

## Introduction

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The purpose of this session was to offer the 10WCEE participants an opportunity to get a closer insight into the activities developed on the international level by various Earthquake Engineering Research and Data Dissemination Centers.

A number of speakers were invited to give a short talk on the main activities of their respective Centers, informing the session attendees on the facilities offered for acquisition and distribution of earthquake related data, testing of materials and the bibliographical compilation of the publications in the field.

Speakers who participated in this session are listed here below:

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| M. Ordaz            | Centro Nacional de Prevención de Desastres (CENAPRED), Mexico.   |
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| M. Reichle          | California Division of Mines and Geology - Strong Motion Instrumentation Program, Sacramento, CA, USA.                           |
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