

Social events

The Social Program for the participants (around 1700) and their accompanying persons (130) was planned with same care and enthusiasm as the rest of the 10WCEE events.

On Sunday, July 19, The Conference Building Hall was the scene of the Welcome Party attended by more than 1100 people.

Throughout the whole Conference the participants had at their disposal hired buses, which took them to all the visits and events, both technical and social not held at the Conference Building.

The Cocktail offered by the City Council took place on Monday evening, July 20, in the beautiful Cecilio Rodríguez Gardens, on which occasion the organizers of the 10WCEE awarded an engraved silver plaque to the Mayor of Madrid, Mr José María Alvarez del Manzano. On behalf of the Mayor, the plaque was received by Mr. Enrique Villoria, City Councillor for Housing, Public Works and Infrastructure. The cocktail was attended by over 1200 participants who could enjoy exquisite Spanish wine and the songs of "La Tuna", famous student minstrels.

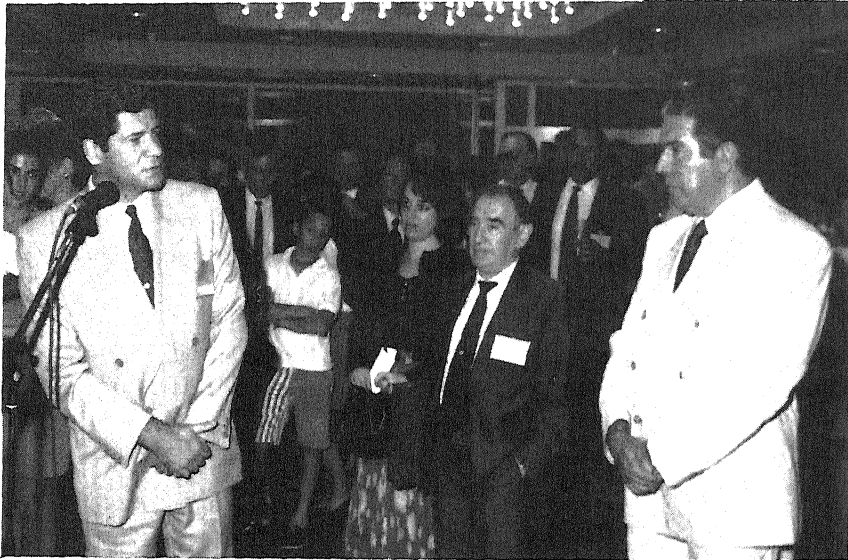
On Thursday, July 23, the Closing Banquet was held in the Congress Palace Dining Room. After words of introduction by the IAEE President, Prof. Giuseppe Grandori and 10WCEE Steering Committee Director, Dr. Rafael Blázquez, the participants who had attended all ten World Earthquake Engineering Conferences were awarded engraved silver plaques by the 10WCEE Steering Committee and the Spanish Association for Earthquake Engineering. These renowned scientists are Prof. George Housner (U.S.A), Prof. Rodrigo Flores (Chile), Prof. Joseph Penzien (U.S.A.), Prof. Kioshi Kanai (Japan) and Prof. Sheldon Cherry (Canada). A special plaque was awarded to Prof. Julio Ferry Borges (Portugal) for his outstanding contribution to earthquake engineering. On behalf of the Steering Committee and AEIS, Dr. Rafael Blázquez said:

"The special award given by the Steering Committee of the 10WCEE and the Spanish Association for Earthquake Engineering goes to a man whose professional and research career 40 years long starts with the infancy of Earthquake Engineering and goes all the way to the well consolidated discipline which it has become today. To a man whose important international consultancy work in many engineering projects and scientific and technical contributions have led to the advancement and broadening of our field. To a man who has been a continuous example of work well done and inspiration for several generations of earthquake engineers. Dr. Ferry Borges, on behalf of the Steering Committee of the 10WCEE and the Spanish Association for Earthquake Engineering, I present to you this

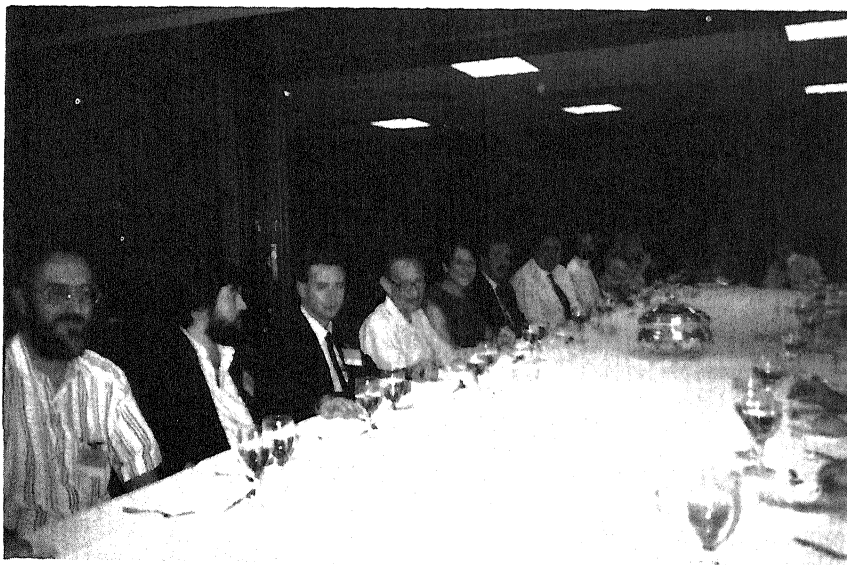
engraved silver plaque which recognizes your many valuable contributions to Earthquake Engineering. Congratulations!"

After dinner, the participants enjoyed the performance of the famous Ballet Español de María Rosa which gave them an opportunity to admire the incomparable richness of Spanish music and regional dances.

The Farewell Lunch, preceding the Closing Ceremonies, took place on Friday, July 24, in the Conference Building Dining Room.



Dr. Rafael Blázquez, Dr. Alfonso López Arroyo and Mr. Enrique Villoria



Lunch offered to the IAEE Executive Committee and 10WCEE Organizers