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## EQECAT announces dates for 2003 Catastrophe Management Conference

(Oakland, CA) The 2003 EQECAT, Inc. Catastrophe Management for the Americas Conference will take place on February 23 to 26, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Florida.

This year the annual conference will address solutions to the challenges faced by insurers, reinsurers and other entities in the financial industry of managing extreme risks. Some of the topics to be covered are:

- ◆ Leading edge catastrophe modeling techniques and practices
- ◆ Quantifying and managing terrorism insurance risk exposure
- ◆ The impact of recent earthquake hazard research findings
- ◆ Extreme weather modeling advances for cyclones and extra-tropical storms
- ◆ The role of non-traditional risk transfer mechanisms including second generation CAT Bonds
- ◆ Development status and directions for EQECAT software models

Speakers will include leading researchers, Insurance Industry experts, as well as EQECAT scientists and engineers, who will explore and debate the most innovative and effective ways for insurers and reinsurers to manage extreme event losses.

Reservations for this popular annual conference are required and will be limited to 120 attendees. The conference fee is \$795.

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