



**Third International Conference  
Post-disaster  
reconstruction:  
Meeting stakeholder interests**

**17-19 May 2006**

Organized by: i-Rec and the University of Florence  
Venue: Scuola di Sanità Militare in Florence, Italy

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

This conference addresses important themes at the core of the debate around the development of effective and sustainable post-disaster reconstruction strategies. The event seeks to build on the body of research and practical guidance developed by the international network of practitioners, researchers and graduate students who have participated in the last two i-Rec conferences in Canada (2002) and the UK (2004).

The i-Rec conferences bring together professionals and practitioners from various fields such as housing, reconstruction, civil engineering, international development, humanitarian aid, architecture, urban planning and environmental studies. In this way, the conference is a recognized forum for sharing research work and is also a forum of experience from the field together with practical issues of work in affected areas.

The 2006 conference is being organised by the University of Florence and CESPRO.

**Themes**

The conference is organized around three main themes:

Theme 1: Within post-disaster reconstruction there is a need to establish an efficient and effective multi-agency, multi-disciplinary planning framework capable of dealing with emergency, transitional and long-term reconstruction requirements.

Theme 2: Ensuring the sustainability of post-disaster reconstruction projects requires the optimization of economic, environmental and social constraints in alignment with the needs and priorities of the affected community.

Theme 3: Any post-disaster reconstruction programme needs to blend modern and traditional methods in such a way that vulnerability is reduced and resilience is enhanced.

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## Abstracts

Participants wishing to present a contribution are invited to submit an abstract, relating to one of the conference themes. The abstract should be typewritten in English (preferably in MS Word or PDF format), not exceeding 300 words, on one page. The abstract should be emailed to [cassidy.johnson@sympatico.ca](mailto:cassidy.johnson@sympatico.ca)

### Abstract format:

- Title: Should be 10 words or less.
- Author(s): Provide full name of the author, organization, and email.
- Keywords: Provide up to 5 keywords.
- Theme: Suggest the primary conference theme addressed in the paper.
- Objective: Define the “tangible and measurable” objectives of the work.
- Results: Provide a short summary of the results.
- Methodology: Describe briefly the methodology that you are using or have used to achieve your objectives.
- Impact: Identify how the research will impact the reconstruction field.

Abstracts submitted will be peer reviewed by the International Scientific Committee before acceptance. Abstracts should not include any graphics or pictures.

### Important dates

An abstract of no more than 300 words should be submitted by:	<b>15 November 2005</b>
Papers will be selected for presentation and authors notified by:	<b>1 December 2005</b>
Full manuscripts will be required by:	<b>31 January 2006</b>
Papers will be peer reviewed and authors notified by:	<b>15 March 2006</b>
Full manuscripts after corrections will be required by:	<b>15 April 2006</b>

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## Organizing Committee:

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## Venue

The Conference will be held at the Scuola di Sanità Militare in the centre of Florence.

## Hotels

Conference hotels are located in central Florence. There are a few options for hotels that have been selected to meet various budgets. Please see the i-Rec website for more details <http://www.grif.umontreal.ca/pages/irechomepage.html>

## Fees

The three-day delegate rate is €250 (€300 after March 31, 2006).  
The fee is inclusive of lunches, coffee breaks, the conference dinner on the evening of May 18th, and a copy of the proceedings, which will be issued to delegates on arrival.

Students (providing evidence of formal registration at a University) and delegates from developing countries may attend at a three-day rate of €100 (€150 after March 31, 2006).

Registration fees will be increased by €50 after March 31, 2006.

## Conference office and point of contact

Abstracts submitted for consideration and general requests for further details of the conference should be sent to:

Contact person: [cassidy.johnson@sympatico.ca](mailto:cassidy.johnson@sympatico.ca)

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