

# **BHRC DIRECTOR ACCEPTS GOVERNMENT ADVISORY ROLE**

BHRC Director, Bill McGuire, has accepted an invitation to join the Office of Science & Technology supported Natural Hazard Working Group (NHWG). This ad hoc advisory group, established in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami disaster has the role of advising the Prime Minister on the mechanisms that could and should be established for the detection and early warning of natural hazards. The group has a brief to focus primarily upon global and paraglobal geophysical events, and on more localised scenarios with the potential for far-reaching economic and social impacts. In particular, it is addressing the feasibility and practicality of establishing an international panel to assess the risks associated with low-frequency, highmagnitude events. The NHWG is expected to present its results within the next few months. Further information can be found on the group website at: [www.ost.gov.uk/policy/bodies/nhwg/](http://www.ost.gov.uk/policy/bodies/nhwg/)