

## DISASTER REDUCTION EXPERTS MEET IN PARIS

The first joint international conference organised by the Association Française pour la Prévention des Catastrophes Naturelles (AFPCN) and the UK Advisory Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (ACNDR), the respective national platforms for the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, (UN/ISDR), met in Paris in September 2004.

The conference was well attended by leading academics and civil servants from both sides of the English Channel, as well as from elsewhere in Europe. It was also attended by a number of senior politicians from the French national and regional government, including Senators, Ministers and Préfets. The topics were of great interest and much progress was made in exchanging ideas and forging relationships.

Professor David Crichton attended on behalf of the BHRC and has produced a report on the proceedings which can be downloaded from the BHRC website: [www.benfieldhrc.org](http://www.benfieldhrc.org)

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