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In the pages that follow in this supplement, you will find a broad rendering of what is happening world-wide in the field of Disaster, Emergency, Prehospital, and Humanitarian Medicine. Posters and oral presentations truly will be presented from every corner of the world. Presenters will come from 33 different countries on five continents.

The papers have a wide range of subject material. In addition, the methodologies range from well-controlled experimental studies to qualitative studies to descriptive studies. In short, there is something for everyone in our field. Major topics include:

1. Evaluation of medical practices
2. Disaster Medicine
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4. Prehospital medical care and systems
5. Updates in CPR
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21. Traumatology

Each of the abstracts that follow has been edited for English, as for many of the authors, English is not their first language. The editors have attempted to capture the main points for each of the abstracts. Importantly, simultaneous translations will be provided for many of the native languages during the Congress.

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