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***ACURIL/IFLA PAC Preconference 2004***  
***Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago***

**Theme:** Mitigating the Consequences of Natural Disasters for Caribbean Libraries and Archives

**Purpose and Goals:** To discuss the risks of hurricanes and other natural disasters, how to deal with them and take adequate preventive measures in order to mitigate their consequences. It is expected that attendants weave a network of experts and professionals capable of helping each other in the event of a disaster. Around a hundred participants representing various cultural institutions and actors from the civil society are expected from around the Caribbean.

**Dates:** May 21-22, 2004

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Audio Visual Room, National Library Building, Hart and Abercromby Streets, Port of Spain. (The National Library is located within walking distance of downtown, Port of Spain.)

**Accommodation:** Trinidad Hilton and Conference Centre, Lady Young Road, Port-of-Spain,

**Registration fee:** \$US 75.00 (Includes cost of materials and coffee breaks)

**Registration and hotel forms** are available on the ACURIL 2004 conference website:

[http://www.mainlib.uwi.tt/ACURIL2004/english/eng\\_register.htm](http://www.mainlib.uwi.tt/ACURIL2004/english/eng_register.htm)

The Preconference will be conducted in **English** only.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY MAY 21, 2004**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Brief Opening Ceremony**

**Welcome** – *Mrs. Pamela Benson, Executive Director, National Library and Information System Authority (Trinidad and Tobago)*

**ACURIL remarks** – *Mrs. Shamin Renwick, President, ACURIL (Trinidad and Tobago)*

**IFLA remarks** – *Ms. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Programme Director, IFLA PAC (France)*

**Opening** – *Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith, Minister of Public Administration and Information (Trinidad and Tobago)*

**Session A – Risk, Assessment and Planning**      CHAIRMAN: *PAMELLA BENSON*

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **Feature address: Risk Assessment in the Caribbean Context and Disaster Planning in General - with special reference to hurricanes** – *Mr. John Aarons, Government Archivist, Jamaica Archives and Records Dept. (Jamaica)*
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.      **How to Inform People of a Forthcoming Disaster: different stages in the process, information and recommendations**  
- *Professor John Shepherd, Head, Seismic Unit, The University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago)*  
- *Mr. Steve Pollanais (SIDS- Caribbean Project (Barbados)*  
- *Colonel Dave Williams, Director, National Emergency Management Agency ( NEMA) (Trinidad and Tobago)*
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      LUNCH BREAK

**Session B – Experiences with Disasters**      CHAIRMAN: *LILLIAN SYLVESTER*

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **Panel Discussion: Library Experiences with Natural Disasters – Volcanoes** (Montserrat) – *Ms. Gracelyn Cassell, Main Library, The University of the West Indies (Jamaica)*  
**Earthquakes** (Tobago) – *Ms. Helen Johnson, Scarborough Public Library (Trinidad and Tobago)*  
**Hurricanes** (Antigua) – *Ms. Sue Evan Wong, CARIB INFO’ – Information for Research & Business (Antigua)*
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.      COFFEE BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      **Disasters that Can Happen After the Disaster** – *Mr. Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah (USA)*
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Salvaging Workshop** – *Mr. Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah (USA) and Ms. Beverley Lashley, Librarian/Co-ordinator, Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN) (Jamaica)*

**SATURDAY MAY 22, 2004**

**Session C – Skills development and management for Disaster planning**

CHAIRMAN: *MARIE-THÉRÈSE VARLAMOFF*

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Basic Manual on Disasters: presentation and discussion** – *Prof. John McIlwaine, Professor Emeritus of the Bibliography of Asia and Africa, School of Library, Archive & Information Studies, University College London (UK)*
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 am      COFFEE BREAK

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 am           **Recovering from a Disaster: practical skills - why plans sometimes fail?** – *M. Stéphane Ipert, Director, Centre de Conservation du Livre (France)*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon       **The Specific Case of Electronic Equipment and Digital Data** - *Ms. JoAnn Georges, Records Manager, The University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago)*
- 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.       LUNCH BREAK

**Session C – Skills development and management for Disaster planning (continued)**

**CHAIRMAN: JOHN MCILWAINE**

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.       **The Implementation of a Co-operative Plan for Disaster Planning in the Caribbean** – *Ms. Beverley Lashley, Librarian/Co-ordinator, Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN) (Jamaica)*
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.       **Networking for a Better Response to Disaster: IFLA PAC & Blue Shield** – *Ms. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Programme Director, IFLA PAC (France)*
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.       **Closing Reception and Vote of Thanks** – *Ms. Janice Blake, Librarian, National Library and Information System Authority (Trinidad and Tobago)*

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