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Earthquake risk reduction network in the Balkan region

2nd Task Group 3 meeting, Zagreb, 20–24 May, 1991.

The Task Group 3 (Correlation of Macroseismic Intensity with Acceleration and other Parameters of Strong Ground Motion) was established within the framework of scientific activities that were approved at the meeting of the »Permanent Coordinating Committee for Earthquake Risk Reduction in the Balkan Region« held in Paris in 1985. The first Task Group 3 meeting was held in Zagreb, 7–9 February, 1989, and the second one was held in Zagreb too, 20–24 May, 1991. At the second meeting five countries were represented: Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

At the opening of the meeting the participants were welcomed by the Minister of science, technology and informatics of the Republic of Croatia Professor Osman Muftić.

The national experts presented and discussed thoroughly the reports on the activities within the Task Group 3. The Greek national report was received after the meeting and is included in the report of the meeting.

Representatives of Albania, Romania and Turkey brought the tapes/diskettes containing available strong motion data from their countries and submitted them to the convener. It was concluded that each country participating in the TG 3 activities will send additional available strong ground motion records to the TG 3 convener. Data will be systematized and one set of all data will be distributed on diskettes to each of the national representatives in TG 3. All the participants stressed the necessity to create

such a strong motion record data bank which will be the TG 3 output of the largest significance to the investigation in the fields of seismology and earthquake engineering.

Concerning the future use of the data bank the following problems have remained opened for discussion:

- use of the data bank by organizations in the countries which are not members of the PCC,

- use of the data bank by national organizations of PCC member countries for business purposes, and

- updating of the data bank after terminating the PCC project.

The following conclusions on the future TG 3 activities up to the end of the project were accepted:

1. Final Report on TG 3 activities will be issued which will contain: general review of the scientific and technical activities of TG 3, National Final Reports (methodology, main research achievements) and strong motion data set description (earthquakes, accelerographs, accelerogrammes).

2. The need for further continuation of TG 3 activities was stressed, particularly in updating the strong motion data set, and the regular TG 3 meetings in two years intervals were proposed. It is foreseen that the next meeting will be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia) in April/May 1992.

Dragutin Skoko, TG 3 convener

The course »QUANTIFICATION OF EARTHQUAKES: METHODS AND APPLICATIONS« postponed

The course was scheduled to be held at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik (Croatia) between 1 and 11 August 1991, preceding the XX General Assembly of IUGG in Vienna (Austria).

Lectures, demonstrations and exercises were offered on the present status of the earthquake magnitude and other ways of determining the strength of earthquakes. Special attention was planned to be given to developments based on the broad-band observations and on the digital recording of seismic waves.

The course should have proven of interest to students of seismology, as well as to students of subjects related to earthquake engineering and was intended to be at the post-graduate level. The lecturers were to be held in English, with the resource persons coming from the European and American universities and other scientific institutions.

Though the interest for the course was considerable, it had to be postponed because of the war aggression against Croatia, which caused devastations even to the city of Dubrovnik.

Dragutin Skoko, Course director