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On the 25th and 26th of September, 2018, the 1st Pacific Rim Clinical Emergency Preparedness Research Network Stakeholders Meeting and Symposium was held at the University of Washington (UW), in Seattle, Washington. This two-day event, hosted by the UW Center for Global Health Nursing, was joined by participants from Tohoku University, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Kathmandu University, Nepal, and the University of Washington.

Expanding on previous activities organized between the Washington and Tohoku University: Academic Open Space, participants from IRIDeS and the Core Research Cluster included Assistant Professor Junko Okuyama (Disaster Medical Science Division) and Assistant Professor Elizabeth Maly (Human and Social Response Research Division). Other participants from Tohoku University included Atsushi Matsunaga, RN, PHN, PhD/ Assistant Professor (Nursing Science of Community Health Care Systems), Kumiko Nakano, RN, MPH, (Research Associate, Community Health), Assistant Professor Maho Aoyama, RN, PhD, (Palliative Nursing), and Professor, Toyoko Yoshizawa RN, RMW, PhD, (Women's Health Nursing Course of Nursing).

On the 1st day, after Summary Presentations about disasters and challenges in each country, participants engaged in a discussion towards defining a common agenda. On the morning of the following day, participants formulated more detailed next steps. In the afternoon, Asst. Professor Okuyama gave a presentation on Establishment of Disaster Health Network to Provide Effective Disaster Health Response and Preparedness in the Public Symposium, during which issues of disasters and public health were discussion from many points of views.