Aiming at a unique diversity of teaching and research training, the organisation of the ROSE, REM and WRR Programmes is based on a relatively short permanence of scholars with extremely high qualification. Indeed, all lecturers are internationally recognised experts in their field, coming from a number of distinguished institutions.

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The European Commission has approved and financed within the Erasmus Plus the Masters on Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (MEEES), coordinated by UME School and featuring also the participation of University of Grenoble Joseph Fourier (France), University of Patras (Greece) and Middle East Technical University (Turkey), which aims to enhance quality in European higher education and to promote intercultural understanding through co-operation with Partner Countries. A number of scholarships are available for both non-European and European students. Interested applicants are invited to visit the MEEES website (www.meees.org) for detailed information and instructions on financial conditions and application procedure.
THE UME SCHOOL

The postgraduate school in Understanding and Managing Extremes (UME) is a new exciting development of IUSS Pavia (Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia, www.iusspavia.it), a higher education institution in Italy that offers international advanced postgraduate programmes (Masters and Doctorate). Innovative, internationally planned, open minded, grown on the traditionally fertile soil of the University of Pavia, and based on a system of Colleges unique in Italy, IUSS prepares brilliant individuals to take on the most challenging and demanding public and private positions in contemporary Italy, Europe and the rest of the world. In this framework, the UME School offers graduate programmes geared towards the evaluation of uncertainties, risk mitigation and emergency management. The key objective is to provide a system within which Masters and Doctoral candidates can study, understand and deal with extreme events. The UME programmes currently address three main areas:

- **Disaster risk assessment**, focusing mainly on natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, landslides and floods (with possible extensions to the topics of climatology, desertification, human-made and technological risks, etc.)
- **Extreme situation management**, which includes topics of statistics and probability, law, economics, resource management, finance, insurance, sociology, ethics, psychology and medicine.
- **Engineering for risk mitigation**, which includes topics on engineering to increase the capacity of buildings and infrastructure to withstand the demands from extreme events.

At the UME School, each course is intensively taught in a period of one to four weeks, during which the respective lecturer is able to fully dedicate his/her time exclusively to the scholastic activities at the school, thus ensuring teaching and research training at the highest possible level of quality. All of the above endows a truly unique character to the UME School, be it for its fully international nature or for its innovative organisation in education and research training.

Currently the UME School runs Masters and Doctoral Programmes in Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (ROSE), Risk and Emergency Management (REM), and the Doctoral Programme in Vulnerability Related Risk (VWR). The ROSE Programme provides higher-level education in the field of earthquake engineering, offering a number of courses covering applied mechanics, structural engineering, earthquake engineering, and engineering seismology. In addition to the PhD Degree, the programme offers Masters Degrees in earthquake engineering and engineering seismology with [see the Erasmus Mundus paragraph overleaf] and without mobility. The REM Master and PhD Programme aims to train graduates and professionals in the assessment, mitigation and management of extreme events (both before and after they occur), with a primary focus on those arising from natural hazards and a secondary focus on human-made, technological and biomedical risk. The VWR Doctoral Programme covers the domain of risk linked to hydro-meteorological extremes.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE AND UME SCHOOL SEMINARS

As a part of the School’s activities, an International Seminar is organised every year, to provide Master and PhD students with an opportunity to present and discuss their research work to an audience of international experts. The Seminar is named in honour of Prof. Nigel Priestley, co-founder of the ROSE School in 2001.

In addition to standard presentations on research work carried out within the Programmes of the School, the annual Seminar features also the tradition of inviting a prominent scientist to deliver a keynote lecture on a given contemporary and highly relevant topic in the field of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology. This year’s event, the keynote address entitled “Structural Analysis from the 1960s to Now: A Half Century of Change” will be delivered by Professor Athol Carr, Emeritus Professor of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

The Seminar will start with the UME Doctoral Defence. The Committee of independent international experts in charge of the examination comprises: Dario Slejko, Fatemeh Jalayer, Chia-Ming Uang.

ATTENDING THE EVENT

In addition to UME faculty and students, a maximum of 50 external participants may also be accepted, for which professionals and researchers worldwide are encouraged to take part in the event. A 160€ fee is required from external attendees, to cover the cost of coffee/lunch breaks and seminar dinner. Special financial conditions are in place for external university researchers or students, to whom a fee of 120€ is usually requested. Those who wish to attend the Seminar are kindly invited to compile and submit a registration form to the UME School Secretariat, at the address given overleaf. If you need assistance of any kind (registration form, accommodation, travelling directions, etc.), please do not hesitate in contacting our staff at secretariat@umeschool.it. You may also refer to the UME website (www.umeschool.it) for further information on all UME School activities.

VENUE

The UME School is located in Pavia, a historical town in the North of Italy (35km from Milan), full of University tradition. The Seminar itself will take place at the Collegio Riboldi (http://www.eucentre.it/coll collegio), a landmark structure dating back to the second half of the seventeenth century, purposely refurbished to serve as an international hosting facility for postgraduate students and visiting scholars working in the field of natural risk mitigation. It is located in the centre of Pavia, in Via Luigi Porta, 10.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19th May

13.30 - 14.00 Registration
14.00 - 15.30 Session 1 - UME Doctoral Defence - Chairman: R. Monteiro
- Damage-dependent fragility assessment, critical issues and recommendations
  - C. Casotto
- Characterization of subduction source models for probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA)
  - L. Rodríguez-Abreu
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break
16.00 - 18.00 Session 2 - Chairman: J. Al-Dabbek
- Exploring the annual rate of collapse for RC frame buildings in New Zealand
  - C. Bellis
- Untangling the drivers of DRR: using expert survey to explore the relationship between context, capacity and performance in local government
  - B. Becarri
- Numerical modelling and fragility analysis of traditional construction in adobe masonry
  - L. Sarchi
- Numerical modelling and assessment of circular concrete-filled steel tubular members
  - B. Kalemi
19.30 - 23.30 Seminar Dinner

Friday, 20th May

09.30 - 11.00 Session 3 - Chairman: C.M. Uang
- Earthquake loss assessment for Costa Rica
  - A. Calderon
- Seismic response and performance of a precast/prestressed RC frame with footing uplift and racking
  - A.I. Sarkis
- Seismic behaviour of URM terraced buildings in areas prone to induced seismicity
  - S. Kallioras
- Three-dimensional macro-modelling of masonry infills in RC frame buildings
  - M. Ollace
11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00 Session 4 - Chairman: A. Carr
- Innovative seismic resistant masonry infills with sliding joints: concepts and experimental results
  - R. Milanesi
- Curved surface isolators: variability of response parameters and effects on structures
  - S. Barone
- An exact shear strain approach for RC frame elements with axial-shear interaction
  - A. Kagermanov
13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break
14.30 - 16.30 Session 5 - Chairman: G.M. Calvi
- Keynote lecture – Structural Analysis from the 1960s to Now – A Half Century of Change
  - A. Carr
- Overview of 2015-2016 Eucentre and UME Activities Graduation Ceremony
  - Nigel Priestley International Prize 2016

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