



IASPEI RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED THESSALONIKI, GREECE, 28 AUGUST 1997

1. Strong Ground Motion Data

Recognizing the critical importance of strong ground-motion data in the evaluation of seismic hazard analysis, earthquake resistant design and other aspects of seismic risk reduction, IASPEI **urges** operators of seismic strong ground-motion instrumentation to make ground-motion recordings publicly available as soon as possible, for example by using the World-Wide Web.

2. Test Areas for Earthquake Prediction

Recognizing that research into earthquake prediction needs to be carried out over long time scales with extensive and detailed observation at substantial cost, and **aware** that many nations face serious threats to their populations with limited resources and skills, IASPEI **urges** the organization of additional multinational test areas in different tectonic settings where high level research efforts are already in progress, for example: Kamchatka (plate-subduction), Iceland (plate spreading), Yunnan (intercontinental strike-slip), Gulf of Corinth (continental rifting), Beijing (intra-continental) and **recommends** that host countries welcome participants from all nations and in due course make the data available to the international research community in computer accessible form.

3. Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Project

Recognizing the substantial achievements on the five years of the Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Project (GSHAP) IASPEI **commends** the compilation of a global assessment of seismic hazard,
urges all nations to collaborate to extend coverage to the full globe, and
recommends its Commissions and Committees to pursue the task in the years ahead.

4. Training

Recognizing the importance of maintaining high quality expertise world-wide in earthquake engineering and its interface with seismology and
appreciating the unique contribution made by the Japanese Government to the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (IISEE) over nearly 40 years to training seismologists and earthquake engineers, particularly from developing countries,
IASPEI **urges** the continuation and expansion of support for the IISEE as a major contribution to training to aid the assessment and mitigation of earthquake hazard.

5. Appreciation

Recognizing the effort required to organize a General Assembly,
IASPEI **thanks** and **congratulates** the members of the Local Organizing Committee for a most memorable meeting in Thessaloniki.