# Special Issue Note

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The first issue of the second volume is dedicated to advanced and applicable technologies for disaster management.

In managing a disaster, it is apparent that a number of teams and individuals from multiple, geographically distributed organizations are required to communicate, co-operate and collaborate in order to take appropriate decisions and actions in a timely manner. Various studies highlight the need for the utilization of advanced IT during an emergency situation; this is due to that managing a disaster can be a very diverse and complex task. Specifically, findings highlight the 'hazards and disaster research informatics problem' – that is not unique to this research specialty – which requires immediate attention and resolution'.

The motivation and challenge for this special issue is to address the need for utilizing distributed expertise, collaboration and advanced IT. Moreover, to pose the question: what are the methods and possible IT strategies, which can enable disaster managers to make the right decision at the right time.

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