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Summary of Activities 2007-2010

2007

During the XXIV IUGG General Assembly, held in Perugia from July 2nd to the 13th, the ESC organized and Open Meeting on July 10th, and an Executive Committee Meeting on July 11th. In the Open Meeting, information was given about the last ESC General Assembly and Joint Meeting with the EAEE, held in Geneva, Switzerland, in September 2006; the changes in the Bylaws and the new ESC structure based on Working Groups; the new ESC Web site; and the venue for the next ESC2008, in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. The Executive Committee Meeting discussed about the results and outcome from the ESC2006, and the first steps on the preparation of the next ESC2008. Five WGs were approved out of 16 proposed. The remaining WG proposals could be approved once they provide additional information needed. ESC was also involved in the joint meeting of RELEMR project and the UNESCO Ibero-Maghreb Initiative 'Seismicity and Earthquake Engineering in the Extended Mediterranean Region', held in Madrid, Spain, 24-27 November 2007, and supported by UNESCO, USGS, EUR-OPA, and the Spanish CM, MEC and CSIC.

2008

Main activities were related to the final organization of the XXXI General Assembly, held in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece, on September 7-12. The meeting was attended by 346 participants, presenting more that 650 abstracts, including oral and posters. A special Joint ESC-UNESCO session on 'Seismological observations, hazard and risk estimation in the Mediterranean Basin' was organized and sponsored by UNESCO. Three new WGs were approved. Before the GA a Young Seismologist Training Course on 'Active Tectonics and Seismicity' took place in Chania, Crete, Greece, on September 2-7, with 36 participants (19 from non-EU countries) and 11 lecturers. The selected venue for the XXXII General Assembly is the Corum Conference Center in Montpellier, France, from September 6 to 10, 2010.

2009

The activities included the start of the organization of the XXXII General Assembly to be held in the Corum Conference Center in Montpellier, France from September 6 to 10, 2010; including the coordination with the 14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering to be held in Ohrid, FYRoM, from August

30 to September 3, 2010; in the framework of the agreement between the ESC and the EAEE. An Executive Committee meeting was taking place during the IASPEI General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa, 12 – 16 January 2009, where a detailed presentation of the venue facilities and the preliminary programme contents of the XXXII General Assembly in Montpellier, France, was presented. The ESC Secretary General was invited to make a presentation on the ESC history and activities during the 100 year anniversary of the Toledo Observatory in Toledo, Spain, on September 28th.

2010

The main activity during 2010 has been the XXXII General Assembly, held in the Corum Conference Center in Montpellier, France from September 6 to 10, 2010; including a Young Seismologist Training Course on' Urban Seismology' from 13 – 17 September 2010 in Montpellier, France. 738 participants from 57 countries attended the GA, and 19 participants from 17 countries (10 non-EU) participated in the YSTC. The GA approved three new WG. Next General Assemblies will be held in Moscow, Russia, 19 to 24 August 2012; and in Istanbul, Turkey, 24-29 August 2014, as the second ECEES, jointly with the EAEE. In 2010 started the new joint ESC-SSA activities, including special joint sessions during the SSA2010 in Portland, and the ESC2010 in Montpellier, on 'Magnitude Scaling and Regional Variation of Ground Motion'.

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