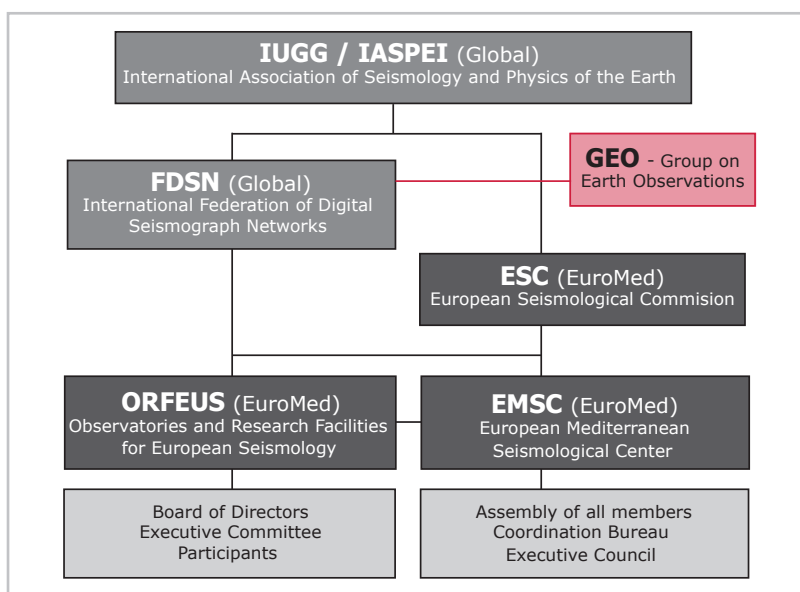


International context of ORFEUS

ESC European Seismological Commission: www.esc-web.org.

The ESC is a commission of IASPEI with the aim to promote seismological studies and projects in Europe, countries bordering the Mediterranean and immediate neighbors; an area from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge to the Urals and the Arctic ocean to northern Africa. Both **ORFEUS** and **EMSC** work under the auspices of the ESC.



EMSC (CSEM) European-Mediterranean Seismological Center: www.emsc-csem.org. The EMSC is a non-profit organization that provides the community with rapid information about potentially damaging earthquakes in the European-Mediterranean region and large earthquakes worldwide. Assigned complementary tasks **ORFEUS** and **EMSC** cooperate intensively within Europe and its surroundings in promoting earthquake data exchange. *President:* Dr. Chris Browitt, *Secretary General:* Dr. Rémy Bossu.

FDSN International Federation of Digital Broadband Seismological Networks: www.fdsn.org. The federation of seismological networks around the globe that agree to coordinate data exchange and promote free access to seismological data. Member of the IASPEI. NGO participant in GEO. *President:* Dr. Gerardo Suarez; *Secretary:* Dr. Torild van Eck (**ORFEUS**).

KNMI Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute: www.knmi.nl. **ORFEUS** is hosted by the Seismology Division of the KNMI. This Division operates the Dutch Seismological Network.

IUGG

IUGG International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics: www.iugg.org. The IUGG is a scientific organization dedicated to promoting and co-coordinating studies of the Earth and its environment in space.

IASPEI

IASPEI International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior: www.iaspei.org. IASPEI is an IUGG association, like IAMAS (www.iamas.org) and IAPSO (www.iugg.org/iapso).

ISC

ISC International Seismological Center: www.isc.ac.uk. The ISC is a NGO charged with the final collection, analysis and publication of standard earthquake information from all over the world. ISC is observer in EMSC Executive Council and **ORFEUS** board of directors. *Director:* Dr. Dmitry Storchak.

GEO

Group on Earth Observations: www.earthobservations.org, is a governmental organization 'dedicated to developing and instituting a Global Earth Observation System of Systems, or GEOSS'. National representatives make the decisions, but NGO's can participate. The FDSN is the NGO representing the interests of the seismological observatory and research community.