

FORIN

Forensic Investigations of Disaster

A working Group of the Integrated Research on
Disaster Risk Science Committee

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Aims and Goals

- to develop, disseminate and implement a new approach in disaster research to identify and explain the underlying causes of disasters including the growth in magnitude and frequency of very large disaster events.

Why FORIN?

- Why have disaster losses continued to rise in a period of greatly expanded scientific knowledge and technical capacity?
- How do we find out and carry out research in a more penetrating and integrated way?

A Brief History

- Oct 2009 -Agreement at the Scientific Committee to design a template
- Feb 2010 Toronto and October 2010 Geneva-ad hoc working group meetings
- October 2011-Revision and completion of Forensic Investigation of Disasters
- March 2012 FORIN Advanced Institute-ICoE located in Taipei, China

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The FORIN Templates

- Critical Cause Analysis
- Meta-analysis
- Longitudinal Analysis
- Scenarios of Disasters
- FORIN Narratives

FORIN activities plan 2012-2017

- Integrative Research Projects
- Core sponsored case studies of recent disasters through the FORIN lens (Haiti, Chile, Christchurch earthquakes; Thailand and Pakistan floods; South Asian and Japanese tsunamis)
- Contributed case studies: independently financed

FORIN activities plan 2012-2017 (cont'd)

- Fellowships, Training and Workshops
- Orienting, training and development workshops
- Fellowship Programme
- Research workshops
- Publications and Reports
- Journal articles
- Working papers
- Book length documents and reports
- Synthesis and publication of results and an international conference
- FORIN project management

Preliminary Schedule and Budget

- **Year 1 (2012-13)**- “setting up”: further development of the work plan and budget; fellowship programme-cost \$150,000.
- **Year 2 (2013-14)**-Initiation of core case studies; contributed case study series established-cost \$250,000
- **Year 3 (2014-15)**- Core and contributed case studies underway; development of fellowship programme, workshops and publications-cost \$250,000.
- **Year 4 (2015-2016)**- Continuing schedule of full activities- completion of core case studies, report writing and outreach. Cost \$250,000
- **Year 5 (2015-16)**- Synthesis of results, publications and international conference-cost \$100,000.

Issues for Discussion

- Work plan and budget
- Composition of the FORIN working group
- Project leadership and administration
- Funding
- Publication Series-Kumarian Press (Stylus Publishing)