



# Shaky Ground Newsletter

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## This Month's Program Meeting

#### Date:

Friday, February 20, 2009

#### SPEAKER:

Sam Stahl, Practice Manager, EMC Global Services

**TOPIC:** Options for Disaster Recovery Exercises - There are many ways to test the disaster recovery, business continuity, crisis management, emergency response, and evacuation plans within your organization. This presentation provides you a comprehensive view of the many options for exercising them.

Tests can be conducted both in simple or complex formats, and in inexpensive or costly ways. Learn how to get the most out of your recovery exercises within a limited budget. The presentation includes examples and details for developing, promoting, scheduling, and delivering a professional recovery exercise.

#### Location:

Oppenheimer Funds  
6801 S. Tucson Way  
Englewood, CO 80112-3924

Look for the flags located on the north-west side of the building, this is where the double door entrance is located.

Parking is available in the parking lot – south west of the building.

Registration & Networking will begin at 1:00pm and the meeting will begin at 1:30 pm.

So mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

## Mission Statement

ACP is the premier organization for contingency planners, business continuity professionals and emergency managers. ACP provides members an excellent information exchange experience as well as opportunities to set trends in the emergency response and disaster recovery fields. ACP members have the opportunity to grow professionally by developing and strengthening relationships with ACP's public and private sector partners

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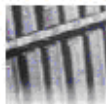


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## Rush's Corner

### Interesting Articles provided by our very own Rush Fay

Business Continuity Employment Opportunities

[http://www.drj.com/index.php?option=com\\_neorecruit&task=offer\\_view&id=166&Itemid=188](http://www.drj.com/index.php?option=com_neorecruit&task=offer_view&id=166&Itemid=188)

Avian Flu in Canada

<http://afludiary.blogspot.com/2009/01/canada-bird-flu-outbreak-in-british.html>

Global Risks 2009 Survey

<http://www.weforum.org/pdf/globalrisk/2009.pdf>

Health & Human Services Assessment of State Pandemic Planning Readiness

[http://pandemicflu.gov/plan/states/state\\_assessment.pdf](http://pandemicflu.gov/plan/states/state_assessment.pdf)

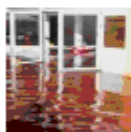
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## Japanese researchers develop all-round flu vaccine

TOKYO (AFP) — Researchers in Japan said Thursday they had developed a flu vaccine that works against multiple viruses and could prevent a deadly pandemic of bird flu mutations.

The research team has tested the vaccine on mice implanted with human genes, confirming that it works even if flu viruses mutate, according to Tetsuya Uchida, researcher at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Currently flu vaccines use a protein covering the surface of viruses but the protein frequently mutates to make the vaccines ineffective.

The newly developed vaccine is based on common types of protein inside the bodies of flu viruses as they rarely change, Uchida told AFP. The viruses used are the Soviet-A and Hongkong-A along with the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu.

"We expect this will also be effective on new variations" of the much-feared H5N1 strain in addition to conventional flu viruses, he said.

The World Health Organization (WHO) warns that millions of people could die worldwide if the avian influenza virus mutates into a form easily transmissible among humans.

Uchida said it would likely take several years to put the vaccine to practical use as the research team needs to confirm the vaccine's safety with further experiments on mice and possibly larger animals before tests on humans.

The study is being jointly conducted by researchers from the national institute, Hokkaido University, Saitama Medical University and NOF Corp., a chemicals company based in Tokyo.

NOF shares jumped 20.79 percent to 366 yen on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Thursday.

Influenza that affects humans is caused mostly by the Soviet-A, Hong Kong-A and type B viruses, according to experts.

Uchida said the experiment had been done with the type A viruses but the method should also be effective on the type B.

Many people who were affected by the Soviet-A strain in Japan this winter were found to be resistant to widely used flu medicine Tamiflu, Japan's health ministry has warned.

Tamiflu has been controversial in Japan after authorities said children jumped off buildings or ran into traffic after taking it. But authorities have found no direct link between the drug and the abnormal behavior.

Similar vaccination studies on attacking the inside of the virus body rather than its surface are also under way abroad, including at Oxford University in Britain, Uchida said.

About 250 people have died of avian flu since 2003, according to the WHO.

Indonesia is the country worst-hit by avian influenza with 115 deaths officially recorded since 2003.

Five deaths have been reported in China this month, compared with just three in the whole of 2008, alarming health officials.

China is considered one of the nations most at risk of bird flu epidemics because it has the world's biggest poultry population and many chickens in rural areas are kept close to humans.

Human victims consist mostly of people in close contact with sick birds. There is no evidence so far that the deadly strain of bird flu has mutated into a form that could set off a pandemic.

## Education

Upcoming local events or seminars

### [2009 Western Colorado All-Hazards Conference](#)

Tuesday, March 31 thru Friday, April 3, 2009

Grand Junction, Colorado

### **ICOR**

February 23-26, 2009

"The Evolution of a Disaster"

Englewood, CO:

[www.cemacolorado.com](http://www.cemacolorado.com)

Registration Fee only \$135.00

### **Nature Unleashed – Inside Natural Disasters**

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80205

The Denver Museum has a new exhibit Re: Natural Disasters

February 13 through May 3, 2009

<http://dmns.org/natureunleashed/>

## Tips & Tricks

**The BIA questionnaire should gather the following data:**

1. The "functional parent" of the process, this may be a department or location.
2. The process name and a detailed description of the process.
3. List of all inputs and outputs from the process.
4. Define maximum allowable outage time before impact occurs.
5. Descriptions of the financial and operational impact experienced during an outage.
6. Human and technology resources needed to support the process including computers, networks, offices, people, etc.
7. A description of the customer impact of external facing or inward facing processes, and a list of departments that depend on the process outputs.
8. Explanation of any legal or regulatory impacts that may be created in an outage.
9. Description of past outages and the impacts associated with each.
10. Description of workaround procedures or work shifting options to other departments or remote workers as applicable

## Employment

As a service to both individuals and employers within the contingency planning community, CRMC-ACP will post descriptions for jobs available regionally.

Employers: To submit a listing, please send an email to the Webmaster and attach your job description in Word format, as you would like it to be seen. Postings will remain on the site for 30 days unless renewed.

| Position  | Company & Location  | Date Posted |
|---|---|-------------|
| GENERAL PROFESSIONAL<br>IV -- OPERATIONS<br>OFFICER | Colorado Division of Emergency Management<br>Dept of Local Affairs Centennial, CO | 2/5/2009    |

Please visit the CRMS ACP Web site in the Members Area for new listings.

## Announcements

### CEPP Announcement

Business Executives for National Security (BENS), the Denver InfraGard Members Alliance, and The Denver Police Foundation, are pleased to announce that C. Suzanne Mencer and Pamela A. Sillars will assume the responsibility for program management and community outreach for the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP)

CEPP is a Denver based non-profit program whose mission is to strengthen the region's collective capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from natural and human caused disasters through effective public-private collaboration.

Both Ms. Mencer and Ms. Sillars were with the law firm of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber Schreck (BHFS) since 2005. Ms. Mencer served as a Policy Director for the firm's Government Relations Group. Prior to joining Brownstein, Ms. Mencer served 20 years in the FBI, was Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, and was the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security under Secretary Tom Ridge.

Ms. Sillars served as a Senior Policy Advisor in BHFS's Government Relations Group. Also based in Denver, she worked with companies on state and federal policy issues, particularly in the areas of public safety and homeland security. Previously, Ms. Sillars was the Deputy Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

Both Ms. Mencer and Ms. Sillars have been associated with CEPP from its inception, and in addition to overall program management, their focus will be on expanding business participation in the partnership.

To join CEPP or for more information contact Sue Mencer at 720-988-0143 or Pam Sillars at 303-522-8138 or log on the CEPP website at [www.thecepp.org](http://www.thecepp.org)

The CRMC ACP would like to congratulate Sue and Pam.

## **CEMA Conference**

This is a reminder that the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) conference will be held on **2/24/09 – 2/26/09** at the Inverness Hotel in Englewood. Further information regarding this conference can be found at the following:

<http://www.cemacolorado.com/>

If you attend please come by and visit the CRMC ACP booth and say hi.