

# IRDR Data Project:

## Summary of Activities

May-November 2013

### Project Members:

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# Project Goals

- Identify quality of existing data and data needs for improving integrated disaster risk management
- Bring together loss data stakeholders to identify common issues and develop synergies
- Develop standards/protocols to minimize data uncertainty
- Define “losses” and create transparent methodologies for assessing them
- Advocate for loss data at sub-national geographies
- Educate users on database biases and data interpretation

# Second Project Meeting

September 29-October 2, 2013

Columbia, SC USA

Hosted by ICoE-VaRM



## **Attendees:**

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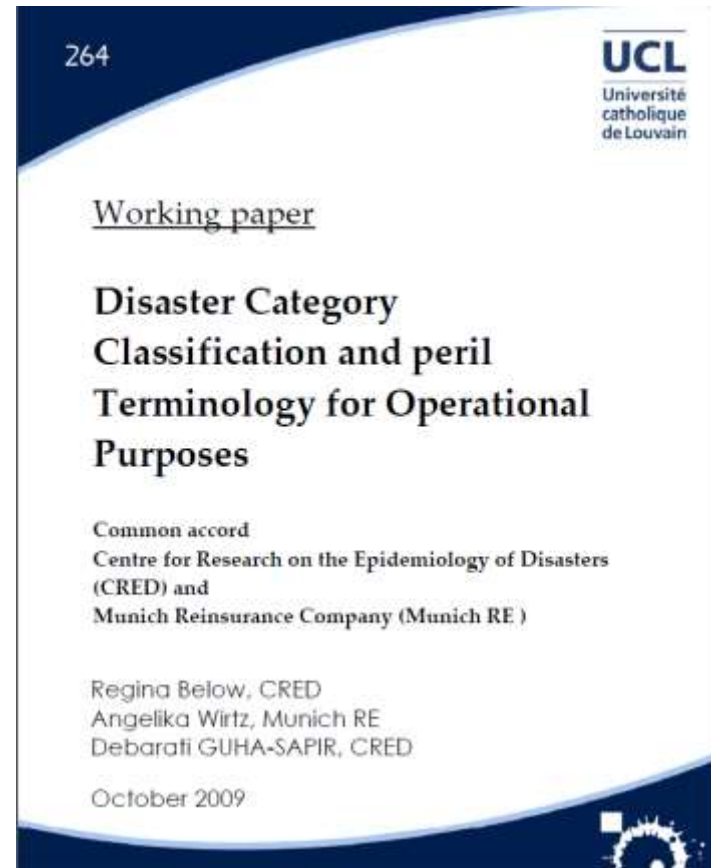
# Highlights

- Excursion to Congaree National Park (one of the largest tracts of old growth bottom land hardwood forest in the U.S.)
- Welcome dinner hosted by Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
- Q&A with 30 students about global and national loss data
- Traditional southern BBQ



# Accomplishments

1. Modified peril classification produced (update Oct. 2009 common accord)
2. IRDR-DATA concurrence with CRED/UNDP draft Human Impact Indicators document
3. GLIDE operator accounts for some IRDR-DATA members; memo expression of interest to ADRC offering assistance to preserve and enhance product
4. Established project share site on UNDP's Teamworks for testing of peril classification system



# Structure – Peril Main Events

<i>Family</i>	<i>Main Event</i>	
Geophysical	Earthquake Mass Movement Volcanic Activity	Drought Glacial Lake Outburst Wildfire
Hydrological	Flood Landslide Wave Action	Animal Incident Epidemic Insect Infestation
Meteorological	Convective Storm Extratropical Storm Extreme Temperature Fog Tropical Cyclone	Airburst Impact Space Weather
Climatological		
Biological		
Extraterrestrial		

## *Peril*

Ground Movement  
Fire following EQ  
Liquefaction  
Landslide following EQ  
Ash Fall  
Lahar  
Lava Flow  
Pyroclastic Flow  
Tsunami

Coastal Flood  
Flash Flood  
Ice Jam Flood  
Riverine Flood  
Avalanche: Snow, Debris  
Debris/Mud Flow/Rockfall  
Expansive Soil  
Sinkhole  
Coastal Erosion  
Rogue Wave  
Seiche

Derecho  
Hail  
Lightning  
Rain  
Snow/Ice  
Tornado  
Wind  
Sandstorm/Dust storm  
Winter Storm/Blizzard  
Cold Wave  
Frost/Freeze  
Heat Wave  
Storm Surge

Dessication/Subsidence  
Forest Fire  
Land fire: Brush, Bush,  
Pasture

Viral  
Bacterial  
Parasitic  
Fungal  
Prion

Shockwave  
Energetic Particles  
Geomagnetic Storm  
Radio Disturbance



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Geophysical	Earthquake	Ground Movement	Ground Movement	Earthquake	Geophysical
Hydrological	Mass Movement	Fire following EQ	Fire following EQ	Mass Movement	Hydrological
Meteorological	Volcanic Activity	Liquefaction	Liquefaction	Volcanic Activity	Meteorological
Climatological	Flood	Landslide following EQ	Landslide following EQ	Flood	Meteorological
Biological	Landslide	Ash Fall	Ash Fall	Landslide	Climatological
Extraterrestrial	Wave Action	Lahar	Lahar	Wave Action	Climatological
	Convective Storm	Lava Flow	Lava Flow	Convective Storm	Biological
	Extratropical Storm	Pyroclastic Flow	Pyroclastic Flow	Extratropical Storm	Biological
	Extreme Temperature	Tsunami	Tsunami	Extreme Temperature	Extraterrestrial
	Fog	Coastal Flood	Coastal Flood	Fog	
	Tropical Cyclone	Flash Flood	Flash Flood	Tropical Cyclone	
	Drought	Ice Jam Flood	Ice Jam Flood	Drought	
	Glacial Lake Outburst	Riverine Flood	Riverine Flood	Glacial Lake Outburst	
	Wildfire	Avalanche: Snow, Debris	Avalanche: Snow, Debris	Wildfire	
	Animal Incident	Debris/Mud Flow/Rockfall	Debris/Mud Flow/Rockfall	Animal Incident	
	Epidemic	Expansive Soil	Expansive Soil	Epidemic	
	Insect Infestation	Sinkhole	Sinkhole	Insect Infestation	
	Airburst	Coastal Erosion	Coastal Erosion	Airburst	
	Impact	Rogue Wave	Rogue Wave	Impact	
	Space Weather	Seiche	Seiche	Space Weather	
		Derecho	Derecho		
		Hail	Hail		
		Lightning	Lightning		
		Rain	Rain		
		Snow/Ice	Snow/Ice		
		Tornado	Tornado		
		Wind	Wind		
		Sandstorm/Dust storm	Sandstorm/Dust storm		
		Winter Storm/Blizzard	Winter Storm/Blizzard		
		Cold Wave	Cold Wave		
		Frost/Freeze	Frost/Freeze		
		Heat Wave	Heat Wave		
		Storm Surge	Storm Surge		
		Dessication/Subsidence	Dessication/Subsidence		
		Forest Fire	Forest Fire		
		Land fire: Brush, Bush, Pasture	Land fire: Brush, Bush, Pasture		
		Viral	Viral		
		Bacterial	Bacterial		
		Parasitic	Parasitic		
		Fungal	Fungal		
		Prion	Prion		
		Shockwave	Shockwave		
		Energetic Particles	Energetic Particles		
		Geomagnetic Storm	Geomagnetic Storm		
		Radio Disturbance	Radio Disturbance		

## Significance:

All data providers class the peril using a standardized scheme

Permits comparability across databases despite different goals and objects of individual databases

Enables top-down or bottom-up structure which meets needs of global to local databases



Y'all come back to  
Columbia,  
South Carolina



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**Next meeting: May 2014 in Ispra, Italy  
hosted by EU Joint Research Center**

- **Measuring economic losses  
(methodologies)**
- **Measuring impacts**
- **Mechanisms for encouraging  
development of national and  
subnational loss data bases as part of  
2015 Hyogo Framework meeting**