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**Australian Emergency
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A centre of excellence - building resilience through education, collaboration and innovation

- Providing nationally accredited education and training
- Providing professional development
- Undertaking applied research
- Conducting strategic activities
- Promoting community awareness and resilience

News from AEMI:

Leadership in Crisis

September 7 – 9, 2011

As a leader, have you found yourself watching the news and wondering if you've got what it takes to manage a catastrophic event? In a moment of honest self reflection have you wondered if you have all the skills you need if you find yourself in charge of a major crisis?

We can't promise to make you a better leader, but we can promise to expose you to innovative thinking, new research, and complex case studies. You will be asked to challenge your own assumptions about leadership, the future arc of disaster management, and ask yourself some difficult questions about what it takes to lead in times of turbulence.

United Nations World Tourism Organisation Forum

September 22 & 23, 2011

The UNWTO is hosting a forum addressing the interface of tourism and disaster management. It is being held in conjunction with Bournemouth University UK, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Department of Resources Energy & Tourism, and AEMI.

Working with communities in conflict after disaster

Friday 28 October 2011

Working with communities after disaster often presents challenging situations and difficulties in decision making, particularly when there is conflict. This one day workshop will provide the opportunity to hear from speakers who have worked with communities in conflict and examined community processes in disaster recovery. Issues and strategies will be explored in smaller group work. The workshop has been designed for people who have or may be involved in working directly with community such as local government, NGOs, and community members.

Courses at AEMI: September – November 2011

- Facilitate emergency risk management
- Manage projects
- Exercise management
- Manage recovery functions and services
- Undertake emergency planning
- Work in an emergency management context & Develop community relationships *(*New Program)*
- Develop and use political nous *(*New Program)*
- Organisational resilience
- Volunteer leadership development

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Understanding Floods: Questions and Answers

Understanding Floods: Questions and Answers (UFQA) explains fundamental scientific and engineering concepts regarding floods, in clear and simple language. It provides balanced and authoritative information within the current state of knowledge, and focuses on three key themes: floods and their consequences; flood forecasts and warnings; and managing floods. It was written by the Queensland Floods Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Panel, convened by the Queensland Chief Scientist, Dr Geoff Garrett, AO. The SET panel includes 25 Australian and international specialists with expertise across the range of flood-related

disciplines. UFQA was developed in support of the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry, to build capacity and understanding of floods in general. UFQA will also educate our leaders, the media and the Queensland community at large on the complex, inter-relational factors impacting on floods. UFQA will facilitate informed decisions to help shape the way in which we can plan for and mitigate our level of flood related risk now, and in the future. The report and further information on the Queensland Floods Science, Engineering and Technology Panel (who authored this report) can be found on the website: <http://www.chiefscientist.qld.gov.au/publications/understanding-floods.aspx>

