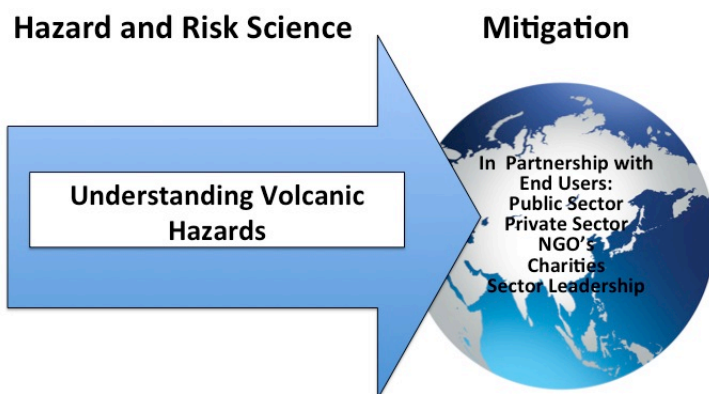# Commission on Volcanic Hazards and Risk

Main purpose of the commission

The commission on volcanic hazards and risk will be dedicated to applied volcanology, a key realm of volcanology that occupies the front line between academic research and governmental organizations that are responsible for decision-making and policy processes that reduce the impact of volcanic hazards on society. **The commission will focus on understanding, quantifying and communicating the hazards, the extent and likelihood of their occurrence and assessing their impacts and the societal vulnerabilities they create from near to far-field.**

A proposal for a new commission on hazards and risk was accepted by IAVCEI in 2013. The commission proponents formed an interim leadership team, who initiated the commission activities and organised the inaugural meeting at Cities on Volcanoes 8 in September 2014.

Commission Personnel

Commission leaders: Heather Wright (USGS and VDAP, CVO) and Shinji Takarada (Geological Survey of Japan)
Early career scientist representative: Sylvain Charbonnier (University of South Florida)

These commission officer roles were ratified at IAVCEI Scientific Assembly in 2017 (Portland, Oregon, USA). Officers will normally be expected to serve for 2 or 4 year terms.

Commission Scope

- [Principal topics to be covered](#)
- [Goals for the Next Five Years](#)

Commission Activities

- [Schedule of Specific Activities for 2018-2019](#)
- [Schedule of Specific Activities for 2014-2015](#)
- [Schedule of Specific Activities for 2016-2017](#)

Commission Working Groups

- [Working Group on Hazard Mapping – Active](#)
- [Working Group on Communication of Hazard and Risk – Being Initiated.](#)

We welcome proposals for further working groups – instructions for this are [here](#)

Commission Newsletters

- [Newsletter No 1 February 2015](#)
- [Newsletter No 2 July 2015](#)

Other Background Information

- [Previous Related Activities](#)
- [Become Involved](#)
- [Commission Terms of Reference](#)