

HAZUS User of the Year! 2011 4th Quarter



Congratulations to Lambertus Struik, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), for his outstanding work with Hazus-MH. Dr. Struik has been a lead contributor in building knowledge transfer and capability for use of Hazus in Canada. He has attended several Annual Hazus Conferences and coordinates both a Canadian Hazus Users Group (CanHUG) and a Risk Assessment Users Group (RAUG), connecting Hazus and risk assessment users across Canada and with the Washington Hazus User Group (WAHUG).

Dr. Struik was instrumental in the August 2011 signing of the Canadian – United States agreement to share Hazus methodology, materials, and outreach between the two countries. He is connecting the two countries through the CanHUG and RAUG initiatives, which helps to improve cross border modeling of natural hazards. He hosts teleconferences for each group monthly and assists with the maintenance of the (CanHUG) website at <http://www.usehazus.com/canadianhug>.

Dr. Struik has extensive experience in developing and leading multidisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional projects. He has over 10 years of experience in contributions to Natural Resources Canada's program policy, and managed NRCan's national Natural Hazards and Emergency Response Program. He is an adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University's Earth Sciences Department and Centre for Natural Hazards Research. He specializes in land use policy in geological hazard risk reduction and has a background in geological tectonics and mapping of Canada's western mountains.

Prior to his involvement with Hazus, Dr. Struik was the manager for the Natural Hazards Program at NRCan. He is currently working on developing a collaborative land use guide for Canadian communities, using outputs and knowledge from Hazus. He sits on the Canadian Risk and Hazards Network (CRHNet) board and is one of the key organizers of the CRHNet 2012 symposium to be held in Vancouver. Dr. Struik will host a Canadian Hazus User Group meeting at this year's symposium.

FEMA is proud to present Lambertus Struik with the 4th Quarter Hazus User of the Year Award for his outstanding commitment and achievement to the Hazus Program.

Congratulations!



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