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Prehospital and Disaster Medicine serves as the official journal of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM) and the International Society of Disaster Medicine (ISDM). During 1997, while in its twelfth volume, WADEM became the solo publisher of this vehicle for the dissemination of scientific information on international emergency medical services and disaster medicine. The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) parted from Prehospital and Disaster Medicine and WADEM to publish its own journal (Prehospital Emergency Care, reviewed in *JAMA* 1997;278:1794), geared toward the EMS community of the United States with an emphasis on prehospital issues. Prehospital and Disaster Medicine remains committed to the worldwide development and improvement of emergency and disaster medicine.

Prehospital and Disaster Medicine offers a forum for scientific work, experience, and technology in disaster management and planning as well as emergency care rendered at mass gatherings, disasters, and catastrophic events. This inexpensive journal seeks to improve the knowledge and techniques of resuscitation, life support, and the relief of suffering. The articles are intended to minimize the health impact of future disasters through

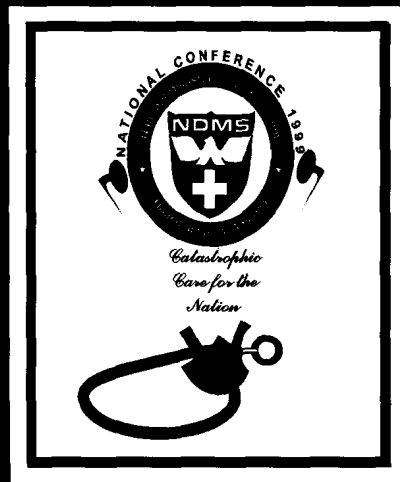
the retrospective analysis of past disasters. Contributors in the reviewed issues, who came from countries around the world, wrote to foster and improve prehospital care to single individual emergencies and mass casualty situations. Few journals cover disaster medicine. Prehospital and Disaster Medicine therefore fills a niche in the field of mass emergency medical services.

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