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## **SEATTLE EARTHQUAKE CONFERENCE**

### **Understanding Earthquakes: From Research to Resilience**

**SEATTLE**—This year, Seattle plays host to the 22-26 April 2008 National Earthquake Conference, and although discounts for early registration expire 2 March, there's still plenty of time to register for the conference, optional field trips and historical tours. According to Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup (CREW) Executive Director Bob Freitag, the five-day Seattle conference enjoys one of the most ambitious agendas to date.

“This conference builds on CREW’s consistent message of pre-disaster mitigation and serves as an emphatic call for pre-disaster **action**,” said Freitag. “Risk communication is a critical element of our preparedness and mitigation efforts, and there will be ample opportunities to discuss future priorities and new courses of action.”

Western States Seismic Policy Council Executive Director Patti Sutch concurs. “This program contains over 100 nationally and internationally renowned speakers, and features an evening forum webcast on applying the lessons from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami,” said Sutch. “At this year’s conference we will learn about strategies and actions that have been effective in reducing earthquake risk and facilitate transferring that experience back to local communities.”

The Seattle conference is hosted by CREW, WSSPC, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, Northeast States Emergency Consortium, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute and the Emergency Preparedness for Industry and Commerce Council of Canada, and supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Geological Survey.

Additional information on WSSPC, its partner agencies and this year’s conference is available at: [www.earthquakeconference.org](http://www.earthquakeconference.org).

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