

# Report of the Secretary General

## September 1998 -December 2000

### GENERAL

The activities of the Central Office during September 1998- December 2000 involved correspondence with National Delegates, Task and Working Group Coordinators and Conveners concerning related national or international organisations asking information about EAEE activities, and the publication of the Bulletin. During this period the Secretary General participated to:

*Second Int. Conf. on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering, Lisbon, Portugal, 14-16.11.1999*

*XXII General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG99), Birmingham, UK, 18-30.7.1999*

*Ninth International Conference on Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering (SDEE99), Bergen, Norway, 14-17.8.1999*

*Advanced Study Course, European Commission, Environment and Climate Programme, 'Seismotectonic and Microzonation Techniques in Earthquake Engineering: Integrated Training in Earthquake Risk Reduction Practices, Kefallonia, Greece, 13-23.9.1999*

*Second European Workshop on the Seismic Behaviour of Asymmetric and Set-Back Structures, Istanbul, Turkey, 8-10.10.1999*

*Research Needs Emerging from Recent Earthquakes, Workshop organized by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute for the National Science Foundation, San Francisco, USA, 25-26.10.1999*

*2nd Mediterranean Meeting on Seismology and Seismic Engineering (SISMICA99), Faro, Portugal, 27-29.10. 1999,*

*International Conference on Earthquake Hazard and Risk in the Mediterranean Region, Nicosia, North Cyprus, 18-22.10.1999*

*International Conference on 17 August Kocaeli Earthquake, ITU, Istanbul, Turkey, 2-5.12.1999*

*EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement, Council of Europe, Preparatory Meeting, Paris, France, 12.6. 2000*

*XXVII General Assembly of European Seismological Commission, Lisbon, Portugal, 10-15.9.2000*

*Dynamic Evolution of Active Faulting in the Mediterranean Region, Algiers, Algeria, 9-11.10. 2000*

*EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement, Council of Europe Colloquium Assisting Decision Making in Emergency situation and Cooperation, Toulouse, France, 13-15.11.2000*

*(EC) Joint Research Centre (ISIS-SSMU-ELSA) and the DG Environment (Civil Protection Unit) Workshop on - Mitigation of Seismic Risk - Support to Recently Affected European Countries, Belgirate, Italy, 27-28.11. 2000*

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Central Office organised the second and third Executive Committee meetings in Paris, France on June 26, 1999 and September 16, 2000 upon the kind invitation of the French Association for Earthquake Engineering and Portuguese Association for Earthquake Engineering, respectively. The minutes of these meetings was prepared and forwarded to all Executive Committee Members, all National Delegates, all TG Coordinators, all WG Conveners, the representative of ESC and UNESCO. The minutes of the second meeting was also published in the EAEE Bulletin Vol.18 No.1 and the minutes of the third meeting will be published in Vol.19, No.1 and both minutes were inserted in the EAEE Home Page.



## **EUROPEAN SEISMOLOGICAL COMMISSION**

The Secretary General participated to the meeting of the Subcommittee on Engineering Seismology on September 13, 2000 and the ESC General Assembly on September 14, 2000 held in Lisbon, Portugal, during ESC General Assembly. The ESC General Assembly approved the recommendations for establishing cooperation among Subcommittee A on "Seismology" with TG10 concerning the effects of historical earthquakes on historical structures. It was also decided to have the next ESC General Assembly in Genova, Italy during September 2002.

## **JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING**

Upon the suggestion of the EAEE Executive Committee, the Secretary General had a meeting with Prof. Duilio Benedetti, the Editor of the Journal of European Earthquake Engineering, in Milano on November 29, 2000.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss about the future possibilities for the Journal of European Earthquake Engineering. It was very clear that the Executive Committee of the EAEE and Prof. Benedetti as the editor the EEE Journal have similar perspectives and desires for the advancement of the Journal in this new century. Both parties want to increase the popularity and at the same time improve the impact of the journal in the European earthquake engineering community. In order to realize these goals we believe it would be helpful to start with a new image and with an effective advertisement campaign. The new image may require modifications of the editorial board, one or two new co-editors to work together with Prof. Benedetti, rephrasing of the aims of the journal, an improvement of the review procedures with more international reviewers, perfecting the quality of the printed version, a new web page and availability of the electronic version of the journal in the internet.

## **BULLETIN**

The Central Office published two issues of the EAEE Bulletin, Vol.17, No.2 (December 1998), Vol. 18, No.1 (August 1999). Both issues were printed as 1500 copies and were distributed to all Delegates, TG and WG Coordinators and Conveners, major earthquake related organisations abroad, all Delegates of the International Society for Earthquake Engineering and all Titular Members of the ESC.

The Bulletins have been prepared by the Secretary General with some financial support from the Turkish Earthquake Foundation and Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers only for printing and postage expenses. However, after the 1999 Kocaeli and Düzce earthquakes, partly because the increased workload of the Secretary General, partly from the lack of contributions from National Societies and National Committees and partly due to the large increase in the postage costs, it was not possible to prepare and publish the second issue for the year of 1999 (Vol.18, No.2). Upon the suggestion of the Secretary General, due to the reasons listed above, the Executive Committee approved the decision to publish the EAEE Bulletin once a year with limited distribution, since the Bulletin is also available in the EAEE homepage.

## **Internet - WEB**

The Internet-EAEE Homepages were updated continuously to contain all the published Bulletins as well as other related information forwarded to the Central Office.

