Welcome to the first newsletter of the 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering.

The Portuguese earthquake engineering community is very pleased to welcome you to Lisbon for the 15 WCEE.

Among several initiatives planned for this Conference, aiming at increasing the awareness on seismic engineering issues and raising the discussion on this subject, the 15 WCEE newsletter was created. Its main goal is to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the World Conference, being an informal report of ongoing work and granting an outlook of new developments, events and opportunities that 15 WCEE will provide.

Furthermore, short news, pictures and Web links related to earthquake engineering issues are welcomed.

During 2011 the newsletter will prospectively be issued 4 times, and on a more frequent basis as the big moment arrives!

In 2012, 15WCEE is hosted by the Portuguese Association for Earthquake Engineering, SPES, and will take place in Lisbon.