

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PROJECT TO MICROFILM HISTORICAL SEISMOGRAMS

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In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey and in response to a resolution* of the International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth (IASPEI), World Data Center A is embarking upon a multi-year project to microfilm historical seismograms for intervals prior to 1964 from a select group of stations and earthquakes worldwide. The purpose of this project is to preserve and make available these important records for present and future researchers.

Our tentative plans call for visiting certain areas and/or stations to perform the microfilming. A small "network" will be selected for which the entire chronological file of selected seismograms will be filmed. A larger "network" will be selected for filming significant events. Organized sets of station bulletins will also be considered for filming. In order to assure good film copies, special portable cameras are now being built using state-of-the-art technology.

Professional microfilm photographers will visit each area to do the actual filming, but local help in preparing the records prior to photographing and assisting the photographers will be necessary. We much prefer, wherever possible, that the seismograms be sent or carried to Boulder, Colorado, where they can be filmed under closely controlled laboratory conditions.

We ask for your support of this project and urge you to consider the following

1. If you have any suggestions on how to select earthquakes and stations, please write to us.
2. Approximately 40,000 seismograms will be filmed during 1979. A tentative selection list will be prepared (selection for U.S. seismograms of U.S. and worldwide earthquakes will be ready by February, 1979; selection for worldwide seismograms by early 1980), and will be circulated for comments to selected seismologists and to the IASPEI Working Group on copying historical seismograms. If you wish to be included in the mailing list, please write to us.
3. If you have borrowed seismograms from any seismic station, we urge you to return them as soon as possible. Stations are now being asked to inventory their holdings. It is known that many significant seismograms are missing and you may have them!

* At the IASPEI General Assembly in August 1977, the following resolution was passed
Noting that seismograms recorded at observatories around the world are basic for research on earthquakes and the structure of the Earth and that many of the early seismograms have been lost in war, through natural hazards and deterioration and, therefore, it is essential that seismograms of significant earthquakes be systematically collected and preserved by making photographic copies at observatory sites, and be made available through the World Data Centres. IASPEI urges that seismological observatories around the world co-operate with a copying programme by providing access to historical seismograms to be photographed on site, and by preparing supporting observatory data to accompany the copies.

Following up this resolution, the Sub-Commission on Data Exchange of IASPEI established a working group on copying historical seismograms under the chairmanship of Jorgen Hjelme of the Danish Geodetic Institute. This working group is providing scientific advices to the microfilming project.

4. If you have a special collection of seismograms or station bulletins that are worth copying, please contact us.

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ANNUAL MEETING, EASTERN SECTION SSA

October 15-17, 1979—Seismological Society of America, Eastern Section, annual meeting, Blacksburg, VA; Chairman: G. A. Bollinger, Department of Geological Sciences, V.P.I. & S.U., Blacksburg, VA 24061; Half-day field trip: VIBROSEIS Field Operations; Half-day special symposium; Acoustic and Ground Effects of Blasting

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, JANUARY 6, 1979

The annual election of the Seismological Society of America was held on January 7, 1979. The Board of Elections was composed as follows: W. C. Marion (Chairman), Robert Uhrhammer, Richard Lee, and Ivan Wong.

The following Directors were elected: Robert M. Hamilton, Bryan L. Isacks, Paul C. Jennings, and Alan S. Ryall, Jr.

A total of seven hundred twenty-nine ballots were cast; twenty-three were rejected as invalid.

Correction

The Book Review of *Earthquakes, A Primer* (Vol. 69, No. 1, p. 299) was incorrectly attributed to David M. Boore. The author of the Review was Robert B. Herrmann, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO 63103.