received (including those for the YSS), for the first time, we have organized a special online session exclusively for YSS participants who were not included in the main conference sessions. This session is scheduled for Monday, 19th August and will feature 7 YSS presentations.



Additionally, this year, the YSS will include a judging committee to address the imbalance in voter numbers and prevent YSS participants from voting for their own presentations, a practice observed in the last few years.

## ► YSS Award Presentations

In recent years, as part of expanding the YSS format, the winners of the YSS session are now awarded the opportunity to fully present their research in a webinar. As a result, two sets of webinars took place on Monday, December 12th, and Wednesday, December 20th, 2023. During these sessions, the top three awardees from both the in-person and online categories at the 2023 IDRiM conference delivered their presentations. Additionally, recordings of four out of the six presentations are now available for viewing on the IDRiM YouTube channel.

1. Becky Richardson (Northumbria University, UK) - "Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction: children's narrative of lived experience through arts-based methods in Nairobi, Kenya"
2. Sofia A. Kalogeromitrou (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) - "Dwelling After Disaster: Design and Improvisation in Transitional Shelter"
3. Fengyi Sun (Kyoto University, Japan) - "Development of a Natech Social Vulnerability Index: a Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment for a Case Study in Colombia"
4. Nombulelo Kitsepile Ngulube (Kyoto University, Japan) - "How we would like to be involved! Towards Effective Participatory Post Disaster Relocation and Housing Reconstruction. A Community Perspective"

Unfortunately, viewership for these webinars declined significantly last year, likely due to the timing of the events during the Christmas/holiday season. The YSS committee extends heartfelt thanks to the speakers for their participation and for allowing IDRiM to share their presentations on the society's YouTube channel and website.

To better accommodate our audience, we have decided to schedule the fourth set of YSS awardee events in either April or May 2025, shifting away from the December slot which experienced low engagement last year. Further details about these events will be provided closer to the dates.

## ► Development of the IDRiM Young Scientist Forum (YSF)

Since early 2024, the YSS committee has collaborated with the Membership Committee to develop the IDRiM Young Scientist Forum (YSF). The goal of the YSF is to provide young researchers worldwide with a safe space to discuss ideas and present new research among their peers. The concept for the forum was initiated by Prof. Bijay Anand Misra and Prof. Gioyan Han from the Membership Committee and further developed with the expertise of Dr. Mark Ashley Parry, who co-created a similar initiative for the United Kingdom Alliance for Disaster Research (UKADR). The forum will be formally announced at the IDRiM 2024 conference in Cartagena, Colombia, with a foundational paper being developed based on the thoughts and feelings of young researchers at the conference.

## ► Closing Remarks

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the UNGRD team, especially Jeisson, Maria Camila, and Mauricio, for their efforts in organizing this year's conference. Their teamwork and dedication have made the planning process smooth and a dream come true.

## ► Members

- **Chair of the IDRiM YSS** - Mark Ashley Parry, Norio Okada
- **YSS Committee 2024** - Jeisson Orlando Garcia Orjuela
- **Committee Members** - Muneta Yokomatsu, Sofia Kalogeromitrou





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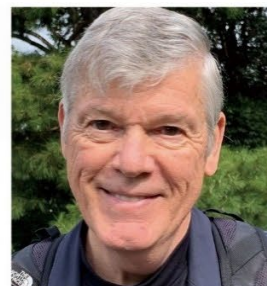
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