

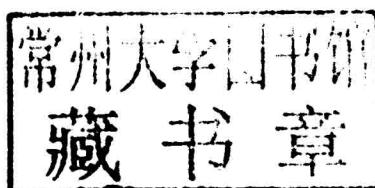
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This series of conferences started in 1998 when the first meeting was held in Valencia (1998), to be continued in Bologna (2000), Sintra (2002), Rhodes (2004), Malta (2006), Cephalonia (2008), The Algarve (2010); and on the island of Brac in Croatia in 2012.

Risk 2014, as the previous conferences, covered all aspects of risk management and hazard mitigation, associated with both natural and anthropogenic hazards.

Current events help to emphasise the importance of the analysis and management of risk to planners and researchers around the world. Natural hazards such as floods, earthquakes, landslides, fires and others have always affected human societies. The more recent emergence of the importance of man-made hazards, is a consequence of the rapid technological advances made in the last few centuries. The interaction of natural and anthropogenic risks adds to the complexity of the problems.

The papers presented at the Conference covered a variety of topics related to risk analysis and hazard mitigation. They are published in this Volume 47 of Transactions of Information and Communications Technologies; which is widely disseminated around the world in both hard cover and digital formats. Furthermore all the papers are also archived in the WIT eLibrary (<http://library.witpress.com>) where they are immediately and permanently available to the international scientific community.

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