**AFTER THE FLOOD**

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No disaster management course can prepare you for 8 foot of water through the basement of your building. In this talk I will explain what happened in the flood that went through the building last year, its aftermath and ramifications and also what is being planned and built now to take its place “after the flood”.

The talk will first explain the immediate impact and emergency responses that were mounted to deal with the situation and will then move to a discussion of the longer term effects of the event on students, technical staff and academics. This will include a discussion of the procedures involved in assessing the extent of the damage caused, evaluating the effect on the structural integrity of the building and dealing with the restoration of essential services, including water and electricity. In addition, it will discuss how research projects have been re-established in the time since the flood, including how alternative animal accommodation and laboratory space was acquired.

The talk will then move to a discussion of what has occurred since the immediate aftermath of the flood, and the plans that are now in place to re-establish a bigger and better animal facility in the basement of the Reid. This small animal facility will be a state-of-the-art, with housing for rats, mice, guinea pigs, native animals and insects all at PC2 standard.