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## **Present and Future of Crisis Management 2009**

Dear friends,

After two years we are again inviting you to our November conference entitled "Present and Future Crisis Management 2009", which is now starting its second decade of existence.

As we have already informed you, due to the increasing number of these events we decided to "slow down" a little with the aim to improve the quality and transfer the conference to a two-year cycle.

At a time when most of the world has been taken by surprise by a crisis, which cannot be solved by building dams, evacuation by helicopters, chemical purification or building pontoon bridges, this year we would like to take a look back, contrary to the conference's title, and search for parallels and lessons from the past. The main topic will be "Crisis in historical context". We will certainly have some knowledge from the Czech EU presidency, which also jumped into the crisis at the deep end.

Once again, the conference is organised in cooperation with the TIEMS world organisation of crisis managers and other partners and it will be held on 23 and 24 November 2009.

We have chosen the Diplomat hotel in Prague – Dejvice for this year's conference, which will provide a calm environment for our meeting.

Just as in the past, we are offering an opportunity to present your paper and we believe that the recommended topics will inspire you to write and present it.

Based on the processed questionnaires from last year's conference and conference of the year before last, papers giving examples of practical solutions will be preferred.

Register your papers at [www.emergency.cz](http://www.emergency.cz). The programme committee will select from the received papers and will prepare the conference's programme. You will find all dates at [www.emergency.cz](http://www.emergency.cz) - please meet them.

**This year's conference motto is:**

In its history, mankind has experienced a number of crises caused by various reasons. The ability of humans to recover even from situations that have brought suffering and death to many people and enormous material damage is admirable. Do past, present and possible future crises have something in common? Can we use historical experience to limit their occurrence and to minimise their consequences? Are we prepared for new threats in today's information era?

## Topics:

- Historical catastrophes and crises and their message for the present
- Main causes of crises in the past and present
- The share of civilisation development on the occurrence and progress of crises
- Political, economic, technological and other aspects of crises
- Development of critical infrastructure understanding and its role in a crisis
- Main possible causes of future crises
  - Power engineering
  - Information and communication society
  - Natural influences
  - Conflict of civilisations
  - Structural threats
  - ...
- In what ways are we different than our ancestors?
- Can we still bear our own development?
- The role of the state, industry and academic world
- Security actions of the EU and specialised organisations
- Who was, is and will be a crisis manager?
- Technology increasing safety in historical development and a future outlook
- Systems of critical service

During the 10 years of the conference, we have formed the contents and course of the conference on the basis of your comments; nevertheless the preparatory committee will welcome any of your comments in order for this event to become a feast of contacts among people who have something to say to each other.



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