



AFEM Summer School 2011

Student Application Form

General information on summer school

AFEM¹ Summer School will be held for the first time this year in Antalya, Turkey, for undergraduate students from social sciences (psychology and sociology) or health and human services departments of universities to enhance participants' knowledge on psychosocial effects of disaster and become familiar with the individual and community-based intervention in an interactive environment. Participants from various cultures and backgrounds will be encouraged to look into the experiences related to previous disasters and emergencies of their own countries and gather information about how to deal with the devastating effects of disasters and emergencies. Most importantly, participants are expected to gain awareness of the needs of vulnerable groups (woman, child, elderly, disabled or internally displaced people etc.). They will also have the opportunity to join workshops and learn more about one specific vulnerable group. Each subgroup, set up with regard to the vulnerable groups, will present summary of their discussions as a report at the end of the school. Through this summer school and with the help of experienced instructors, participants will learn basic principles of psychosocial support in disaster or emergency. Moreover, a network will be created which will be a basis for future communication.

Content of the training

During the summer school the following issues will be covered taking into consideration the needs of the vulnerable groups;

- i- Individual responses to disasters and psychological first aid
 - Key concepts of trauma psychology
 - Normal stages of the response/recovery cycle for a traumatic incident
 - Common feelings and effects of disaster experience
 - Effects of disaster on behaviour
 - Immediate, medium and long term effects of disaster
 - Adjusting to the experience
 - Disaster and basic counseling skills (establishing rapport, active listening, “do say / don’t say”, problem solving, burnout syndrome, confidentiality, referral to professionals)

¹ European Natural Disasters Training Center (AFEM)

AFEM was established in Ankara, Turkey, 1988 within the scope of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement that provide a platform for co-operation in the field of major natural and technological disasters between Europe and the South of the Mediterranean. AFEM's specific role is to develop projects, especially on education, both at the national and international level, that aim to improve the awareness and resilience to major risks within the population.



ii- Community responses to disaster and community based intervention

- Social aspects of disaster preparedness and recovery
- “Visible” and “invisible/hidden” effects of disasters on family and social relationships
- Identifying classes of disaster survivors as responders
- Stereotypical images (myths) on disaster survivor behaviour
- Community knowledge and indigenous coping mechanisms
- Designing and implementation of community-based social support in disasters involving local people/leaders/structures directly in decision-making processes, single track relief plans vs. multi-track rehabilitation plans for social recovery, local demand and genuine need for external aid/voluntary groups and promoting multi-faceted communication, and learning in a disaster-hit community

Date / Duration: September 4-10, 2011 / 6 nights, 7 days

Place: Olympus, Antalya, Turkey

(Accommodation will be in a natural life village, called Olympos Village. Please visit following web site to see the facility: <http://www.olymposvillage.com/>)

Participation fee: Transportation and one week’s accommodation (including all meals and a bed in a double room) expenses will be covered by AFEM. Entrance to all lectures and workshops is also free.

Application deadline: July 15, 2011

Travel Arrangements: AFEM should provide timely reservation of the airplane ticket and accordingly the most favourable price, and will provide the participants with the electronic tickets. Transportation of each participant will include the flight **from the capital of the country of the participant** to Antalya Airport and vice versa. The organiser will also arrange pick-up and departure transportation from/to Antalya Airport.

Participants will arrive at the airport on Sunday, September 4, 2011 and depart on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Visa Arrangements: Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visas. A visa application form and more information about obtaining a visa can be found on the website: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>. Participants requiring a letter of guarantee for visa arrangements should indicate this on the registration form. The Prime Minister’s Office Disaster and Emergency Presidency will provide upon request a letter of guarantee for participants who need a visa for Turkey.

Criteria to be a participant:

- Must currently study at undergraduate level of social sciences (psychology and sociology) or health and human services departments of universities.
- Must be able to communicate fluently in English.



Preferable personal qualities:

- Effective oral communication, good time management skills, open mindedness towards diversity and cultural difference.
- Having previous experience in the field of disaster emergency as a volunteer.
- Being in contact with any related governmental/non-governmental organisation.

Please contact the Executive Committee of the Summer School if you have any question about the AFEM Summer School 2011.

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If you would like to attend AFEM Summer School 2011, please fill in the application form and send it, together with your CV, by July 15, 2011 to the following address:
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