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This special issue is dedicated to the topic of Risk Analysis and Hazard Mitigation and consists of selected papers presented at the Conference of the same name that took place in 2016 in Crete.

The papers cover a wide range of topics and many practical applications. It includes up to date research work associated with natural and anthropogenic impacts.

Current events emphasise the importance of the analysis and management of risk to planners, civil authorities, law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organisations, information technology experts and many other researchers and practitioners throughout the world.

The papers included in this issue relate to the most recent work on warning systems, climate change, evacuation, health, a variety of natural hazards including earthquakes, vulnerability studies, transport work as well as the all important topic of safety and security. Some of the papers discuss risk prevention, management and control.

The topic of risk covers an infinite variety of problems, encompassing not only physical sciences and engineering, but topics as diverse as environment, economy, social and political sciences.

This issue brings together the work of many researchers, practitioners and other consultants actively involved in finding new ways to cope with the increased demands for a more effective control of risk, be they natural or man-made.

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