



IDRiM2025 Conference

“Advancing disaster risk reduction in islands and remote areas”

Samos, Greece, September 28 - October 1, 2025.



ONLINE AND ONSITE YOUNG SCIENTISTS SESSION (YSS)

The Young Scientists Session (YSS) is a unique and special occasion offered annually at each IDRiM conference offers, providing young/early career scientists, researchers, and practitioners a platform to present their innovative research to a broader audience. This year’s conference will follow a similar format to last year, where YSS participants will present their research alongside more senior researchers and be given the time as senior researchers.

Additionally, this year, we will build upon the trial session introduced at IDRiM2024. A set of **online sessions** will be held a few days before the main conference, on **Tuesday 23rd September**. These sessions are designed for early-career participants who cannot travel to Samos for various reasons. Participants opting to join only online will benefit from a **reduced conference fee of €5**, plus the cost IDRiM membership. At this stage, we are also exploring the possibility of live-streaming selected special sessions during the main conference, which if does happen, online registrants will be able to access.

Furthermore, **for the first time, the IDRiM society will host a series of nine virtual workshops on Wednesday 24th September**. These workshops are tailored for early career researchers to enhance their understanding of academic life, including, but not limited to, academic publishing and securing research funding. Participants will also learn how they can actively contribute to the IDRiM society, including joining various committees and collaborating with senior researchers from a diverse of institutions and countries. Further details can be found on pre-conference workshop information sheet on the conference website.

Entrance Requirements

Qualifications to be a Young Scientist **are not determined by age or position**. Presenters at past YSS events have primarily been graduate students (including Master’s), PhD candidates, researchers who received their PhD degrees within the past four years, practitioners who have started working in the disaster field within the last four years, and researchers who made their debut in an international academic discussion. These time limits do not include any periods taken off due to illness, family illness, or maternity leave.

Individuals who have pursued a PhD later in life after having a significant career and/or making substantial contributions to the field of disaster research may not automatically qualify for YSS. Eligibility for such applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the YSS committee, so please still apply. If you are unsure whether you qualify for the YSS, please contact the IDRiM Secretariat at matthews.ayuna.5n@kyoto-u.ac.jp and/or YSS Committee Chair at ashley2.parry@northumbria.ac.uk.



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YSS Abstract submission

Young scientists should submit their abstracts according to the guidelines for oral or poster presentation.

Each abstract should have up to 400 words and a title up to 20 words long. All abstracts should be submitted in English. Abstracts should present the research objectives, the approach and methodology, the findings, and highlight the significance of the work for policy and practice.

Furthermore, submission of abstracts involves the following information:

- Presentation title (Max. 20 words)
- Author(s), affiliation(s) (including country, city and postcode for each) & email(s)
- Presenting author
- Keywords (Max. 5)
- Abstract (Max. 400 words)
- Preferred mode of presentation: Oral and/or poster presentation, in-person or online
- Suggested conference topic(s) relevant to the abstract.

Participation Format

In-Person (29th September - 1st October 2025)

Participants will be assigned either an **oral presentation or poster slot** at the conference, based on their stated preference. Each speaker will have approximately **10 to 15 minutes** for their presentation and discussion. YSS participants will present alongside senior researchers and will be given the same amount of time to showcase and explain their work.

At the IDRiM Society, we believe that early career researchers and practitioners should be treated equally and afforded the same opportunities as all members. In addition, young speakers will receive valuable feedback from senior researchers and other participants to support their development.

Online (23rd September 2025)

Participants will be given the opportunity to deliver an **oral presentation**, with each speaker allocated approximately **10 to 15 minutes** for their presentation and discussion. There will be multiple sessions held throughout the day, allowing you to choose the time slot that best fits your schedule.

However, we strongly encourage all participants to attend and support fellow presenters where possible, to foster engagement and collaboration. To maximise the visibility of each presentation, we aim to schedule sessions without overlaps, ensuring that presentations do not run in parallel.



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Best Young Scientists Award

As IDRiM does every year, we have organized the “Best Young Scientist Award” competition, where we request all senior researchers to serve as judges. Due to the two formats of YSS (online and onsite), there will be two winners of the competition this year. Please note that the conference organizers reserve the right to change this.

Evaluation Procedure

Each YSS presentation, whether delivered online or in-person, will be carefully evaluated by a panel of at least five judges. These judges will be selected either from the Conference Scientific Committee or specially appointed by the YSS Committee prior to the conference.

Each presentation will be assessed based on the following four criteria:

- **Content of study (50%):** The key content or subject that is the focus of investigation, research, or learning within a particular or education domain.
- **Attractiveness of presentation (25%):** Is the visual presentation smart, clear (not too cluttered with), and does it draw the viewer’s attention.
- **Presentation ability (15%):** Is the young scientists able to convey their research in a straightforward manner, so that a mix of topic experts and non-topic experts can understand their research?
- **Discussion with audience (10%):** How well does the young scientist engage with questions from the audience.

All participants will receive constructive feedback from the judges to help guide and strengthen their future research efforts. These will be emailed to all participants after the conference.

After The Conference

The top three YSS awardees from IDRiM 2025, will be invited to a specially arranged session in Q1 2026. This session will give the awardees a chance to deliver a full academic-style presentation to celebrate their achievement. The exact date and time of this event will be decided in consultation between the YSS and events committee and the awardees in the weeks following the IDRiM 2025 conference. To **view past awardee presentations**, please visit: <https://idrim.org/?p=10733>

All YSS participants are encouraged to submit full-length papers. These submissions will be reviewed, and accepted papers will be published in the IDRiM journal. For more details about the journal, please visit: <https://www.idrimjournal.com/>



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