PMIEF recently assembled experts from around the globe to inform and guide its future thinking and decision making on the challenging and increasingly important topic of disaster management. Project management was clearly identified as a skill that can be utilized in all aspects of disaster management. This month's newsletter highlights the conference that took place in London, England, United Kingdom in December 2014.

We would also like to remind our readers of our academic scholarships. With the application deadline of 1 May 2015, we want to give all potential applicants ample time to apply. Please log on to our website today to explore all the scholarships available.

Sincerely,

The PMIEF Staff

**PMIEF Academic Scholarship Information**

Start the new year off by taking advantage of one of PMIEF's academic scholarships. PMIEF has an academic scholarship program that is designed to financially assist qualified applicants in obtaining degrees from accredited academic institutions of higher learning in the field of project management or any field with any relation to project management.
The deadline for all academic scholarships is 1 May 2015. Don't miss out, apply now!

Project Management Support for Disaster-Resilient Societies

PMIEF held its first International Roundtable Workshop 3-5 December 2014, in London, England, United Kingdom. The purpose of the workshop was to identify how PMIEF can contribute to the more effective management of disaster through the pragmatic application of project management before, during and after disaster events.

Major disasters have grown in complexity in the past ten years. The inadequacy of disaster management alone in addressing this complexity calls for approaches that additionally seek to reduce and manage disaster risks. This requires the engagement of a far broader range of actors and professional communities that can engage in the full spectrum of disaster management. It also calls for identifying new opportunities to benefit from focused project management principles and improved applications geared to disaster risks and consequences.

The participants included seventeen thought leaders and change agents within organizations such as Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, United Nations International Strategy Agency for Disaster Reduction, United Nations Office for Project Services, United States Agency for International
Development and the World Health Organization.

This meeting was extremely instrumental at helping PMIEF have a better understanding of what are some of the next steps to be taken. PMIEF will begin to identify nonprofits that can benefit from project management training and engage them in philanthropic partnerships.

Prior to this event PMIEF has disseminated PMI's Project Management Methodology for Post-Disaster Reconstruction (PMMMPDR 2005) over the past several years to support small, local projects following disasters. Eighty PMI volunteers and SMEs representing 20 countries developed the PMMPDR. The global PMI community has used the PMMPDR in countries including Brazil, Haiti, Japan, Pakistan and Spain. Currently our efforts are in follow up to both the 2005 publication and the growing interest of the PMI community to make a difference when disaster strikes.