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Foreword

Dear readers,

I am very pleased to inform you that during a meeting in Johannesburg, this January, the African Seismological Commission was established.

This year we are looking forward to **three** regional Commission meetings: In July, the Latin American and Caribbean Seismological Commission meets in Bogota (Colombia), in August, the European Seismological Commission meets in a joint conference with the European Association of Earthquake Engineers in Istanbul (Turkey) and in November, the Asian Seismological Commission meets in Makati City (The Philippines).

In 2016, we look forward to having **four** regional commission meetings!

Please keep on supporting all IASPEI activities!

Peter Suhadolc
Secretary General

LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN SEISMOLOGICAL COMMISSION (AfSC)

Johannesburg, South Africa



The African Seismological Commission (AfSC) was launched on the 22 January 2014 during an Africa-Array workshop held at WITS university in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The meeting was well attended and an attendance register was circulated in order to build a contact database of all interested parties. There were representatives from 21 African countries at the meeting: Algeria, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Ghana, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Egypt, Senegal, Morocco, Libya, Nigeria, Cameroon, DR Congo, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa, Cape Verde Republic, Botswana and Rwanda.

The meeting was opened by the IASPEI President, Domenico Giardini, and Secretary General/Treasurer, Peter Suhadolc.

The AfSC interim secretary, Michelle Grobbelaar, continued with a presentation on the formation of the AfSC and what has been achieved so far, eg a review of the statutes, creation of a logo and publicising the commission.

The meeting then addressed each statute individually and the comments and changes were reflected.

The statutes which drew the most attention and discussion were statutes:

2 - Membership; 4 - The Council; 5 - The Executive Committee and 10 - Approval of the Bylaws.

The reason for this discussion was the issue of a lack of IUGG members within Africa. However, this was temporarily addressed in the statute on Membership (2) and will be reassessed in 2018, as indicated on the approval of the Bylaws.

In addition, invitation letters will be sent to the institutions of non-IUGG country representatives to nominate their representative in AfSC and the letter should be signed by the institution heads.

The statutes were then adopted by all present. The executive committee was then elected as follows:

Atalay Ayele (Ethiopia) – President

Bekoa Ateba (Cameroon) – 1st vice president
Ahmed Hosny Ali (Egypt) – 2nd vice president
Michelle Grobbelaar (South Africa) - Secretary
Paulina Amponsah (Ghana) - Member

There was a request to IASPEI to draft a letter naming the elected interim executive committee for use in obtaining support for AfSC.

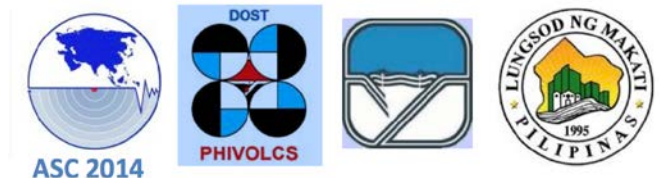
The location of the first assembly was not decided upon, but there were a few ideas to host it in Algeria, Egypt or South Africa in 2016.

The 10th General Assembly of the Asian Seismological Commission

**Makati City, The Philippines,
November 17-20, 2014**

<http://asc2014ph.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/>

Please mark your calendars for this date!



Asian Seismological Commission
Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology
Geological Society of the Philippines
City of Makati

“Working together towards an earthquake-resilient Asia”

With the theme, “Working together towards an earthquake-resilient Asia,” the General Assembly is an opportunity for scientists from different countries to meet and exchange ideas about seismology, tectonics and related fields. Specifically, the assembly aims to convene sessions on the following topics: seismology, seismological observation and interpretation, nature of seismic sources and prediction of earthquakes, strong ground motion, instrumentation, seismic network and volcano seismology, earthquake hazards and risks mapping and assessment, earth structure and geodynamics, seismotectonics, physics and chemistry of materials, earthquake engineering, and education, outreach and communication in seismology and disaster risk reduction.

Makati City is one of the 16 cities in Metro Manila. Makati City is the business and financial center in the Philippines and is host to the highest concentration of local and multinational corporations.

Schedule and deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline, Grants Application: 15 April 2014

Acceptance of Abstracts: 31 May 2014

Third Circular (Preliminary Program): 30 June 2014

Notification of Grant Application results: 30 July 2014

Registration Deadline: 1 September 2014

Scientific Programs (3.5 days): 17, 18, 19, 20 November 2014

Scientific and Industrial Exhibition: 17, 18, 19, 20 November 2014

Training Course - earthquake hazard vulnerability: 12-16 November 2014

Post Assembly Field Trip (1 day/ Taal): 21 November 2014

Post Assembly Field Trip (3days/ Bohol Ground Rupture): 21-23 November

A joint event of the
15th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and the 34th General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission

Istanbul, Turkey, August 23-25, 2014

<http://www.2eecesistanbul.org>

Please mark your calendars for this date!

Second European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology



OBITUARY



**EDUARD SULSTAROVA
(1934-2014)**

Eduard Sulstarova, an Albanian seismologist, passed away on January 15 at Tirana, Albania, after an acute disease at the age of 80. He was born in Korça, Albania and was a graduate of 1963 of University of Tirana.

2014 IASPEI Regional Assembly of the Latin American and Caribbean Seismological Commission

Bogotá, Colombia, July 23-25, 2014

<http://geoslac.org/english/>

Please mark your calendars for this date!



After a specialization for seismology in China Mr. Sulstarova was engaged in the foundation of the Albanian Seismological Centre and was its head and director for 20 years. In his long career in seismology, Prof. Dr. Sulstarova has collected and studied historical and instrumental earthquakes of the country focusing on their focal mechanism and stress field. He is author and co-author of many scientific papers and books, the last of which is "Seismicity, Seismotectonics and Seismic Hazard Assessment in Albania" (Published by The Academy of Sciences of Albania, Tirana 2010).

After the political system changed in the country, Prof. Dr. Sulstarova was in late 90s a Member of Academy of Sciences of Albania and Secretary General of this Academy.

He was Titular member in the European Seismological Commission (1974-1996), a representative of the government of Albania to the Permanent Committee for Seismic Risk Reduction in Balkan Region (1981-1993), and member of the Steering committee in the project UNDP/OPS Seismic Risk Reduction in the Mediterranean Region (1988-1992).

Survivors include his wife Ikbal, two daughters Alma and Silva and a lot of grandchildren.

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Meetings Calendar

A calendar of scientific meetings relevant to the interests of IASPEI scientists is maintained at:

<http://www.iaspei.org/meetings/forthcoming.html>

where more details can be found. We report below just the titles, dates, places and websites of the forthcoming meetings.

2014

European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014

April 27 – May 02, 2014, Vienna, Austria

URL: <http://www.egu2014.eu/>

Seismological Society of America (SSA)

Annual Meeting

30 April - 2 May 2014, Anchorage, Alaska, USA

URL: <http://www.seismosoc.org/meetings>

30th IUGG Conference on Mathematical Geophysics

June 2-6, 2014, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

URL:

<http://eventos.iingen.unam.mx/IUGG2014/>

Latin American Caribbean Seismological Commission (LACSC) Regional Assembly 2014

July 23-25, 2014, Bogota, Colombia

URL: <http://geoslac.org/english/>

ESC General Assembly 2014

(joint with EAEE, 2nd ECEES)

August 24–29, 2014, Istanbul, Turkey

URL: <http://www.2eecesistanbul.org>

EMSEV 2014

September 21-27, 2014, Konstancin Jeziorna, Poland

URL: <http://emsev2014.cbk.waw.pl/>

Mega earthquakes and tsunamis in subduction-zones: forecasting approaches and implications for hazard assessment

Early October 2014, Rhodes, Greece

Contact: Prof. G. Papadopoulos,
papadop@noa.gr

ASC General Assembly 2014

November 17-20, 2014, Makati City (Manila), The Philippines

URL: <http://asc2014ph.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/>

2015

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), General Assembly

22 June-2 July, 2015, Prague, Czech Republic

URL: <http://www.iugg2015prague.com>

Seismological Society of America (SSA) Annual Meeting

21-23 April 2015, Pasadena, California, USA

URL: <http://www.seismosoc.org/meetings>

General Information about IASPEI

The International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior is one of the eight Associations of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics [\[IUGG\]](#).

The other IUGG Associations are:

Int'l Association of Cryospheric Sciences [\(IACS\)](#)

Int'l Association of Geodesy [\[IAG\]](#)

Int'l Association of Hydrological Sciences [\[IAHS\]](#)

Int'l Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences [\[IAMAS\]](#)

Int'l Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans [\[IAPSO\]](#)

Int'l Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy [\(IAGA\)](#)

Int'l Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior [\[IAVCEI\]](#)

Scientific Assemblies

IASPEI holds an Ordinary General Assembly every four years in conjunction with each Ordinary General Assembly of IUGG. Between the General Assemblies, IASPEI holds a Scientific Assembly, sometimes meeting with one of the other Associations of IUGG.

Participation in IASPEI Activities

IASPEI welcomes all scientists throughout the world to join in research into Seismology. IASPEI is subdivided into a number of Commissions, many of which have working groups for the study of particular subjects in their general areas of interest. On occasion, these internal IASPEI groups issue their own newsletters or circulars and many maintain their own web sites. At the IASPEI Assemblies, the groups organize specialist symposia, invite scholarly reviews and receive contributed papers that present up-to-the-minute results of current research. The IASPEI web site gives, or provides links to, information on the range of IASPEI activities.

The IASPEI Web site

Information on IASPEI can be found at:

<http://www.iaspei.org/>

Contacting IASPEI

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