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## Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Strengthening the Links between Academics and Practitioners

**Third Academic Summit**  
University College London  
Wednesday 24th June 2015

Venue: Gustave Tuck Theatre, Second Floor, South Wing, University College London, Gower Street  
London WC1E 6BT (entrance at UCL South Junction)

- 0930-0945 Welcome by UCL-IRDR's Director, Prof. Peter Sammonds  
Welcome by Roger Gomm on behalf of the Executive Council of the Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management, and David Jones on behalf of Rescue Global
- 0945-1000 Orientation by Prof. David Alexander, UCL-IRDR
- 1000-1115 *Making academic research more useful to practitioners*  
Virginia Murray - Public Health England and UCL IRDR  
Prof. Sven Halldin - Dept of Earth Sciences, University of Uppsala  
Dr John Twigg - Faculty of Engineering Science, UCL  
Nigel Furlong - Transport for London
- 1115-1145 Tea and coffee break (South Cloisters)
- 1145-1300 *Improving communication between academics and practitioners*  
Dr Lars Nyberg - Centre for Climate and Safety, Karlstad University  
Prof. Andrew Collins - Department of Geography, University of Northumbria  
Robert Hall - London First
- 1300-1415 Lunch break
- 1415-1425 Introduction to the Academic network website and demonstration
- 1425-1540 *Training, teaching and exercising challenges*  
David Jones - Rescue Global  
Dr Fredrik Bynander - CRISMART, National Defence University  
Gordon Macdonald - ICPEM Vice-Chairman and University of Loughborough
- 1540-1600 Tea and coffee break (South Cloisters)
- 1600-1715 *Bridging the gaps with integrated research*  
Colin McQuistan - Plan International  
Dr Charles Parker - Department of Government, Uppsala University  
Hamish Cameron - London Resilience Team, Greater London Authority
- 1715-1730 Summing up by Prof. David Alexander, UCL-IRDR

Academics and practitioners involved in any aspect of disaster risk reduction and resilience are warmly invited to attend this conference. There is no enrolment fee but for administrative purposes participants are asked to register at Eventbrite through the UCL-IRDR website: [www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/events](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/events).

The **Third Annual Academic Summit** will take place at University College London on 24th June 2015 under the auspices of the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (UCLIRDR).

The theme of this year's symposium will be "**Disaster risk reduction and resilience: strengthening the links between academics and practitioners**".

At this event, the academic network discussed in previous summits will be inaugurated and illustrated in a short demonstration.

The summit, which is co-sponsored by the Institute for Civil Protection and Emergency Management (ICPEM) [and Rescue Global](#), is an opportunity for academics and practitioners to get together and share information, knowledge and expertise. Its main purpose is to debate the most important issues that academics face as they collaborate in order to make disaster risk reduction and resilience a thriving discipline that serves the needs of users and society.

The summit is free to attend, but participants are asked to register so that the size of the audience can be estimated. <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/events>

We look forward to welcoming to the summit researchers, students, practitioners, policy makers and all who have an interest in research, teaching, training and service in disaster risk reduction and resilience. This will be an interactive event, not a mere series of presentations, and we expect that the debate will be lively and informative.

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