

REMARKS BY S. BUBNOV¹, CHAIRMAN OF THEME 2A

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to open the 2A Session: Ground Motion, Seismicity, Seismic Risk and Zoning.

May I at first introduce to you our Co-chairman Dr. V.S. Krishnaswamy and our Theme Reporter Professor C.A. Cornell.

About 30 important papers have to be presented, but unfortunately we have a very scarce time at our disposal. We would like to hear all papers and not only a part of them, so we are forced to limit the time of presentation for each paper on only 5 minutes. We consider that the discussion on the conferences is sometimes more important than the presentation of papers themselves, since papers could be read in the proceedings, in advance. Therefore we have reserved 3 minutes for discussion after the presentation of each paper.

We will strongly held these times for presentation and discussion, without exceptions, by using the device, which functioning will be explained by co-chairman.

For technical reasons we have changed the order of presentation indicated in the program. I will announce the paper to be presented as well the following paper in order to give time to the next authors for preparation. I would like to ask the next authors to come and take place in the first row.

In order to save time for your presentation I will not deal with the topic itself since Professor Cornell will present the theme report. Please Dr. Krishnaswamy would you like to explain the functioning of the device indicating the time for presentation.

Thanking you.

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