

Conclusions

This book is intended to put together all the available materials for the investigation of the seismicity of Algeria and adjacent regions during the twentieth century. The information presented is the result of an intensive research, critical discussions and painstaking interpretation of the multitude of data retrieved from various source materials. It constitutes an important improvement of the knowledge of the seismicity of the Maghreb region and contribution towards seismic hazard assessment. The data base created in this work lays the founda-

tions for a new philosophy of dealing with the seismicity studies in the Maghreb region.

Due to the importance of the knowledge of historical seismicity (pre-1900) in the seismic hazard evaluation, it is imperative to undertake a complete review of the historical information available for the whole Maghreb zone. Thus, scientists in these countries, instead of relying on uncritical data-banks, should join together in their efforts to access their own sources, using their own cultural background.