

Biographical Sketch

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Dr. Vincent Covello is the founder and Director of the Center for Risk Communication in New York City. He is a nationally and internationally recognized researcher and expert in risk, crisis, and change management communications.

Dr. Covello has conducted master classes, workshops, seminars, and trainings for several hundred organizations. He has trained and provided consultation for organizations on a wide range of issues, including:

- high concern/high stress/high risk situations
- crises, emergencies, and disasters
- organizational change

Dr. Covello's recent assignments include trainings, workshops, and consultations related to communications about organizational change, terrorism, hospital emergencies, accidents, occupational safety and health, vaccine safety, radioactive waste disposal, hazardous waste sites, air quality, water security, fires, floods, West Nile virus, mad cow disease, shootings, terrorist bombings, hurricanes, earthquakes, pandemic influenza, and Ebola. These trainings, workshops, and consultations focus on the skills needed to communicate effectively with both internal and external audiences.

Over the past thirty years, Dr. Covello has held positions in academia and government. Prior to establishing the Center for Risk Communication, he was Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences and Clinical Medicine at Columbia University (1988-1992). Dr. Covello also serves as an advisor to the World Health Organization, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Agriculture, the US Department of Defense, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other national and international agencies.

Dr. Covello is the Past President of the Society for Risk Analysis, a professional association with over 5000 members. Dr. Covello received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1976 and his bachelors with honors and masters degrees from Cambridge University in England.

Dr. Covello has authored or edited more than 25 books and over 150 published scientific articles on risk and crisis communications. One of his books, "Effective Media Communication During Public Health Emergencies: A World Health Organization

Handbook,” is currently being used by agencies and organizations around the world to communicate effectively before, during, and after public health and other types of crises, including Ebola.