

URMPM Congress around the world for the year of 2006.

January 1, 2006

Dear colleagues and friends in the URMPM

<http://www.urmpm.org/>

Happy new year in 2006

Four years have passed after the URMPM was established in 2002 as a world academic society. with several world leaders in health and safety sciences.

In the last year, the URMPM had the 2nd Asia Pacific Congress in the University of Science Malaysia in October, and the Special Forum of Global Transfer of Safety and Health Technologies in the University of Tokyo in November. And, Inter Graduate Seminar started in Tokyo from July. The URMPM Head Office moved from Switzerland to Japan in November. Note that we cancelled the 2nd World Congress in EPFL at Lausanne. We will announce new schedule of this important Congress and new URMPM President, later to you, to get greater success.

Now, the URMPM has a plan to hold the following congresses around the world in 2006. It is clear evidence that our world colleagues are now developing a new global network to establish better safety and health development, together all with international organizations, national governments, industrial sectors and world citizens in the world.

Enjoy those global movements of safety and health sciences by the URMPM and the family.

Sincerely
Ryoji Sakai (Tokyo, Japan)
URMPM Chair

URMPM Special Conference
Risk Management for Patient Safety
Jan. 23-24 In the University of Tokyo, Japan
<http://www.urmpm.org/1PatSafe/index.html>

Nikko (Japan)



The 1st African Congress
March 28-31, 2006 in Tunisia.
<http://www.urmpm.org/Poster/1staurmpm.pdf>

Carthage (Tunisia)



The 2nd European Congress
May 14-18, 2006 in Stockholm, Sweden
<http://www.congrex.com/valdor2006/>

Laponian Area (Sweden)



URMPM Special Conference
'Health Risk Management of Environment and Labour'
June 28-30, 2006 in the Elizabeth Hall, the United Nation House in Tokyo, Japan
<http://www.urmpm.org/Envsafety2006/>

United nation University (Tokyo, Japan)



The 3rd Asia Pacific Congress

'Human, Life and Radiation'

October 29-31, 2006 in Iran

<http://www.urmpm.org/IranSoc/HLR20061stAnn.pdf>

Persepolis



Greetings from the URMPM colleagues to you for the year 2006

Pat Caplan, Goldsmiths College London

As we end this year of 2005, we look back to twelve months of complex issues in our world and contemplate the year to come which also threatens many risks to people's well-being.

Just a year ago, the tsunami struck South-east and South Asia, with the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives. Had there been an early warning system, many could have been saved. But the problems subsequently have not just been about what happened on one terrible day, but its aftermath. In an incredible outpouring of generosity, many people throughout the world donated money, some even their own time and labour, to help in the task of reconstruction. Yet the reality is that a year later, in many places which were devastated, houses, boats and lives have not yet been rebuilt and much money remains unspent. The response to complex disasters cannot not just be short-term but must be long-term and must incorporate good planning at international, government, NGO and local people level.

While the tsunami could not be blamed on climate change, many argued that the disaster which struck the coast of the USA in August with hurricane Katrina, and others which followed, could be attributable to the unusually high sea temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico which have caused the usual seasonal hurricanes to intensify in their ferocity, indeed to arrive early. Watching the unfolding of events in New Orleans from the vantage point of American TV, I was, like the rest of the world, totally horrified by the levels of unpreparedness for a disaster which was far from unforeseen. Furthermore, many Americans as well as the rest of the world realised, some for the first time, that disaster is not necessarily an equaliser – those with transport were able to leave, others without had to stay and suffer, while the state handed over responsibility for relief to the Red Cross. Race and class played a significant part in the extent to which people were affected. These factors are playing an equally important part in the reconstruction of New Orleans – a largely black city which attracted thousands of tourists every year for its music, food and culture - which risks becoming largely white, as property developers move in.

The year 2005 also saw the apparently inexorable rise and spread of avian flu and the threat of a global pandemic. While such new and dangerous strains have been known in the past (witness the great flu pandemic of 1918), the processes of globalisation, with increased movement of people, animals and goods, renders the

containment of such diseases almost impossible. Again, however, the effects are likely to be uneven, with wealthier countries able to stock-pile vaccinations likely to come out better than those which cannot afford them, and whose populations may already be seriously weakened by chronic disease.

While some risks grab the headlines and attract huge amounts of funding, others, which also cause terrible human suffering, remain under-reported. In the African sub-continent (and indeed elsewhere), HIV-AIDS and malaria continue to take a terrible toll, as do the low-intensity conflicts in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, northern Uganda and Sudan (think of Darfur) and parts of West Africa. In some areas of Africa, such as Malawi, food security remains a serious problem. Such issues are linked to a variety of causes: sales of arms, lack of proper medical care and drugs, poor governance, extreme structural adjustment policies.

In each of the cases I have cited, both causes and consequences of risks to human life are social as well as natural, which is why our study of risk - its causes, effects, management and attempts to find solutions - must come from many disciplines working together. Risky scenarios are often the result of human actions and as such, capable of being changed.

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I wish a wonderful year 2006 to all the URMPM members.

May all your wishes come true!

Best regards

Nathalie de Marcellis-Warin

Montreal –Canada



**I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year
2006!**

Best regards, SMJ Mortazavi, Ph.D, Iran

" Koul amm wantoum be khir 2006" (in arabic)

" happy new year 2006"

" bonne année 2006"

I hope to see you in our First urmpm african cong in March 2006



from Dr. ZOURGUI

Lazhar

**Thank you very much for the invitation, Bulletin and congratulation with 2006 Year.
Happy New Year to you and your colleagues,
Irina, Moscow, Russia,**

Dear Sir

Best wishes for **Christmas** and the **New Year**.

Dr. Azim Bradford, UK.

I wish you health and happiness.

I look very much forward to further beneficial contacts.

Best regards,

Viacheslav Ilyin , Moscow, Russia

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Happy New Year



旧年中は大変お世話になりました。
本年も宜しく願い申し上げます。

*Thanks so much for all your supports in the past years!
May this new year bring the best luck to you and your family.
Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

新年快樂 身體健康
心想事成 萬事勝意

Tay Meng Fui
2006

from Malaysia

**I wish all URMPM members
all the best in 2006, your dreams come truths and all your steps will be happy
Rimarova, Slovakia**



Deur Felicitat

**A Happy New Year 2006
Best wishes
G.N.Kremenchuts'kyy, Ukraine**



**I wish you very happy Holidays and a lot of bless for the New Year 2006.
Your Nikolai Omelyanets, Ukraine**

