Preface to the Digital Version

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Since its original publication 1998, Disaster Management Programs for Historic Sites has received much interest from the historic preservation community. The articles and case studies contained herein have been widely quoted, both in the United States and overseas. Its success rests on two pillars, the relevance of the information contained therein and the range of case studies presented. They covered most areas of disaster management concern, and provided both a theoretical and a practitioner’s perspective.

The second element that made the book so successful was the fact that at the time of its publication in 1998 it was one of the first symposia proceedings published on the then emergent technology of the World Wide Web. Indeed, one of the paper contained in this volume (Spennemann & Green, A special interest network for natural hazard mitigation for cultural heritage sites) advocated the use of the internet as a dissemination and information exchange tool.

This second edition, in page-true digital format, reproduces all papers unchanged as they appeared in the original volume. We trust that it will remain a major reference source.

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