

IDRiM Society Annual Report

2024-2025

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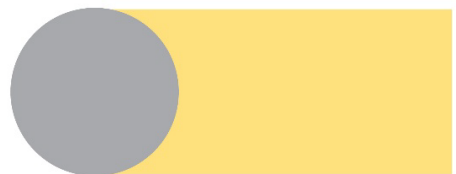


Our Vision

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

2025 IDRiM Awardees

● Distinguished **Research** Award



Andrew Collins

Emeritus Professor of Disaster and Development
Department of Geography and Environmental
Sciences, Faculty of Engineering and Environ-
ment, Northumbria University, UK

● Norio Okada Distinguished **Implementation Science** Award



Hideyuki Shiroshita

Associate Professor, Faculty of
Societal Safety Sciences, Kansai
University, Japan



Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett

Professor of Risk Management,
School of Business, University of
Leicester, UK

● Aniello Amendola Distinguished **Service** Award



Mark Ashley Parry

Post Doctoral Research Affili-
ate, Northumbria University,
UK



María Camila Suárez
Paba

Consultant, NATIONAL UNIT
FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGE-
MENT (UNGRD), Colombia

● **Lifetime** Distinguished Service Award



Ana Maria Cruz

Professor, Norwegian Univer-
sity of Science and Technology,
Trondheim, Norway

Suggested New Award: Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

Dr. Makoto Okumura agreed to serve as the Chair of this Committee. However, due to ill health and other commitments, he was not able to implement this Committee this year. We will press upon him the importance of this award for next year. Norio and I have agreed to serve on the Committee as well. We welcome nominations for additional members.

Increasing Awards 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. We welcome nominations for additional members.



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

Committee members

Adam Rose (Committee Chair)

Hirokazu Tatano
Mohsen Ashtiany
James Goltz
Dan Wei



Advisory Committee

Summary of the First Meeting by Zoom

It was held on 18th November, 2024.

Participants: Ana Maria Cruz, Norio Okada, Peijun Shi, Bijay Anand Misra, Virginia Murray, David Green, Robert Goble, Ortwin Renn, Elisabeth Krausmann, Mohsen Ashtiany,

Major agenda:

- Brief overview about IDRiM and its Strategic Plan
- How to link up with other organizations? / What areas or disciplines are missing?
- Others / Next action

Due to Okada's overloaded commitments and failure to activate discussions among us. This committee have not met again formally.

- The meeting shall be held once a month or two, and agenda questions will be guided by the priorities. IDRiM members bring back the points raised today
- David suggested we discuss the key intersections that should occur in 2025.
- Virginia proposed David include IDRiM in the Global Platform 2025 as one of the groups or one of the stakeholder mechanism groups.
- Ana Maria mentioned that we have established the first regional chapter of IDRiM in India (South Asia). Bijay commented that he hopes to grow a number of regional chapters to focus on regional issues which are linked to global issues. In addition, he proposed that we send the discussion points to the president before the next meeting.
- Norio requested each member to summarize the meeting today and send us your comments to the secretariat, Norio, and Ana Maria, along with the points you would like to emphasize and prioritize or contribute. In addition, Norio proposed that he would like to discuss more specific points as well, such as the next annual conference, especially how the members can help us select keynote speakers and think about the theme to be emphasized.

We are planning to formally meet by Zoom mid-October 2025.

Before that more small-scale, informal discussions will be organized .

Members

Norio Okada (Committee chair)

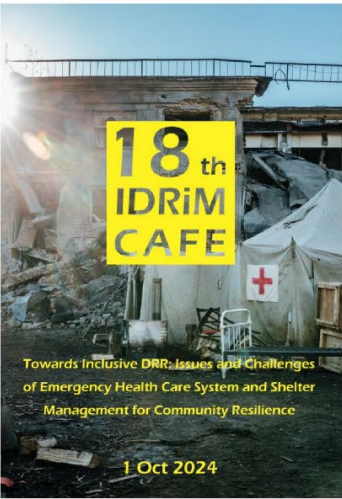
Elisabeth Krausmann
Peijun Shi
Mohsen Ashtiany
Katsuya Yamori
David Green
Virginia Murray
Ortwin Renn
Bijay Anand Misra

Event Organizing Committee

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



18th Cafe

Towards Inclusive DRR: Issues and Challenges of Emergency Health Care System and Shelter Management for Community Resilience



19th Cafe

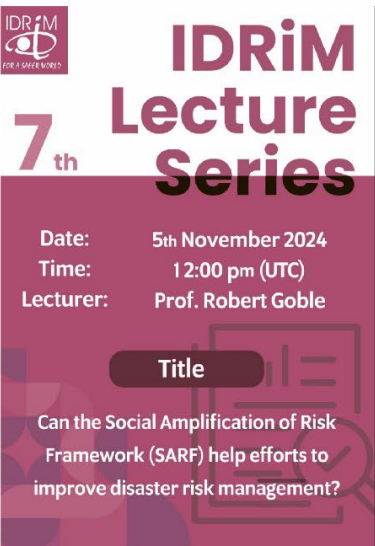
Supporting women practitioners and Researchers by creating a nurturing space throughout the challenging time



20th Cafe

Deep Evolution of Climate Change: Recent Global Flood disaster, Lessons about Pro-active preparedness and social amplification in Central Europe and South Asia

IDRiM Lecture



7th Lecture

Prof. Robert Goble, Clark University, UK

Can the Social Amplification of Risk Framework (SARF) help efforts to improve disaster risk management?



8th Lecture

Prof. Cees van Western

Multi-Hazard Risk Dynamics

IDRiM Podcast - New activity started in 2025

We are in a rapidly evolving world, meaning that the need for platforms that engage, educate, and empower society has never been more apparent. A podcast tailored to the interests and concerns of our community not only serves as a beacon of information but also fosters a sense of belonging and understanding among its listeners. By delving into diverse topics ranging from climate change and meteorological disasters to Natech disasters and terrorism, such a podcast has the potential to become a powerful tool for positive social change. In this age of digital connectivity, where voices from all corners of society yearn to be heard, the creation of a podcast offers an unparalleled opportunity to amplify junior researchers' voices, speak meaningful dialogue, and inspire collective action.

Top Viewed episodes

1 Episode #4

IDRiM Podcast #4 "Serious Gaming for Natech Risk Awareness: Introducing EGNARIA"

Guest:

Dr. Dimitrios Tzioutzios (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)

2 Episode #15

IDRiM Podcast #15 "State of Disaster Research and Practice. How is it different between a European and Asian Perspective? Part 1"

Guest / Hosts

Dr. Mark Ashley Parry [Northumbria University, United Kingdom]
Dr. Haris Rahadiano [Lund University, Sweden]

3 Episode #1

IDRiM Podcast #1 "For our inaugural episode, we aim to explore the origins and future of the IDRiM Society with the first and current Presidents of IDRiM"

Guest:

Prof. Norio Okada [Kyoto University, Japan; Founder of IDRiM Society]

Prof. Ana Maria Cruz [Kyoto University, Japan; President of IDRiM Society]



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 | Ammount (JP) | Amount (US) | Approval |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| IDRiM2025 (Greece) | DPRI, Kyoto University | 1,000,000 | 6,680 | × |
| IDRiM2024 (Colombia) | DPRI, Kyoto University | 650,000 | 4,116 | ○ |
| IDRiM2023 (India) | Kyoto Univrersity Fund | 1,000,000 | 6,332 | ○ |
| | DPRI, Kyoto University | 410,000 | 2,596 | ○ |
| IDRiM2022 (Romania) | Kyoto Univrersity Fund | 1,000,000 | 6,332 | × |
| | DPRI, Kyoto University | 533,000 | 3,375 | ○ |
| IDRiM2021 (Japan) | Kansai Energy | 400,000 | 2,533 | ○ |
| | Kyoto Univrersity Fund | 1,000,000 | 6,332 | ○ |
| | DPRI, Kyoto University | 550,000 | 3,483 | ○ |
| IDRiM2020 (Virtual WS) | 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 | ○ |

Implementation Gap (IG) Task Force

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Perspective papers: a continuing effort

Published or in press

- Okada, N., Goble, R., Seo, K., & Han, G. (2023). Implementation gaps are persistent phenomena in disaster risk management: A perspective developed after discussions at IDRiM 2022. *IDRiM Journal*, 69–99. <https://doi.org/10.5595/001c.90964>
- Okada, N., Goble, R., and Yamori, K. (2025) Human-centered approaches to the implementation of disaster risk reduction (DRR) measures, Chapter in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Natural Hazards Research*, Oxford University Press (in press)

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Discussion note series: an effort begun this year

#1 June 10, 2025

What is implementation science? What could it be?
A note to encourage discussion

Rob Goble, Clark University, rgoble@clarku.edu, Norio Okada, Kwansei Gakuin University, kyotookanori1104@outlook.jp, Kami Seo, Aoyama Gakuin University, kseo33jp@gmail.com, Guoyi Han, Stockholm Environmental Institute, guoyi.han@sei.org

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IG Zoom seminar series

#1 November 28, 2023

"Implementation Gap: Case of Evacuation from an Inexperienced Hazard"

Masamitsu Onishi, Kyoto University, Japan

"My personal narrative on meeting the idea of 'Evacuation as care' - Whose narratives do we need?"

Yoko Matsuda (Nagaoka University, Japan)

#2 December 28, 2023

"Snakebites: Causes of Avoidable Indirect Disaster Deaths"

Hideyuki Shiroshita, Kansai University, Japan / Nibedita Ray-Bennett, University of Leicester, UK

Founding Presidents of Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN)

"Decision making and Risk Reduction"

Hari Darshan Shrestha, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

#3 January 17, 2024

"Current efforts to build tsunami preparedness in Samos island (Greece): Identifying barriers and bridges"

Miranda Dandoulaki, Greece

"Can Science Save Us? Social Science Contributions to Implementation of Developments in Earth Science"

James Goltz, University of Colorado Boulder, USA

#4 Jun 27, 2025

"Cataloguing Implementations Situations / Stories for Implementation Gap (IG) analysis: Structure and attributes"

Guoyi Han, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden

"A case of implementation situation"

Seo Kami, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan

#7 July 2024, 2025

"Implementation? Do Not Speak Unless You Can Improve the Silence"

Subhajyoti Samaddar, Kyoto University, Japan

#5 July 3, 2025

"Methodology for linking researchers' involvement in the field to academic knowledge"

Masamitsu Onishi, Kyoto University, Japan

#6 July 17, 2025

"My thoughts on implementation gap"

Mohsen Ghafary-Ashtiany, International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (IIEES), Iran



You can watch the series of the seminar on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@idrimociety9556>

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Three special sessions proposed by IG Task Force at IDRiM2025

Special Session 1

Implementation Science I: Case Station-Field Campus Approach: How can we work together better in field-sites for DRR?

Monday, Sep 29 from 11:30 - 13:00 @ Room3 (Municipality Amphitheatre) - Hybrid

Special Session 2

Sharing Experiences of Disaster and Recovery: Voices from Samos Island, Greece, and Noto Peninsula, Japan

Tuesday, Sep 30 from 9:40 - 11:10 @ Room3 (Municipality Amphitheatre) - Hybrid

Special Session 3

Implementation Science III : Cataloguing implementation situations, stories, and gaps

Tuesday, Sep 30 from 14:30 - 16:10 @ Room1 (Epicurean Cultural Center) - Hybrid

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Future Plans

1
An extensive effort at collecting and cataloguing implementation stories will be initiated. This is the focus of our special plenary session at IDRiM Samos

2
Encouraging IG-focused papers to appear as special issues of IDRiM Journal

3
Promoting Case Area-based fieldworks

4
Organizing more frequent IG seminars and mini-seminars

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We will serve as editors for the Implementation-focused special issue of IDRiM Journal

- Two windows for submitting papers concerned with “Implementation.”
- Type A: ordinary submission and reviewing process
- Type B (Implementation gap-focused papers): special submission and reviewing process
- We encourage submissions through both Type A and Type B channels, but are eager to experiment with Type B.

Task Force members

Norio Okada (Chair)**Robert Goble (Co-chair)**

Guoyi Han

Kami Seo

Miranda Dandoulaki

James Goltz

Katuya Yamori

Yashiyuki Yama

Masamitsu Onishi

Yoko Matsuda

Ray Bennett-Nebedita

Hideyuki Shiroshita

Subhajyoti Samaddar

Journal and Publication Committee

IDRiM Journal

| | |
|------|---|
| 2025 | Volume 15, Issue 1 (13 articles) |
| | Volume 15, Issue 2 (2 articles published as of July 2025) |
| | * In Progress (closing December 2025) |
| 2024 | Volume 14, Issue 1 (10 articles) |
| | Volume 14, Issue 2 (15 artiicles plus Preface) |
| 2023 | Volume 13, Issue 1 (8 articles) |
| | Volume 13, Issue 2 (8 artiicles) |
| 2022 | Volume 12, Issue 1 (6 articles) |
| | Volume 12, Issue 2 (5 artiicles) |
| 2021 | Volume 11, Issue 1 (7 articles) |
| | Volume 11, Issue 2 (7 artiicles) |



Journal Analytics

| | Average days to decision | Acceptance rate | Number of Submission | Days to desk reject | Days to reject | Days to accept |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Time (since 2011) | 122 | 37 | 357 | 41 | 169 | 192 |
| 2025 (as of 31 July) | 128 | 28 | 91 | 47 | 219 | 216 |
| 2024 | 146 | 31 | 94 | 54 | 223 | 237 |
| 2023 | 100 | 40 | 80 | 29 | 102 | 160 |
| 2022 | 84 | 33 | 44 | 18 | 113 | 179 |

IDRiM Journal Awards 2025



Article of the Year Award

Development of a Natech Social Vulnerability
Index: A Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Risk
Assessment for a Case Study in Colombia

by Sun F, Cruz, A. M., Parra, L. M.

IDRiM Journal, 14 (2), 2024

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DOI:10.5595/001.124779

ISSN: 2185-8322



Journal of Integrated Disaster Risk Management

Regular Article

Development of a Natech Social Vulnerability Index: A Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment for a Case Study in Colombia

Fengyi Sun¹, Ana Maria Cruz^{2*} and Lina Maria Parra³

Received: 31/01/2024 / Accepted: 30/08/2024 / Published online: 18/12/2024

Abstract Natech refers to complex scenarios where secondary technological accidents are triggered by natural disasters, having the potential to cause severe societal loss, especially in developing countries such as Colombia, potentially due to its vulnerable social system (De Souza Porto & De Freitas, 2003; Ran et al., 2020). However, one major identified research gap is the lack of a specific approach to assess the Natech social vulnerabilities. A popular vulnerability assessment tool: social vulnerability index, widely used for natural and industrial hazards, shows promising usability for Natech vulnerability assessment. The current study has proposed a novel methodology to assess Natech social vulnerability by establishing a Natech social vulnerability index based on identification of the Natech scenarios and investigation of multi-hazard intercorrelations.

To verify the introduced methodology, the author utilized rainfall-induced, landslide-triggered chemical Natech incidents in Colombia as a representative case. The study identified hazards present in varying Natech situations to determine which social factors amplify vulnerability. Subsequently, social vulnerability indices were constructed to quantitatively aggregate social factors. These were applied to 3 vulnerability conceptual frameworks and then refined and scrutinized using Structural Equation Modelling (SEM). The outcomes, illustrated via GIS,

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Landmark Article Award

Understanding preparedness for Natural Haz-
ards: A cross cultural comparison

by Paton D., Okada N., Sagala S.

IDRiM Journal, 3 (1), 2013

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Journal of Integrated Disaster Risk Management

Original paper

Understanding Preparedness for Natural Hazards: A cross cultural comparison

Douglas Paton¹, Norio Okada² and Sant Sagala³

Received: 22/11/2012 / Accepted: 20/02/2013 / Published online: 01/06/2013

Abstract A key element in risk management in countries susceptible to experiencing natural hazards is facilitating preparedness. While several theories of preparedness have been developed, they have emerged in countries that are culturally individualistic. Recognition of the fact that the majority of disasters occur in countries that are predominantly collectivistic has identified a need to test the cross cultural applicability of theories of preparedness. This paper discusses some preliminary work on the cross cultural applicability of Paton's (2008) community engagement theory. Following a discussion of the cross cultural face validity of the content of this theory, the paper discusses evidence of cross cultural applicability of the theory using data from New Zealand, Japan, Indonesia and Taiwan. The results suggest that, irrespective of culture, the more citizens are able to collectively formulate their risk management needs and strategies and the more they perceive their needs as having been met through their relationship with civic agencies, the more likely they are to trust them and the information they provide, and to use information to decide to adopt hazard preparation measures.

Keyword: Natural hazards, preparedness, sustainability, resilience, culture comparison.

1. INTRODUCTION

A key risk management goal in countries whose populations are periodically exposed to natural hazard (e.g., earthquake, volcanic eruptions) activity is developing a sustained societal capacity to co-exist with such activity. One element of such a strategy is developing the degree to which people and communities can reduce their risk by getting prepared (e.g., household emergency plans and resources, ability to work with others to confront local problems, capacity for self-reliance etc) in ways that increase their ability to cope with, adapt to and recover from hazard impacts (Paton 2006). However, and despite the attention and financial resources devoted to encouraging people to prepare, studies have consistently found that neither living in areas susceptible to hazard impacts nor just providing people with information on hazards and how they can manage their consequences appears to influence preparedness (Dow and Cutter, 2000; Lindell et al. 2009; Lindell and Perry 2004; Lindell and Whitney 2000; Paton, Smith and Johnston, 2000, 2005; Perry and Lindell, 2008). This work highlighted the fact that it was not information per se that determined whether or not people decide to

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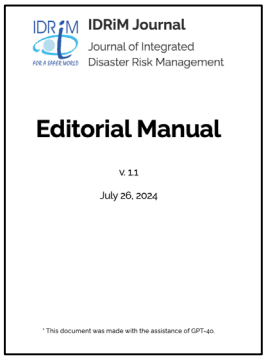
IDRiM Editorial Manual

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Developed July 2024

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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 an award to the most cited paper in the IDRiM Journal at the IDRiM Conferences, Landmark Article Award. New Investigator Award for 2025.**
- Journal Best Article of the Year Award.**
- Give a prize to the most active IDRiM Journal reviewer at IDRiM Conferences.
- Aim for a minimum of three IDRiM Journal articles cited in the new manuscript before final approval.
- Ensure new articles are mentioned in the IDRiM News Bulletin and Podcast.**
- Publish a special issue that sets the framework for the vision of the Journal, focused on defining the genre of “Implementation Science.” (underway)
- Conduct a publication workshop/special session at the IDRiM Conference. (The first one was held at IDRiM2023)**
- Print hard-copy issues of the journal for promotion at the 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 an IDRiM Society members campaign to promote the IDRiM Journal in their email signature block.
- Develop a comprehensive IDRiM Journal editorial manual.**

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IDRiM Journal

Journal of Integrated Disaster Risk Management



Call for papers: Conference Special Issue (IDRiM 2025)

“Implementation situations, stories, and gaps”

Submission Deadline: November 14, 2025

We invite the submission of manuscripts based on work presented at the IDRiM 2025 Conference. Please visit the

IDRiM Journal website for more information:

https://www.idrimjournal.com/for-authors#special_issue



Permanent open call for papers and special issues

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:

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



Scopus

Membership Committee

Period 09.2024 - 09.2025

The main mandate of the Membership Committee is to continuously expand and maintain the IDRiM membership. For the period reported, the Membership Committee continued with managing and monitoring the membership development, supporting the IDRiM Society Board, discussing incentive mechanism and potential improvement for attracting and maintaining IDRiM Society membership, as well as supporting the development of the IDRiM Society Regional Chapters. The following is a brief report on the key activities and discussions over the year.

IDRiM Membership Development

- Continued but slowing growth: While overall membership continues to grow, the pace has slowed. An up-to-date (as of April 2025) membership analysis is available.
- Annual conference effect: Membership changes still appear closely tied to participation in the annual conference, which continues to drive increases.
- Geographic gaps: The Society's membership remains limited in Africa, Latin America, and much of Asia (with the exception of Japan, China, and India).
- Strategic directions and action areas for improvement:
 - Journal-Related Benefits: As the Society's journal grows, consider integrating publication-related benefits for members.
 - Certificates: certifying participation/contribution of the members so that involvement/contribution/service of the member can be properly acknowledged.
 - Improve Member Page: Consider adding personal/member account log-in option on the IDRiM website, where members can record and build up their own profile on IDRiM related involvement/activities.
 - Outreach and Collaboration: Promote collaboration with related professional societies (e.g., those focused on risk analysis and climate change).
 - Local Network Development: Recognize and empower influential individuals to build local networks, particularly in underrepresented regions (Africa, Asia, Latin America). Consider appointing "Representative Members" for each major geographic area.
 - Support for Local Activities: Encourage local initiatives, such as those successfully implemented in Japan.
 - Cross-Committee Coordination: Strengthen collaboration with other IDRiM committees and initiatives such as the Young Professional/Student Committee, IDRiM Lecture Series, IDRiM Café, Podcast series, and the IDRiM Society Journal.
 - Annual Conference Engagement: Plan promotional or social events during the Annual Conference to increase visibility and engagement.

Supporting the IDRiM Society Board

- Discussion on potential reforms of the membership categories, fee structure, and new member induction procedures and 'welcome package'
- Planning annual events for new members, like annual welcome event where we can inform the wide array of the ongoing activities, facilitate exchanges among members
- Formalizing the discussions in Memo to the IDRiM BoD.

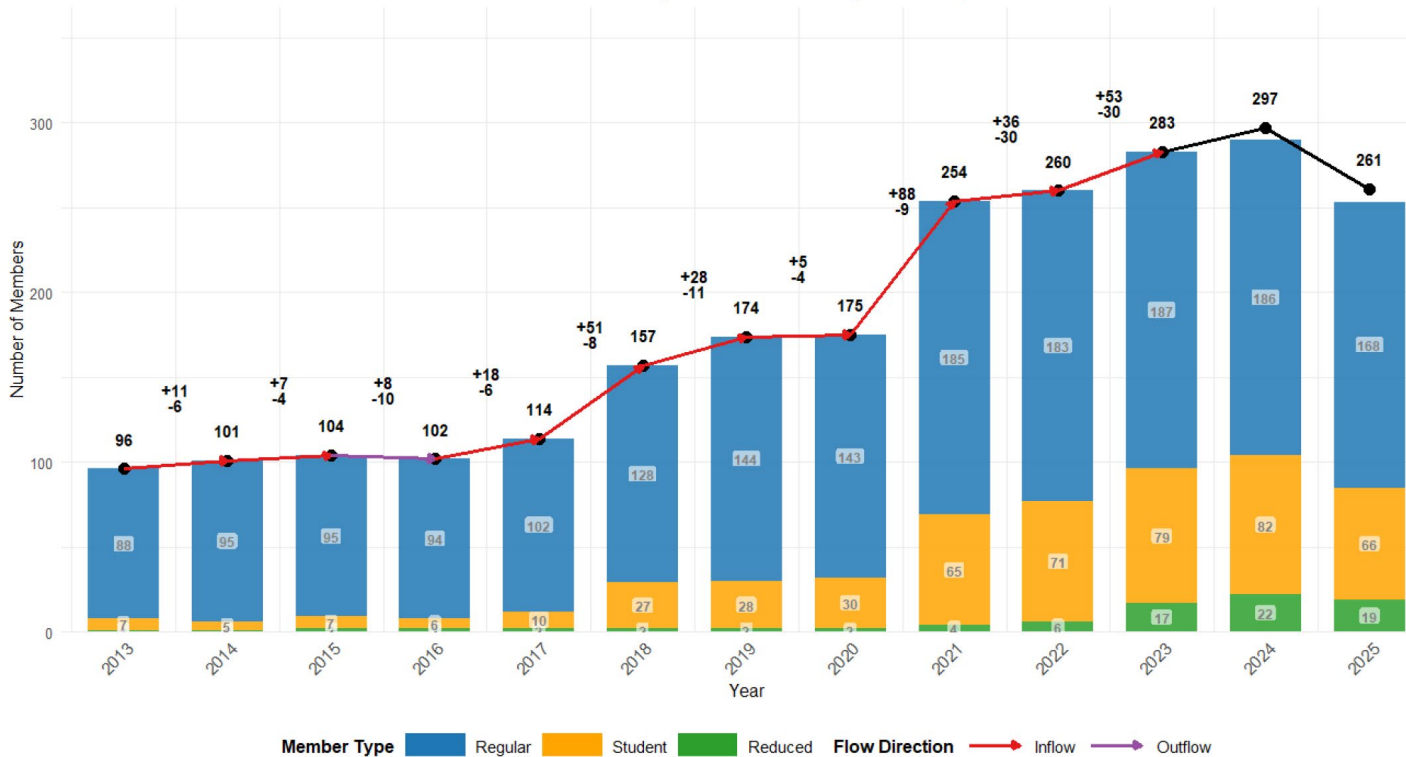
Development of the IDRiM Socieity Regional Chapter

- As the interests for establishing regional chapters grow (especially after the 2024 annual conference), the Regional Chater-India can set a piloting example for the rest to follow.
- ontinued discussion and proposals concerning the membership relations between Regional Chapter and the Global IDRiM Society.

Expanding the membership committee

- Begin identifying potential new members for the Membership Committee, ensuring geographic diversity.
- The aim is to add 2-3 new (younger) members in 2025.

Member Composition and Flow (2013-2025)



Committee members

Guoyi Han (Committee Chair)

Norio Okada
 Hirokazu Tatano
 Mohsen Ashtiany
 Peijun Shi
 Bijay Anand Misra
 Madhumita Chatterji

Member distribution by Country

As of 17 April 2025

| Country | Number | Country | Number |
|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Australia | 1 | Italy | 3 |
| Austria | 9 | Japan | 118 |
| Belugium | 1 | Netherland | 3 |
| Brazil | 2 | New Zealand | 1 |
| Cameroon | 1 | Norway | 1 |
| Canada | 4 | Philippines | 1 |
| China | 24 | Romania | 11 |
| Colombia | 5 | Slovakia | 3 |
| Finland | 1 | South Africa | 2 |
| France | 6 | Spain | 2 |
| Germany | 3 | Sri Lanka | 1 |
| Greece | 5 | Sweden | 1 |
| Hungary | 5 | Switzerland | 1 |
| India | 19 | UK | 9 |
| Iran | 1 | USA | 17 |
| | | Total | 261 |

Review Charter and Bylaws Committee

Purpose

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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.

Activities

In the preceding year an iterative review of the Charter and Bylaws in coordination with the IDRiM Board of Directors had introduced a new Article to the Charter. The incoming Article 14 on Regional Chapters of the IDRiM Society was detailed in last year's annual report and fully approved at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Since the entry of Article 14 into the Charter, progress has been made in establishing the first regional chapter in India. The representatives of the IDRiM Regional Chapter India worked with the IDRiM Charter and Bylaws Committee and other members of the IDRiM Board of Directors to finalise the Charter in agreeing the articles for this first IDRiM regional chapter. The Charter of the chapter as finalised during 2025 is included as an outcome for this year's Charter and Bylaws Committee report as it may serve as an approximate guide for other regional chapters that would come forth in future. However, the Charter and Bylaws Committee recognise that other regional chapters may establish their Charter differently to this example. The Article 14 as lodged into the International Society of IDRiM Charter serves as the main guide to the establishment of regional societies of IDRiM, indicating minimum requirements that are anticipated by International Society of IDRiM.

Outcomes

The final revision of the IDRiM Regional Chapter India has been achieved as follows:

Charter of the IDRiM Regional Chapter India

Background

IDRiM regional chapter - India: located at ABBS School of Management, Bengaluru, India

The IDRiM mission is to build an inclusive, international community for advancing integrated disaster risk management at all levels through high-quality interdisciplinary research, policy design, and implementation science. Now ten years old, IDRiM International proposes to expand

as a professional society aiming at enhancing its realm, addressing the global regional contextual variations in disaster management and making its international presence wider and globally more useful.

IDRiM aims to achieve this by promoting regional IDRiM chapters focusing on country /regional disaster management issues and practices with specific focus on developing countries. IDRiM Strategic Plan and the Board of Directors have supported the aim to establish IDRiM Regional Chapters in South Asia and South East Asian regions – starting with Regional Chapter India, hosted by ABBSSM, a “Green Management Institution” at Bengaluru.

Article 1: Name and Vision

1.1 Name

Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM) Regional Chapter India (IDRiM RCI)

1.2 Vision

IDRiM-RCI will build an inclusive, regional community for systematic insight of natural and manmade disasters that face the South Asia and South East Asia Regions by advancing integrated disaster risk management and mitigation at all levels through high-quality interdisciplinary research, policy design, and implementation science.

Article 2: Purpose and Objectives

2.1 Purpose

IDRiM -RCI intends to conduct research and contribute to disaster management and mitigation by promoting dissemination of knowledge and offering training regarding disaster risk reduction and disaster resilience in close collaboration with organizations, starting with South Asia and expanding to South East Asia region.

2.2 - Main Aims:

- To promote integrated disaster management issues, policies and practices in India and the adjoining countries of South Asia.
- To expand networking with experts, government and non-government institutions and universities engaged in disaster management.
- IDRiM Regional Chapter- India will collaborate with like-minded institutions in South Asia willing to host the chapter secretariat in rotation.
- To expand IDRiM membership, especially to include young scientists and researchers in the region engaged in disaster management. Members of IDRiM regional chapter - India can be members of the IDRiM international Society too.
- The IDRiM regional chapter - India should strive to be a self-financing organization and over time with a Charter, Executive Council consisting of the Chairperson, Executive Director as permanent members, Treasurer and two nominated IDRiM professionals as members, and a Board of Directors.
- The Executive Council and Board of Directors members will have to be or become members of the International Society for IDRiM.

2.3 -Specific Objectives

- To promote integration of business management education and disaster management. To expand the disaster management component in the curriculum of ABBSSM and develop technology driven pedagogy of management education that is dynamic and relevant to today's businesses.
- To develop alliances and strategic partnerships with industry, institutions of higher learning, social groups and governments.
- The IDRiM regional chapter - India will work with the South East Asia partners and the Centre's activities will rotate among the partners and each partner will take the responsibility of delivering the activities as per the Charter. The partner institutions have to operate on a self-funded basis till a corpus is created for the regional IDRiM chapter through membership fees, consultancy projects, funded projects and sponsorship.
- The regional chapter secretariat will rotate among the willing institutions within the region. The rotation will usually be on a three yearly basis or as agreed with the Board of Directors of the IDRiM regional chapter - India and IDRiM International Society.

- IDRiM regional chapter - India shall appoint a Chairperson and an Executive Director who shall represent the Regional Chapter as approved by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson will be the adviser on all the policy issues of the Regional Chapter or its institutional designates. The Executive Director will be responsible for functioning of the Regional Chapter secretariat, implement the Charter and the decisions taken by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- Integrate diversity into the management and disaster management education and the fabric of campus life of ABBSM more inclusive focusing on curriculum and administrative areas of the institution.
- To empower management students to take ethical and socially responsible leadership roles in their endeavors in business and disaster management.
- To create an ecosystem that supports lifelong learning focusing on business management, disaster and development.

Article 3: Activities

Collaborations/Partnerships

3.1 Bengaluru is a mega city and the Silicon Valley of India and has a vibrant international community. Therefore, it offers the appropriate ambience for sharing knowledge across diverse institutional groups. The city being the home of Indian Institute of Science, the world renowned institution and technology hub would add significantly to the scientific research in the area of disaster Management.

This Regional Chapter will work in close cooperation with the South Asia Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (SAADRI) which is pursuing disaster research to enhance its contribution in the research of Disaster Risk and Resilience. It will also keep direct association with government agencies and institutions working in the area of DRR. The IDRiM regional chapter - India will partner with local organizations working in the management of disaster and would work primarily in the domain of integrated disaster risk management. To achieve this the IDRiM regional chapter - India shall form working groups of experts on specific aspects of DRR affecting South Asia and South East Asia.

IDRiM RCI will engage with SAADRI in the following activities:

- Promotion of collaborative disaster risk research initiatives among the member institutes in the region.
- Promote international research groups in the region to investigate and deepen knowledge on current and future disasters in the region, and find and implement new research methodologies for disaster risk reduction and implementation.
- Organization of conferences, workshops and meetings.
- Dissemination and sharing of information, publications, reports, data and other research outputs.
- Facilitate rapid reconnaissance field survey methods and technology following disasters.
- Dissemination of SAADRI news releases, policy recommendations, news bulletins, research reports, and other publications prepared from time to time.

Article 4: Membership

Membership rules would follow the guidelines laid down for IDRiM International Society, Kyoto., Japan.

- 4.1 Institutes engaged in the area of natural and manmade disaster management, mitigation and conflict prevention in South Asia are eligible to become members of IDRiM-RCI.
- 4.2 The partner Institution shall also have to adhere to the existing Central, State and Local Laws and norms.
- 4.3 Individuals seeking membership should be approved by the Membership Committee. They have to demonstrate interest in the area of disaster management and mitigation.
- 4.3 Research Scholars and Post Graduate students with the same aim as in 4.1 are eligible to become Associate Members in IDRiM RCI without voting rights.
- 4.4 Institutions need to meet the membership criteria laid down by IDRiM RCI. Each partner/ associated institution will nominate a dedicated member at their end to liaison with IDRiM RCI.

4.5 For the purpose of sharing knowledge and promoting collaboration, IDRiM RCI would rotate the secretariat among the member institutions in sub regions of South Asia and South East Asia. Each Institution will retain the secretariat for 2/3 years intensively working on the important and urgent disaster risk management issues of the sub region.

4.6 Membership fee will be decided by the Executive Committee in consonance with the Board of Directors and in consultation with the International Society of IDRiM.

Article 5: Organizational Structure

The structure of IDRiM RCI will consist of:

- a. Executive Council
- b. General Assembly which includes all member institutions and individual members.
- c. The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing board of IDRiM RCI and would constitute members from the International Society of IDRiM and other members nominated by partner institutions in the region. The BoD will play the role of policy makers and act as the guiding force for smooth running of the Regional Chapter.
- d. The Regional Chapter Secretariat shall be instituted at ABBS School of Management as the founding member for the first 2/3 years and after which it will rotate among different willing partner Institutions of IDRiM RCI.
- e. In the interim period before the General Assembly and the Board are instituted, the Executive Council will run the activities.

The Executive Council

1. A Patron, 2. Chairperson, 3. Executive Director, 4. Treasurer, 5. One or two Institutional Partners

Article 6: General Assembly

- 6.1 The General Assembly includes all members of IDRiM RCI, partner institutions and members of the Board of Directors.
- 6.2 All Associate Members are part of the General Assembly. Voting rights are restricted as discussed in Section 4.3.
- 6.3 The General Assembly approves the members of the Board.
- 6.4 The General Assembly approves important decisions made by the Board.
- 6.5 Members of the Regional Chapter RCI and SAADRI may hold a joint General Assembly for wider sharing of knowledge and experience.

As a next step

During the IDRiM annual conference in Colombia 2024 several people were interested in establishing a regional chapter for Latin America. The IDRiM Board via its membership committee is encouraging these institutions to first join IDRiM, so that they can familiarise with the society. The initiative going forward is to keep up the momentum of establishing regional chapters as and where there is enthusiasm to do so.

Chair of IDRiM Charter and Bylaws Committee

Andrew Collins

Social Media Committee

Meeting and Coordination

The IDRiM Social Media Committee (SMC) held its kick-off meeting on 2 April (Wed) 2025, introducing the new committee composition. DT continues as chair for this term, as confirmed by the committee members. IP joined as a supplementary member, contributing to content creation and management across IDRiM's social media platforms.

During the meeting, the committee reviewed its tasks and key activities, including recent developments over the past couple of years. Full administrative access to the IDRiM Society's active social media accounts on Facebook and LinkedIn was granted to all members, enabling them to manage and execute their responsibilities. Communication for minor issues was carried out via instant messaging platform.

Key Highlights:

- **Content Accessibility:** IDRiM's Cafés, Lectures, and Podcasts are available on platforms like YouTube, Spotify, and other podcast platforms, free from paywalls. They are shared on our online platform.
- **Language Limitation:** Due to capacity constraints, content will primarily be shared in English, with no immediate plans for multi-language adaptations.

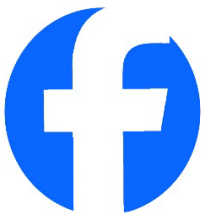
Cross-Promotion with Disastropedia (from B-Prepared EU Project): This year, IDRiM partnered with Disastropedia (<https://disastropedia.com>) for a cross-promotion initiative. The collaboration resulted in mutual exposure, benefiting both IDRiM's and Disastropedia's followers on social media.

Finally, the compilation of the bimonthly News Bulletins for 2025 was agreed on an iterating editor basis following the schedule below:

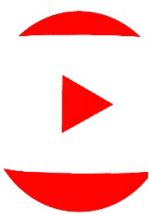
Table 1. Bimonthly IDRiM News Bulletin Yearly Schedule

| 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 |
| Dec - Oct | MAP | 10 Jan |

Social Media Growth



IDRiM's Facebook account gained **8** new followers.



Since October 2024, we posted **48** videos, and gained **18** more subscribers.



LinkedIn saw an increase of **303** followers (!) over the past year, demonstrating continuous growth.

Activities Oct 2024 - Dec 2025

Below is a concise list of the activities of the Social Media Committee (SMC) from October 2024 until August 2025. For further information, please contact TZIOUTZIOS Dimitrios (dimitziou@gmail.com)

October 2024

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

January 2025

- Editing the Nov - Dec 2025 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin.
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

March 2025

- Editing the Jan - Feb 2025 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin.
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

April 2025

- Kick-off Meeting for IDRiM Social Media Committee 2025

May 2025

- Editing the Mar - Apr 2025 issue of the IDRiM News Bulletin.
- Keeping up-to-date IDRiM Society's Facebook and LinkedIn profile pages

July 2025

- Editing the May - Jun 2025 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 months)

- Edit and publish the issues Jul-Aug (in review), Sep-Oct, and Nov-Dec 2025 of the IDRiM News Bulletin

Long-term Future Tasks (within 2025)

- Continue editing and issuing IDRiM News Bulletins on a bimonthly (every two months) schedule for the rest of 2025 and early 2026
- Revamp the News Bulletin template

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.

Committee Members

Mark Ashley PARRY (MAP), Haris RAHADIANTO (HR), Irene PETRAROLI (IP), and **Dimitrios TZIOUTZIOS (DT) (Committee Chair)**

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IDRiM PODCAST FOR BETTER LIFE

The IDRiM podcast is not only a beacon of information, but also a channel for listeners to deepen their sense of belonging and understanding. By delving into a variety of topics, from climate change and weather disasters to Natech disasters and terrorism, our podcast channel can be a powerful tool for positive social change.



Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee

Authors of the report: Funda Atun, Irene Petraroli, Mark Ashley, Angeli Medina and Madhumita Chatterji

01 Introduction

IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee, which was established in 2021 during COVID-19, continues growing. In line with their vision, also this year, the committee continued to encourage and sustain female scientists and practitioners/ The committee initiated the mentoring program to support women in their early careers and contribute to developing a worldwide gender-aware network of scientists and practitioners. Our mission is to increase awareness of not only women's challenges but also their strengths, roles and responsibilities in the disaster risk domain. Also, this year we continued developing a trans-disciplinary network of gender-aware scientists, practitioners, and gender equality advocates in the disaster risk domain.

In 2025, three new members joined our committee; we would like to welcome Dr. Kadia (Surname), Dr. Marina Mendosa and Prof. Dr. Rosa Tamborini.

02 Mentorship program

In line with the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee's mission and vision, we started the Mentorship program to encourage and sustain female scientists and practitioners, especially those in their early careers. Mentors have provided guidance and support to their mentees. Mentees have had the chance to engage in open communication and exchange with an expert in their field of interest. Creating a safe space for female academics is a crucial part of this program.

Guidelines for the mentor/mentee

Here are some rules and principles to guide this great opportunity for our Mentors and Mentees:

- Meeting frequency: Based on your schedules, we understand that it might be difficult to find the time to foster the mentor/mentee relationship. We recommend a minimum of 3 meetings in the course of 6 months.
- Output: As part of the first Mentor/Mentee program, your opinion and feedback are very important. We expect the mentor/mentee to provide a paragraph by the end of June 2025. The assessment of the mentorship program will be published in the IDRiM Society Yearly Report.

Reflection from mentor/mentees

Angeli Medina - Mentor

I met my Mentee via email communication on March 27, 2025. Her name is Ms. Kadia from Africa, a member of the NGO Belosy Africa which has been working with internally displaced persons from disasters and conflicts across the country who settled in Douala. Kadia and her group conducted a need assessment and designed an intervention to meet the primary needs of the people in the area. Kadia would like to translate her activities and experience into a research paper using their data in the context of interventions that were focused on addressing food security, socio-economic empowerment, and mental health.

Kadia and I discussed some of the key points in submitting an abstract in the context of, purpose/aim, methodology (quantitative qualitative or blended), findings, conclusion, literature reviews, and references. On May 5, 2025, Kadia completed her research on the roles of volunteerism by displaced women in Cameroon and submitted her abstract to the IDRiM panel for the Annual Conference and was considered with the support of the IDRiM Women in Science Committee.

Qiushan Li - Mentee

As part of the mentorship, I applied the forensic analysis framework to the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake, systematically assessing data availability across different dimensions. The results indicate that short-term impacts such as loss of life and health, environmental damage, systemic disruptions, and related economic losses are well documented and accessible. Data on immediate emergency response, including evacuation, search and rescue, and other emergency services, are partially available but require further consolidation. Long-term consequences, such as damage to physical assets and psychological impacts, are also relatively well covered. In contrast, significant challenges remain in accessing and analyzing data related to vulnerabilities in the physical and environmental dimensions, as well as underlying drivers such as governance failures, institutional gaps, and historical structural inequalities.

In addition, upon Prof. Funda Atun's recommendation, I participated in the 50th Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop at Colorado State University and the 7th Global Summit of GADRI in July 2025. These events provided me with valuable opportunities to present my work, engage with international scholars, and further situate my research within global conversations on disaster risk reduction. The experience not only expanded my professional network but also allowed me to critically reflect on how my ongoing projects.

This mentorship has already been highly beneficial. I gained new methodological perspectives, especially on how forensic approaches can complement my ongoing work on post-disaster recovery. The guidance on resource collection and analytical framing has helped me structure my research more systematically. Additionally, I appreciate the open and supportive nature of the discussions, which encouraged me to ask questions and explore new ideas without hesitation.

Conclusion

The IDRiM Mentorship Program has been an invaluable experience for me, not only providing academic inspiration but also fostering a sense of belonging in the global community of women in disaster risk science. I am deeply grateful to Prof. Funda Atun for her time, insights, and encouragement, and to the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee for initiating and supporting this meaningful program.

03 IDRiM Cafe About Mentorship

On January 28, 2025, IDRiM Women in Disaster Science and Practice organized a Café Talk titled “Creating Safe Spaces in Challenging Times.” The guest speaker, Ms. Nina Hakkarainen, founder of the Foreign Women’s Association Paruyon <https://paruyon.com/> (founded. 2007, Kyoto, Japan), highlighted initiatives supporting foreign women in Japan through activities in Tokyo, Kawasaki, Kyoto, and Osaka. The discussion emphasised the importance of mentorship through the provision of safe spaces where foreign women can connect, share experiences, and exchange information. Key issues of mentorship and empowerment of foreign women also included access to disaster prevention knowledge, self-defense courses, and the importance of intercultural communication training with official stakeholders such as police officers, firefighters, medical staff, and social workers.

04 Podcast

In celebration of International Women’s Month this past March, the IDRiM Women’s Committee contributed a special series to the official IDRiM Podcast, highlighting the voices and work of women in disaster risk management. This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to amplify diverse perspectives and recognize the essential contributions of women in advancing integrated disaster risk management across the globe.

As part of this series, we released a special episode featuring an interview with Dr. Funda Atun (University of Twente, Netherlands) about her life in research and her past and future projects, which aired on March 4 and March 7. In addition, another episode titled “Gender, International Law, and Disasters” with Dr. Marie Aronsson-Storrier (University College Cork, Ireland) was released on March 28.

By showcasing the journeys and expertise of these scholars, the series not only provides inspiration for women in the field but also sparks important conversations on how gender perspectives can shape more inclusive, effective, and sustainable approaches to disaster risk management worldwide.

IDRiM Podcast, available on YouTube and Spotify:

Podcast #6: Funda Atun: My Life in Research (https://idrim.org/?page_id=25430#tab-id-6),



Podcast #7 “Funda Atun: Research Projects and Future Directions” (https://idrim.org/?page_id=25430#tab-id-7)



05 Some examples of the research of the members that contribute to the inclusion, diversity and equity in disaster risk science.

Disaster Management and Higher Education, Prof. Dr Dr. Madhumita Chatterji

Disaster Management is a systematic approach to preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters. It encompasses risk assessment, resource allocation, and crisis communication to mitigate impact and enhance resilience, making it crucial for protecting lives and property. Linking manmade and Natural disaster research to the broader dimensions of sustainable development requires an integrated, multidimensional approach that connects the impacts of such disasters with social, economic, environmental, and institutional priorities. Disasters are not isolated events therefore, we require a systems thinking approach that connects ecosystems, Economies, Societies and Governance.

To achieve this, the role of higher education becomes imperative. By integrating disaster management in higher education, future leaders are equipped with the knowledge and skills to enhance community resilience, protect lives, and safeguard resources in times of crisis by ensuring swift response and recovery. A global perspective highlights varying vulnerabilities and resilience strategies emphasizing the need for international collaboration and education to enhance readiness and capacity in higher education institutions worldwide.

This research aims to highlight the role that management professionals will play in Disaster Risk Reduction and building resilient processes. Incorporating disaster resilience into the curriculum of management schools will promote cost-benefit analyses for disaster risk reduction investments, ecosystem service valuation, long-term sustainability indicators for nature-based solutions, enhance community-based adaptation, integrate infrastructure resilience into planning and other business and management-related solutions to create a sustainable world and achieve the common good.

Children Citizen Geo-science for Climate Adaptive Cities, Associate Prof. Funda Atun, University of Twente, Netherlands

This Children Citizen Geo-science project is a collaborative project between the University of Twente and the International School of Twente. Representing the UT are Dr Funda Atun and Dr Javier Martinez from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-Information Management at the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation. The main research question is 'How can children's geo-citizen science support the structural and societal transformation in cities to reduce the impact of climate change?

With the help of research methods knowledge, children developed the project on their existing ideas, impressions, experiences, culture and ideals. Children were involved as co-researchers gaining first-hand research experience instead of being mere data collectors. The adult and children researchers followed an organic framework that was developed, adapted and improved throughout the research process. Children were part of the every research step from the beginning till the end, i.e. collecting and analysing data, deciding and communicating actions that support the structural transformation in cities to reduce the impact of climate change

06 Side Event at the IDRiM2025 Conference

Special Session at IDRiM Conference 2025: Building Resilient Communities through Diversity and Inclusion

At the IDRiM Conference 2025 in Samos, Greece, the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee hosted a special session titled **"Building Resilient Communities by Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Science and Practice."**

The session was chaired by **Dr. Irene Petraroli (University of Twente, Netherlands)**, **Dr. Mark Ashley Parry (Northumbria University, UK)**, and **Dr. Funda Atun (University of Twente, Netherlands)**. Discussions focused on the critical role of inclusivity and representation in shaping disaster-resilient communities and infrastructures.

A key theme was that resilience goes beyond physical preparedness—it must also address the social and emotional needs of marginalised and vulnerable groups, particularly women, youth, and ethnic minorities. The session highlighted the ongoing work of the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee, with emphasis on the **transformative role of art, media, and technology** in resilience-building.

Innovative **participatory research methods** were showcased, using creative mediums to engage vulnerable groups not as passive recipients of aid but as **active contributors** to resilience and inclusive societies. Interactive presentations provided space for participants to explore platforms that combine art, media, and technology in fostering more equitable approaches to disaster risk reduction.



07

IDRiM Women's Day message

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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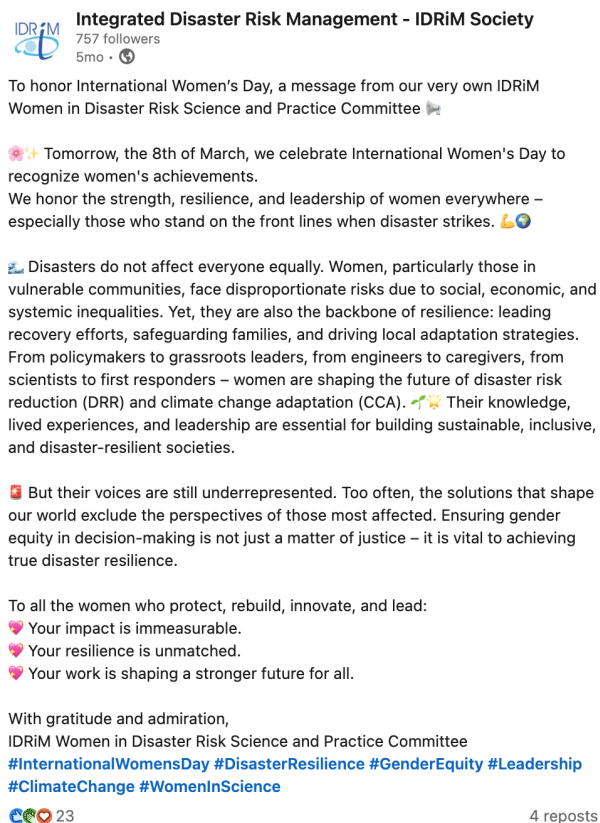


08 Outreach

Enhanced Social Media Presence:

Beginning with a Women's Day post in March 2025 (see below), we significantly expanded our social media outreach via targeted content on the IDRiM Facebook and LinkedIn platforms. Additionally, we actively engaged as co-hosts and speakers in a dedicated series of the

Below is the post shared on the Social Media platforms on International Women's Day



Integrated Disaster Risk Management - IDRiM Society
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To honor International Women's Day, a message from our very own IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee 🌐

🌸 Tomorrow, the 8th of March, we celebrate International Women's Day to recognize women's achievements. We honor the strength, resilience, and leadership of women everywhere – especially those who stand on the front lines when disaster strikes. 🙌🌍

🌐 Disasters do not affect everyone equally. Women, particularly those in vulnerable communities, face disproportionate risks due to social, economic, and systemic inequalities. Yet, they are also the backbone of resilience: leading recovery efforts, safeguarding families, and driving local adaptation strategies. From policymakers to grassroots leaders, from engineers to caregivers, from scientists to first responders – women are shaping the future of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA). 🌱 Their knowledge, lived experiences, and leadership are essential for building sustainable, inclusive, and disaster-resilient societies.

📌 But their voices are still underrepresented. Too often, the solutions that shape our world exclude the perspectives of those most affected. Ensuring gender equity in decision-making is not just a matter of justice – it is vital to achieving true disaster resilience.

To all the women who protect, rebuild, innovate, and lead:
💖 Your impact is immeasurable.
💖 Your resilience is unmatched.
💖 Your work is shaping a stronger future for all.

With gratitude and admiration,
IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee
#InternationalWomensDay #DisasterResilience #GenderEquity #Leadership #ClimateChange #WomenInScience

👍❤️ 23 4 reposts

International Promotion:

Over the past year, IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice has strengthened its outreach and visibility through multiple initiatives. These include the creation of dedicated promotional materials, especially the creation of a visibility slide highlighting the group's mission and work, to contribute to IDRiM's social media presence, and the dissemination of relevant information at outreach events, such as international conferences, guest lectures, and workshops.

At the European Geosciences Union 2025 (EGU25 <https://www.egu25.eu/>) conference in Vienna, we utilised the international platform to highlight the mission of the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Reduction Science and Practice Committee. This included sharing updates about our initiatives and promoting the upcoming IDRiM Conference in Samos.



Conclusions



Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee

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Vision
Encouraging and sustaining female scientists and practitioners, especially those in their early career.

Mission
To better understand the challenges, strengths, roles, responsibilities of women in the disaster risk domain; and to develop a trans-disciplinary network of gender-aware scientists, practitioners and gender equity advocates in the disaster risk domain.

Objectives

- 1) To promote activities that support society in facing hazards and disasters to achieve gender equality and diversity;
- 2) To develop projects that acknowledge and support inclusive ideas and capacities of vulnerable groups; and
- 3) To build on the interest and capacities of gender-aware scientists and practitioners towards putting forward gender equality, diversity and inclusion in disaster risk science, policies and practice.

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09 Achievements of our members and societal impact

We would like to congratulate our IDRiM Women for their achievements!



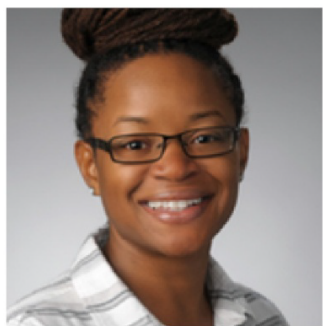
Prof. Dr. Ana Maria Cruz

Our President Prof. Ana Maria Cruz retired from Kyoto University, Japan in March, 2025. The photo is her last lecture at DPRI, Kyoto University. (Watch it on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mf_OJP-fnl5E) Currently, she is a professor at the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway. “



Ms. Debkalpa BasuDas

In July 2025, I was deeply honored by the NGO EDF, which felicitated me as a senior social worker and activist for my 27 years of transformative leadership in Agamee's work with tribal and marginalized communities, a testament to the enduring impact of our shared vision.



DR. Farah Nibbs, the University of Maryland Baltimore County

Dr. Nibbs is an Assistant Professor of Emergency and Disaster Studies in the Emergency Disasters and Health Systems Department at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Her research explores the intersection of infrastructure and hazards in Caribbean island states. She is the first Caribbean-born scholar to publish a book on emergency management in the region, forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan in 2027. Her current work urges policymakers to reconceptualise Caribbean water systems as patchwork water infrastructure—a novel framing that reimagines water governance and advances regional water security and resilience.



Associated Professor Dr Funda Atun, University of Twente, the Netherlands

Dr. Funda Atun, the chair of the IDRiM Women in Disaster Risk Science and Practice Committee received the IDRiM Society Aniello Amendola Distinguished Service Award 2024. The award acknowledges member(s) who have contributed significantly to the IDRiM Society by providing distinguished service. Dr. Funda Atun indicated that “Collaborating with prominent scholars and practitioners in such a welcoming and inclusive environment feels already like an award. Thank you all!”



Dr. Katarina Holla, University of Zilina, Slovakia

Based on international cooperation in 2024 and 2025, as part of the UNIZA team, she helped to get 2 projects as a partner of the EU consortium. The first, co-funded by the EU, RETIME aims to design and test adaptation strategies to create more resilient, informed, and prepared urban environments for everyone. The team at UNIZA with EU project partners is achieving very good results, which can be followed on the website <https://retime-project.eu/>. In 2025, she began as the responsible solver for UNIZA on the UNICOPS project - Universal CBRNE protection system supporting the safety and open nature of higher education institutions, with results being published gradually on the website <https://unicops.eu/>. In 2025, she also became a Member of the PIONEER Council. The goal of the PIONEER Alliance is to shape the future of inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities and to provide students in all forms of study with specialized

knowledge and skills in a European environment, with an emphasis on Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities), thereby contributing to the European dimension of education not only at partner universities for UNIZA (<https://www.uniza.sk/index.php/univerzita/pracoviska-univerzity/pioneer-kancelaria>). During the summer of 2025, she led the research group at UNIZA to create a tool and Methodology for risk assessment in critical infrastructure sectors, as required by the European Union. She collaborated with the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic (MV SR) as the commissioner and cooperated with the guardians of state essential service protection. Currently, the developed results will be prepared as a public document that the MV SR will present to the Government of the Slovak Republic.



Ms. Lebogang L. Mosotho-Segage

Ms. Lebogang L. Mosotho-Segage is a Disaster Management Professional with over 20 years of experience in local government, academia, and international collaboration. My career reflects a strong commitment to advancing disaster risk reduction (DRR), resilience building, and the professionalisation of disaster management both nationally and internationally. This report presents my key academic, professional, and leadership achievements relevant to the objectives of the IDRiM Society. President (2024–date), Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA). As the current President of the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA), I provide strategic leadership and oversight to the Institute, ensuring that it fulfils its mandate of advancing disaster risk reduction and management across the region. In this role, I preside over the Council and Ex

ecutive Committee, guiding governance processes, driving the implementation of conference resolutions, and ensuring accountability to our members.



Dr. Nibedita S. Ray-Bennet

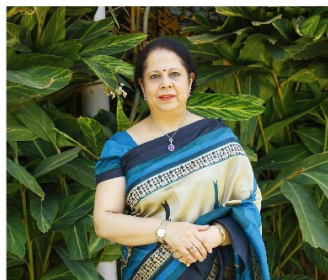
On 4 July 2024, Dr. Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett was promoted to Professor of Risk Management at the University of Leicester's School of Business. In October 2024, following a competitive process, she was selected as a Global Roster Expert at the International Science Council. In December 2024, through a competitive bidding process, Professor Ray-Bennett successfully secured membership for the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) with the Santiago Network. On 1 March 2025, with funding from the ESRC/AHRC SHAPE Catalyst ARC Accelerator Fund, she started the project on developing commercialisation models for her two evidence-based 'Facility and Mobile Reproductive Health Kits for Disasters and Crises'. These Kits, designed to treat incomplete and missed abortions and post-abortion complications care during disasters and crises, consist of lifesaving medicines, equipment, and educational materials. The goal is to bring these Kits to the

global market for use during disasters and humanitarian crises. On 18 March 2025, her research monograph *Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why do so many people die?* (2025) was published by Springer Nature. In August 2025, she secured further funding from the ESRC Commercialisation Fund to trial the Facility and Mobile Reproductive Health Kits in six primary healthcare facilities in Kulaura Upazila, Bangladesh. This implementation project is set to begin in December 2025. Also in August, she started a new position as Partnership Reviewer for the NIHR at the University of Leicester. On 3 September 2025, Prof. Ray-Bennett was awarded the "IDRiM Norio Okada Distinguished Implementation Science Award 2025." The award ceremony will take place on 1st October in Samos, Greece, as part of the IDRiM Conference.



Prof. Dr. Silvana Montoya Noguera

Silvana Montoya was promoted to Full Professor at Universidad EAFIT, a significant accomplishment in the field of Civil Engineering where women remain underrepresented. She was also elected as Colombia's representative, through ACOFI, to the Executive Committee of the Latin American Open Chair "Matilda and Women in Engineering," contributing to advancing gender equity in engineering education across the region. Beyond her academic and professional roles, one of her most meaningful achievements has been becoming the mother of Pascual, which has profoundly enriched both her personal and professional journey.



Prof. Dr. Madhumita Chatterji

A seasoned academic and institution builder with over three decades of experience, Prof. Dr. Chatterji is dedicated to integrating Disaster Risk Management (DRM) with Business Management Education for sustainable development. Over the past decade, she has pioneered DRM-focused curricula, skill development, and policy advocacy to build resilient and peaceful societies. As Co-Founder of the first IDRiM Regional Chapter in India, she leads initiatives bridging disaster science and business strategy through implementation-based projects and international collaborations.

- Co-led a funded project on "Blue-Green Infrastructure Potential Assessment and Water-Sensitive Master Plan" with IIT Roorkee and IIT BHU (2025).
- Steering Committee Member, ANSO DRR – Chinese Academy of Sciences (2025).



Ms. Reine Kadia

As a woman leading in the field of disaster risk management and humanitarian action, her journey has been shaped by a deep commitment to strengthening resilience among vulnerable populations, particularly displaced women in Cameroon. Recognizing that women's representation in leadership within this field is still limited, she founded Belosy Africa, a humanitarian non-profit dedicated to empowering women and fostering inclusive approaches to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Her achievements as the Executive President of Belosy Africa are not only personal milestones but also a testament to what is possible when women are given space to lead. She firmly believes that disaster risk management must integrate women's perspectives and leadership if it is to be truly effective. When women are empowered, entire communities benefit: resilience becomes more inclusive, solutions more sustainable, and hope

more tangible. Through Belosy Africa, she continues to work toward a future where displaced women are not seen only as victims of crises but as leaders of resilience and agents of change.



Dr. Tlou Raphela-Masuku

She founded the Women in Disaster Risk Reduction (WiDRR) Africa forum under the Friends in Disaster Risk Reduction Africa NGO. The forum was officially launched on the 09th August 2025 and was established to highlight, empower, and recognize women's contributions in disaster management across the continent. To date, the platform has successfully attracted 62 women members across Africa. These milestones, particularly the founding of WiDRR Africa, reflect my commitment to advancing women's visibility and leadership in disaster science and practice, especially in spaces where female representation remains limited.



Dr. Qiushan Li

1. Research Leadership: Currently serving as PI for three projects. One is a Youth Fund project granted by the Ministry of Education of China, “Research on the driving mechanism of poverty caused by natural disasters and the improvement of disaster resilience” (2024–2026).
2. Newly Granted Projects (2025):
 - SANDEE(South Asian Network on Development and Environmental Economics)-funded project, “How ecological zoning policy benefits post-disaster reconstruction: a study on the synergy between ecological environment and socioeconomic factors” (2025–2027), which applies economic approaches to analyze reconstruction models and their impacts on socio-economic and environmental outcomes.
 - Youth Fund project from the Sichuan Provincial Department of Science and Technology, “Urban agglomeration disaster chain risk assessment and resilience enhancement strategies” (2025–2027).
3. Academic Promotion: Promoted to Associate Researcher at Sichuan University in July 2025.



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Funda Atun (Committee Chair)

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YSS Committee

Introduction

Young scientists are a distinctive group within academia, recognized for their innovative ideas and research that both support and challenge existing worldviews. Unfortunately, the majority of these researchers leave academia within three years of completing their programs, leaving many of their significant insights and studies unexplored.

The Young Scientists Session (YSS) is a key feature of each IDRiM conference, providing young academics and practitioners with a crucial platform to present their work to a broader audience. This year's conference, hosted by the Municipality of Eastern Samos and the University of the Aegean, has maintained the same presentation format as the past two years, ensuring that both young and senior researchers are evaluated according to the same standards.

Changing the Entrance Requirements

Between last year's and this year's conference, we revisited the entrance requirements for the YSS and made minor changes to make them less rigid. These changes acknowledge that career paths are not always linear, a reality that has become increasingly common in academia over the past decade.

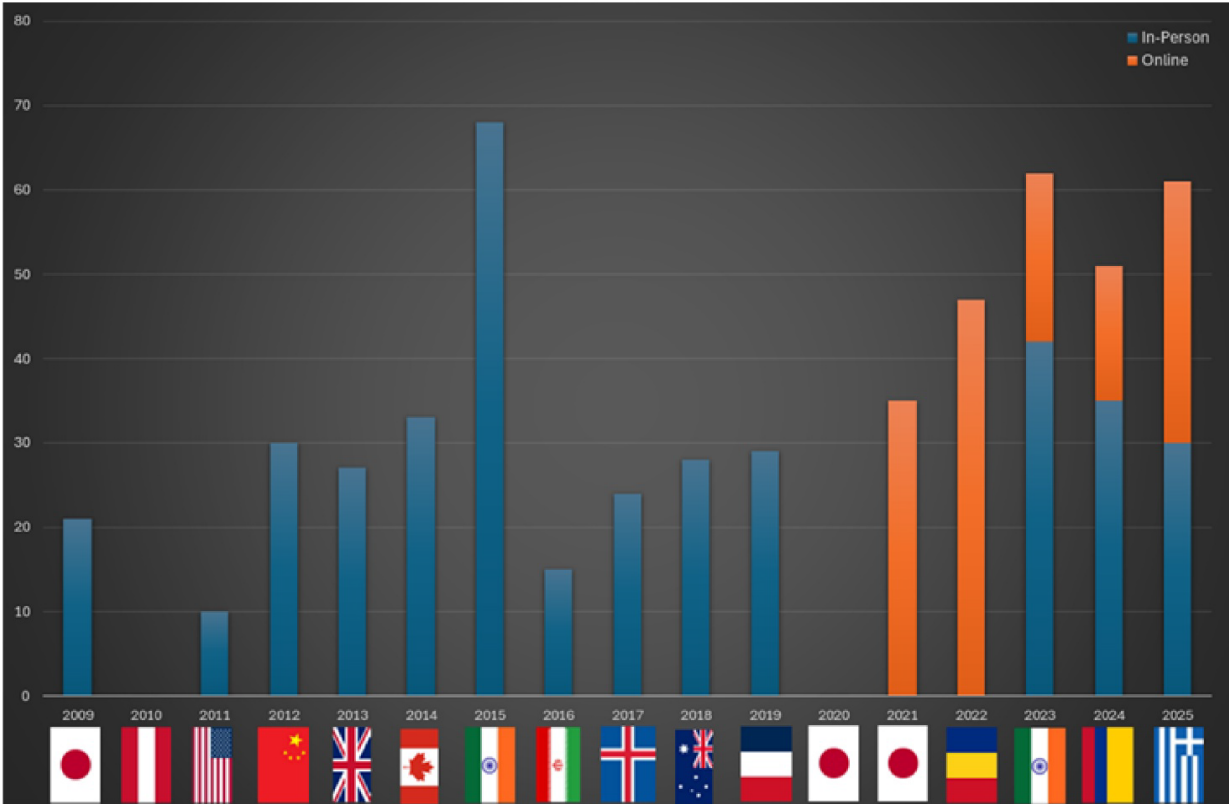
As always, we do not define 'Young Scientists' strictly by age or position. This year, we extended the time limit since a participant's most recent qualification from three years to four, bringing the IDRiM Society's definition closer to that used by international funding bodies for early-career researchers. Additionally, for the first time, we introduced time exclusions: periods of ill health, family care responsibilities, or maternity leave are not counted within the four-year window. This reflects our recognition that life is complex and that unexpected events should not hinder academic excellence or opportunities for affected individuals.

IDRiM2025 - Continuing Growth

For this year's IDRiM conference, we have provisionally recognized 61 presentations and posters as part of the YSS. As shown in the figure below, this represents a significant 19.6% year-on-year increase and is broadly in line with IDRiM 2023. This is noteworthy, as IDRiM conferences hosted in India have historically attracted a significant influx of young researchers. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a general upward trend in the participation of young researchers at IDRiM conferences. However, it is important to note the notable absence of young scientists based in the United States and Latin America at this year's event.

During the early planning stages of this year's conference, we decided to maintain the format introduced at IDRiM 2023 and IDRiM 2024, allowing young researchers to present alongside more experienced colleagues. Notably, it was also decided that this year's conference would be held primarily in person. This presented a challenge: how could we continue to grow the YSS without the hybrid format, which has played an important role in its expansion in recent years?

To address this, we chose to continue and expand the pilot scheme introduced last year, where YSS participants presenting online do so a few days before the conference. This year, we grew the initiative from a single session with five presentations to eight sessions featuring a total of 31 presentations.



YSS Award Presentation

In recent years, as part of the effort to expand the YSS format, winners of the YSS session were given the opportunity to present their research in a dedicated webinar. However, due to low attendance, we felt it would be more impactful for YSS winners to participate in the IDRiM podcast. As a result, all English-speaking YSS winners from IDRiM 2024 took part in a special episode of the IDRiM podcast, which was released on Monday, 22 September 2025 — the day before the online YSS sessions for IDRiM 2025. Looking ahead, if this approach proves more successful, we are likely to adopt the podcast format as the primary platform for showcasing YSS winners’ work.

Items for BoD Consultation

Looking ahead, the title ‘**Young Scientist Session**’ should be reconsidered, as it feels somewhat outdated for two key reasons:

- 1) ‘**Young Scientist**’ – Not everyone completes a PhD early in life. In the past, some participants have been reluctant to take part because they did not identify as ‘young,’ even though they qualified to participate.
- 2) ‘**Session**’ – The YSS has grown beyond a single session and now spans multiple events across the entire conference, making the term ‘session’ no longer fully representative.”

YSS Committee Chair

Mark Ashley Parry



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IDRiM 2016 in Iran



IDRiM 2017 in Iceland



IDRiM 2018 in Australia



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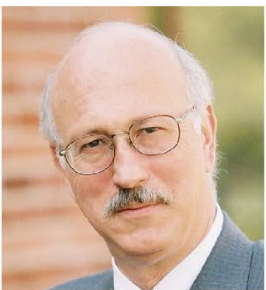
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