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Foreword from TIEMS President

We planned the TIEMS 2021 Annual Conference to be a hybrid event, where we thought we could have a group present physically in Paris and have others listening and presenting on ZOOM. However, we foresaw already in beginning of September that it might be difficult to travel, because of the COVID19, and now when the new mutation, OMIKRON is spreading over Europe and the world, we seem to have made the right decision to make the TIEMS 2021 Annual Conference virtual.

The pandemic has now been with us for about two years, and it seems that we need to live with this for a long time. This has clearly shown the need for global cooperation and coordination are more important than ever before. By working together and sharing experiences and exchange views among the experts from different countries, we can learn from each other to develop better methods and systems and advocate for better policies in fighting pandemics and other emergencies, to be standardized and implemented all over the world.

The pandemic has shown TIEMS that we need to change the way we operate because of the pandemic, and actually, by using Zoom and other communication tools the past year, TIEMS has been more active than before. We have done monthly webinars on international models in emergency management in cooperation with Capacity Building International (CBI), and the TIEMS Board members have met more often than before in "real space". TIEMS 2021 Annual Conference will be performed on ZOOM, and our partner CBI, with Kyle King and Viktoriia Dumanska will operate the conference tool and has done an excellent job in preparing the speakers for the conference, and I am very thankful for the excellent cooperation we have with them.

This new virtual experience for TIEMS, has also given us new opportunities, namely that more people can attend our conferences and webinars because of no expenses for travelling, and that the event is free of charge for participation. TIEMS annual conferences worldwide are platforms where all stakeholders can meet and exchange experiences and views and focus on different global and local important topics and issues in emergency and crisis management.

The final conference program for 2021 is complete with close to 60 presentations from authors coming from 21 countries. COVID19 will this year also be an important topic, but the variety of "hot" topics makes TIEMS 2021 Conference program one of the best ever.

TIEMS 2021 Virtual Annual Conference, is TIEMS 28th Anniversary conference, and since I have been with the organization since its establishment in Washington, D.C. in 1993, it is with great pleasure to recognize that TIEMS has grown to a worldwide, "mature" and recognized worldwide organization.

TIEMS 2021 Virtual Annual conference will give all an opportunity to attend, because they can attend from their home place if they have a computer and internet available. This will therefore form a good meeting place on ZOOM between the locals and international experts and give all the opportunity to learn from each other and exchange experiences and find better solutions, which can improve local and international preparedness for disastrous events and build more resilient societies worldwide.

TIEMS local organizing committee, TIEMS France Chapter/The French High Committee for National Resilience (HCFRN), is the host of this conference, and the members of the organizing committee have done an excellent job for preparing the conference, and I like to thank them for their good work, given the COVID19 challenges.

Both international and local presentations of high-quality form up a comprehensive program comprising 17 sessions with keynotes and paper presentations, and a panel debate on international certification in emergency and disaster management. This virtual conference program will certainly make the 5 days TIEMS 2021 Virtual Annual conference an important and a memorable event.

The papers will be included in TIEMS 2021 Annual Conference Proceedings, and some full papers will be peer reviewed and published in an international recognized journal. Many thanks go to Dr. Meen Chhetri and Dr Roman Tandlich for reviewing all papers and putting together an excellent program, and also giving good advice to the authors, seeing to it that all papers are of high quality. Many thanks also go to Dr. Snjezana Knezic for putting together the conference proceedings.

Welcome all to TIEMS 2021 Virtual Annual Conference.

Oslo 1st December 2021 K. Harald Drager TIEMS President

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