

IASPEI RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT PERUGIA, ITALY, FRIDAY 13 JULY 2007

Resolution 1: Use of model ak135 for earthquake location

RECOGNIZING that the workshops on 'Modernizing ISC location procedures' have demonstrated that the ak135 traveltime tables provide a better fit than the Jeffreys-Bullen (JB) tables to observed seismic phases,

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RECOMMENDS that the International Seismological Centre replace the JB model by ak135 for the routine location of seismic events.

Resolution 2: Consistent determination & reporting of earthquake source parameters

RECOGNISING the long-term need for a broader set of standardized seismological phase and parameter data in seismological research and practice, especially amplitude, period, magnitude, moment and energy,

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RECOMMENDS that steps be taken to develop common standards for the reporting of earthquake source parameters for use by national, regional and global data centers.

Resolution 3: Timely reporting to ISC

RECOGNIZING that the ISC provides an on-line compilation of parametric data contributed by observatories and data centres, available to all soon after they are contributed,

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URGES all ISC contributors to report epicentres, magnitudes, phases and focal mechanisms to the ISC as quickly as possible.

Resolution 4: Naming the unit of Seismic Moment after Prof. Kei-iti Aki

RECOGNISING that seismic moment is widely used as a fundamental measure of the size of an earthquake, and

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RECOMMENDS that 1 Aki (Ak) be defined as 10¹⁸ Nm, and further

RECOMMENDS that the Aki be recognized as a standard unit of earthquake size.

Resolution 5: Appreciation

RECOGNISING the enormous effort required to organise the General Assembly,

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THANKS the IUGG Local Organizing Committee and its Chair Professor Lucio UBERTINI for a memorable meeting in Perugia.