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EARTHQUAKES SHAKE AUSTRALIA

Four strong earthquakes in two days, and many smaller ones, rocked the desert of northern Australia January 22 and 23, 1988, with magnitudes of 6.5, 7.2, 7, and 7 (including MB 6.1, Ms 6.6, and MS 6.9). The Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics reported the epicenters in the Tanami Desert, west of the community of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. David Denham, reporting, is the head of the Australian Seismological Centre, in the Geophysics Division of the Bureau, in Canberra.

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EERI WELCOMES FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSAN K. TUBBESING



Commencing April 1, 1988, Susan Tubbesing takes over as Executive Director of the Institute. She brings to EERI a wide knowledge of earthquake policy issues, a familiarity with national earthquake hazard reduction research programs, and experience in their management.

Since 1977, Susan Tubbesing has been Manager of the Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center within the Institute of Behavioral Science on the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado. As Manager, Tubbesing directed the Center's efforts to strengthen communication between researchers and those concerned with public policy relating to natural hazards. She administered the quick response post-disaster research program, developed an annual hazards research workshop, and oversaw the varied Center publications, including the Natural Hazards Observer.

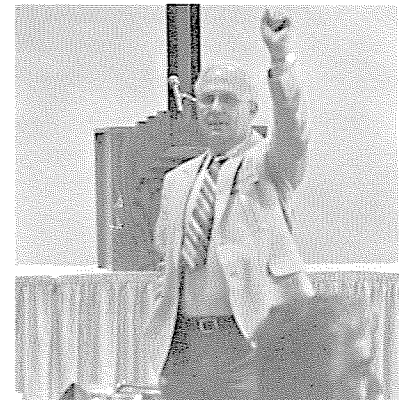
Among her recent activities are evaluations of numerous U.S.G.S. conferences designed to provide seismic hazard information to the nonscientific population. She has served as moderator for panels dealing with earthquake hazards reduction in conferences

throughout the nation. Tubbesing chairs the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of EERI's Continuing Education Committee that is producing a reader on social science research and earthquake hazard reduction, and, as a member of FEMA's Expert Review Committee, contributed the social science research section to their Commentary on the next Five-Year Plan for the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program.

Tubbesing holds an A.B. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Education from Washington University, St. Louis. Her daughter, Laura, is a junior in high school.

EERI welcomes Susan Tubbesing, as does the Newsletter editorial team.

Mesa, Arizona: EERI's Acting Executive Director Bob Olson waves goodbye. In foreground, A. Aguilar.



EERI's thanks are due to Bob Olson, former Vice-President, who as Acting Executive Director steered the Institute from January 1988 until Susan Tubbesing's arrival as the first Executive Director April 1. Institute headquarters staff expressed their appreciation for his efforts at an impromptu farewell gathering just before his departure, thanking him for his patience, guidance, and humor during the period of transition.