

## **IAIA07 Section Meeting**

### **DISASTER AND CONFLICT SECTION MEETING**

08:00-09:00

Room 321C

June 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday

Present: Michel A. Bouchard, (Tunisia) Section co-Chair, Birgitta Liljedahl, FOI, (Sweden) Annica Waleij, FOI, (Sweden), Ir. Philip Khew ( Malaysia)

#### **1. Opening**

The meeting is opened by Michel A. Bouchard, the Section co-chair, who welcomes attendants and extends greetings from the absent co-chair

#### **2. Purposes and Objectives**

The co-chair recalls the main objectives and purposes of IAIA sections and of the D&C section

#### **3. Membership**

The members present discuss the low membership level and its possible causes.

#### **4. Communication**

A.W. suggests that we try out a quarterly e-newsletter, a proposal which is supported and deemed necessary at least as a try-out.

Overall it is suggested to increase the level of mutual communications with other IAIA sections through Section Chair Coordinator.

#### **5. Conflict and EA sub-section**

The 2007-2008 program is discussed in terms of various projects which include publications, publications in book forms, and meetings. M.A. Bouchard will follow up in structuring this program.

#### **6. Disaster and EA sub-section**

In the absence of the co-chair, this item is postponed. P.K. reports on the "Disaster Management Conference" held in Malaysia in 2006 and the possible sequels in the coming years. He will keep the section members informed of future development.

#### **7. IAIA 2008 Perth**

It is decided to convene a Theme Forum again, pending on the success and outcomes of the 2007 Theme Forum ( scheduled later in this meeting)

#### **8. Closing**

The meeting is closed at 09h15.