

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Good Day Higher Education Community! I am happy to report that we had a very nice inaugural higher education conference call last Thursday! Thanks to all who participated. We heard updates from contributing community members from all the active focus groups - Accreditation, Synergy, Emergency Management Discipline and Future Emergency Management Core Competencies. We announced the Synergy Webinar to be held May 18, talked about recent program activity and received EMI course updates. We also learned more about the IAEM scholarship. I received a few follow-up emails from participants providing feedback and guidance for upcoming calls. I am very grateful to have this dialogue as it helps the Higher Education Program ensure we are responsive to our community needs.

I want to encourage you to register for the Symposium today, if you haven't yet. The deadline is fast approaching on May 13! Also, please ensure that you encourage students to attend and to volunteer. While we all get a lot out of attending the Symposium, volunteers receive the added benefit of diving deep into a topic area and directly engaging with our presenting scholars. If you are interested in volunteering please contact [Barbara Johnson](#).

Many of you know that I also support the [National Emergency Management Executive Academy](#). The program was developed in collaboration with prominent higher education institutions. It hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency Management Academic Executive Level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. The application period will open next week. Find out more [here](#).

The [18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- **The deadline is May 13 for symposium applications. Applications will not be accepted after this date.**
- The draft agenda is available on the symposium [web page](#)
- Please provide your selections for Monday, June 6, [workshops](#) to [Barbara](#) as soon as possible.



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- Moderators/facilitators are needed to introduce speakers, keep the breakout session to the allotted time, and maintain a cool and professional atmosphere. To request a session, or for more information, contact [Barbara](#).

New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the conference calls are May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Employment & Internship Opportunities

The **IAEM Scholarship Program** is accepting applications for 2016-2017 scholarships. Full-time students working towards a degree in emergency management, disaster management, or a closely related field may apply. Graduate and undergraduate applications are available [on the IAEM website](#). Questions may be directed to Scholarship Program Director [Dawn Shiley](#).

Resources

[April 30, 2016 is America's National PrepareAthon Day](#). America's PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. Join others around the country to practice your preparedness!

Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence's ["Role of States in Disaster Recovery"](#) video. [Additional information](#)

[DHS Appropriations FY2016: Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. R44182](#)

[ENGAGED Toolkit: Improving the Role of Nongovernmental Organizations in Disaster Response and Recovery](#)

[Federal Cybersecurity Detection, Response, and Mitigation Hearing April 20, 2016](#)



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[National Flood Insurance Program: Continued Progress Needed to Fully Address Prior GAO Recommendations on Rate-Setting Methods. GAO-16-59](#)

[National Association of State Chief Information Officers released guidance on state government cyber disruption response planning](#)

[THE CIP REPORT, George Mason University, March/April 2016](#)

[The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program \(NEHRP\): Issues in Brief. R43141](#)

Calendar

[Call for Papers: The 3rd ICT-DM - International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies for Disaster Management \(ICT-DM'2016\), December 13 - December 15, 2016 - Vienna, AUSTRIA](#)

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