

PREFACE

The World Conference on Earthquake Engineering was originated and planned by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute for the purpose of:

1. Observing by an appropriate technical meeting the fiftieth anniversary year of the destructive San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, and
2. Bringing together the scientists and engineers from major seismic areas of the world in order that their knowledge of earthquakes and developments in the science and art of earthquake resistant design and construction might be pooled for the benefit of all mankind.

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