

Topic	Preliminary guidelines for using the IASPEI standard magnitude reference data set
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## 1. Introduction

1.) The authors are Co-chairman (P. B.) and member (S. W.) of the IASPEI Working Group on Magnitude Measurement and entrusted with promoting the widest possible implementation and comparative testing of recent IASPEI/CoSOI summary recommendations of standard procedures for widely used magnitude measurements (see **IS 3.3** and [http://www.iaspei.org/commissions/CSOI/Summary\\_WG-Recommendations\\_20110909.pdf](http://www.iaspei.org/commissions/CSOI/Summary_WG-Recommendations_20110909.pdf))

2.) The current IASPEI standard magnitude reference data set allows to train yourself in the determination of the four **teleseismic magnitude standards** mb, mB\_BB, Ms\_20 and Ms\_BB. Read these related recommendations thoroughly before embarking on the exercise outlined below. The reference data set and guidelines will in a later version of this IS be amended by data and procedures also for the determination of the two **local-regional magnitude standards** ML and mb\_Lg.

3.) Comparing the results of the exercise with those derived by applying your current procedures of magnitude measurements to the same reference waveform data set will give you and your institution a clear understanding of the extent to which the new measurement standards yield results that agree or differ from your own results and to understand the reasons for possible differences.

4.) In this context there is an urgent need that stations and agencies which contribute parameter data to the International Seismological Centre (ISC) and the US National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) provide an authoritative up-to-date **Documentation of station/agency magnitude procedures**. For your attention and easy response the related questions have been added as Annex 1 to this Information Sheet.

5.) **Note:** Should your agency not intend to introduce the recommended international standards in the future but to continue reporting your agency-specific *different* amplitude-magnitude data to the international data centres, then they need to be “flagged” by an agency-specific nomenclature. This permits data users to consult your documentation of station/agency magnitude procedures, to understand and account for related differences to the international standards and to decide about the suitability for your amplitude, period and magnitude data for their specific task.

6.) In the case that your institution uses some automatic procedures you should document how they work, e.g.:

- what type of original record data you have, their bandwidth and frequency range, whether displacement-proportional or velocity-proportional;
- which component and wave types are used for magnitude measurement;
- what type of filter (or none) is applied before amplitude, period and magnitude measurements are made;
- definition of time-window within which measurement is made, how the record amplitudes and periods are measured, which magnitude calibration functions are used, etc.).

7.) The current IS 3.4 provides reference data only for determining regional ( $M_s$ \_BB) and teleseismic magnitudes ( $m_b$ ,  $mB$ \_BB,  $M_s$ \_20 and  $M_s$ :BB) and related amplitudes, periods and measurement times. IS 3.4 will be amended in the course of 2012 by some more reference data and instructions for determining standard ML and  $m_b$ \_Lg. Also recommendations for using analysis software other than SEISAN may be added in future, provided that these analysis tools permit data filtering and presentation of measured amplitudes, periods, measurement times and magnitudes in a way that is compatible with the standard recommendations.

## 2. Data and software to be used and to be reported

In order to get an objective and reproducible comparison of IASPEI standard magnitudes with your institutional magnitudes both have to be measured on identical digital records.

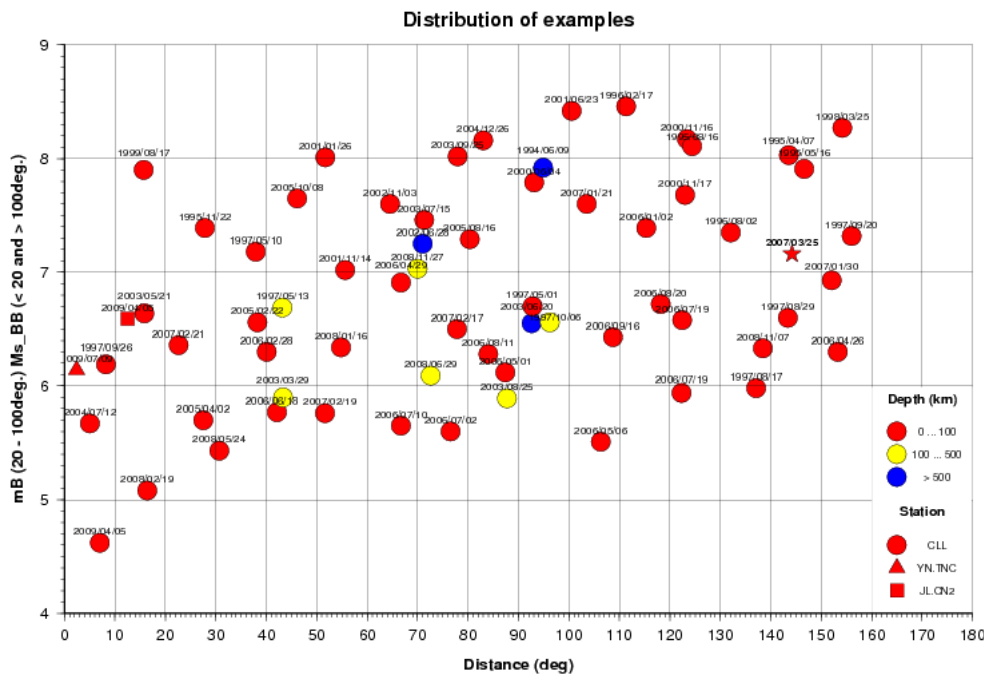
With the exception of ML, all other magnitude standards are based on vertical-component recordings only. Therefore, we provide you in this first version of IS 3.4 only with single Z-component unfiltered STS-2 broadband velocity records, sampled at 20 Hz. These data will be complemented in 2012 by some horizontal component waveform files for ML determination. The records cover the whole wave train from the first P onset to the later part of the surface-wave group (respectively Sg-Lg group when ML and  $m_b$ \_Lg have to be determined).

The vertical component reference records have been made in a wide distance range from  $2^\circ$  to  $167^\circ$  from earthquakes with magnitudes between 4.7 to 8.5 (**Figure 1**). This allows you to check, whether differences between results of IASPEI standard procedures and your institutional procedures depend on distance and/or earthquake size.

**Annex 1** lists all reference event records, sorted according to epicentral distance, giving besides the record file name also the source region, hypocentral coordinates, epicentral distance of the recording station and the magnitude calibration value Q according to this distance and the source depth for the considered event.

Calibration values Q are given in the reference event list of **Annex 1** only for those magnitudes which can be determined for the given source depth and record distance. According to the recommended standards, no Q values are given for  $m_b$ ,  $mB$ \_BB and  $M_s$ \_20 at record distances less than  $20^\circ$  (then only for  $M_s$ \_BB), for  $m_b$  and  $mB$ \_BB at distances  $> 100^\circ$  and for  $M_s$ \_20 and  $M_s$ \_BB for earthquakes deeper than 60 km.

Further, the list contains columns for entering your measurements of the amplitude and periods used for calculation of the magnitude as well as of the time at which amplitude and period have been measured.



**Figure 1** Distribution of  $mB_{BB}$ - $Ms_{BB}$  magnitudes over the epicentral distance of event records in the IASPEI reference data set.

To carry out the amplitude, period and time measurement according to IASPEI standards you should use the **analysis program SEISAN**. It has implemented the exact standard filters required both for local ML magnitudes (Wood-Anderson response according to Uhrhammer and Collins, 1990), for mb and mb\_Lg (WWSSN-SP response), and Ms\_20 (WWSSN\_LP response). For the poles and zeros of the respective simulation filters see Table 1 in IS 3.3.

Note that no pre-processing filters are applied to the velocity broadband records for measuring the maximum velocity amplitude and related period for  $mB_{BB}$  and  $Ms_{BB}$ .

Standard amplitude measurements for the different standard magnitudes have in future to be reported to the international data centres (ISC, NEIC and others) by using the recommended nomenclature for the so-called “amplitude-phase” names. They are:

IAML, IAmb, IAmb\_Lg, IAMs\_20, IVmB\_BB, and IVMs\_BB, respectively.

**I** stands for “international” or “IASPEI standard”, **A** for displacement amplitude in units of nm, **V** for velocity amplitude in nm/s, followed by the respective standard magnitude name.

### 3. How to measure in SEISAN the IASPEI standard amplitudes, periods, measurement time, how to calculate the related magnitudes and present these parameters in the annexed event list?

The SEISAN analysis program (Havskov and Ottemöller, 1999) is widely used on a global scale. Its latest update (Ottemöller, Voss and Havskov, 2011) can be downloaded, together

with the SEISAN manual, an introduction to exercises and to data from either the ftp site of the Institute of Geosciences of the University of Bergen, Norway (<http://www.uib.no/rg/geodyn/artikler/2010/02/software>) or directly via hyperlink **seisan** from the summary list of *Download Programs & Files* (see **Overview** of contents on the NMSOP-2 front page). Additional information can also be found in Havskov and Ottemöller (2010), and Havskov et al. (2011).

Different from the IASPEI Standard Format (ISF), all magnitude names in SEISAN - and in most other analysis software - still comprise only two letters. Yet, with the exception of Mw and duration/coda magnitude Mc, SEISAN calculates only IASPEI standard magnitudes. Yet, the calculation of mb\_Lg is not yet implemented although related amplitude measurements can be made. SEISAN mb is identical with the mb standard, provided that you measure the maximum amplitude in the whole P-wave group; the same applies to mB, which stands for standard mB\_BB. Further, SEISAN Ms means Ms\_20 and MS means Ms\_BB.

The measured amplitudes will be stored in the SEISAN event analysis files according to the unique IASPEI standard amplitude-phase names (see above and Table 1 below).

For measuring amplitudes and periods proceed as follow:

- 1.) SEISAN needs subdirectories for all years and months for which reference events are available. These subdirectories are stored in directories REA (S files) and WAV (waveform data), which are in turn stored in the basic directory (in general TEST\_). Type in the WOR (work) directory the command **makerea** and answer the questions. Answer GO AHEAD with Y (yes). New subdirectories are then created without changing already existing subdirectories.
- 2.) Load the magnitude reference event files into SEISAN with the commands **mulplt**, and **Regis**. Then you will be asked whether the event was local, regional or distant. You answer accordingly with either L, R or D and give your Operator Code (up to 4 letters).

The required vertical component broadband waveform files (and additional horizontal component waveform file for ML determination; to be specified in the later update of IS 3.4) can be downloaded via hyperlink from the folder **reference\_events** in the list of *Download Programs & Files* (see **Overview** on the NMSOP-2 front page). Therein you find the following tar-subfolders:

**ref\_evt\_00\_05.tar.gz** contains the waveform data files for the years 2000-2005;

**ref\_evt\_06\_09.tar.gz** those for 2006-2009 and

**ref\_evt\_94\_99.tar.gz** those for 1994-1999.

The reference events were recorded at station CLL in Germany. Note that two different digitizers were used, with the change occurring on 2 February 2007. The required response data files for SEISAN you find also in the folder **reference\_events**:

CLL\_BH\_Z.1993-04-13-000\_SEI and

CLL\_BH\_Z.2007-02-07-000\_SEI, respectively.

These files have to be loaded into the CAL directory.

- 3.) After this is done, load a specific event record file with **eev** *yyyymmddhh*. SEISAN then creates a line with running number, day, month, year, beginning of the time

window of the event record file and a question mark. After ? you may write the following **commands**:

- **po** for plot the seismogram (without further questions);
- **e** for read/edit the s file;
- **update** for saving the s file;
- **q** for finishing the evv.

In earlier versions SEISAN writes after the **po** command “aux station code not empty, use a station code ?”. Answer with any letter, but not with blank. In the new SEISAN version you can type ENTER. Then the requested complete seismogram will appear. Click on Menu and then - on the appearing command line - the “boxes” (buttons) for either WA (for Wood Anderson), mb, mB, Ms, or MS for which you wish to measure the amplitudes, periods and the amplitude-phase times. For ML, mb or Ms determination the respectively filtered record will then appear. For mB or MS you work on the instrument corrected unfiltered velocity broadband record.

- 4.) First choose the time resolution of the record so that the whole event record is present on the screen, including both the earlier body waves and the later surface waves with their usually (in the case of crustal earthquakes) much larger amplitudes and the longer and dispersive periods.
- 5.) For measuring mb or mB, increase the time resolutions by setting markers to cut the whole P-wave group out of the record. P usually has its largest amplitude between the first onsets of P and PP within the first minute (maybe including depth phases pP and/or sP). However, in the case of very great earthquakes ( $M_w > 8$ ) the rupture duration may last even for several (up to about 10) minutes and you may find the P-wave maximum only more than one min. after the first P-wave onset. In the case of ML and mb\_Lg measurement (which will be added in a later version of this exercise) increase the time resolution by cutting out the Sg-Lg group.
- 6.) Mark with the cursor the highest peak and deepest adjacent trough position and press at each marker position the letter **a**. Then the program will automatically measure the respective displacement or velocity amplitude, as well as the period and measurement time and write these parameter values into the **s(single)-file**. As measurement time the program takes the position of a vertical marker line which appears at the picked deepest trough position. This differs in time by about  $\pm$  a quarter of a period from the amplitude-phase arrival-times according to the IASPEI standard, which is measured as the time of the zero-crossing between the peak and adjacent-trough from which the amplitudes are measured. But this is close enough.
- 7.) This interactive measurement procedure is preferred for our exercise and reference event task. It will train both your own assessment of the different record appearance as well as of the specifics of the SEISAN program in relation to the recommended IASPEI standards for magnitude measurements. However, SEISAN allows also to measure automatically  $A_{max}$  (or  $V_{max}$ ) and  $T$  within the whole time window visible on the screen when you set the cursor somewhere near to the maximum of the whole local event train or of the teleseismic P-wave time train and press the capital letter **A**. This works fine, however, only in the case of good signal-to-noise ratio.
- 8.) For Ms (Ms\_20) and MS (Ms\_BB) proceed in the same way after selecting the Rayleigh (LR) surface-wave part of the record and then, with a higher time resolution, the time window around the LR maximum.

In Table 1 we show an example of the S file (with the original name 14-0926-00D.S200111) into which SEISAN has written the results of the amplitude (A) and period (T) measurements for the event 2001 1114 926 0.0D. Note that SEISAN stores the measured amplitudes with the correct IASPEI standard amplitude nomenclature in accordance with the IASPEI Standard Format (ISF), which is used at the international seismological data centers such as the ISC and NEIC. This amplitude nomenclature allows to associate the measured amplitudes unambiguously with the respective standard magnitudes. Therefore, standard amplitude measurements have in future to be reported to the international data centers in this format.

Table 2 will be added later, giving a similar data example for IAML, IAmb\_Lg, and IVMs\_BB (measured down to epicentral distance of 2°).

**Table 1** Plot of the amplitude-period data measured with SEISAN for 4 different teleseismic IASPEI standard magnitudes from one reference event record.

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2001 1114 926 0.0 D                                TES                                1
ACTION:UP 11-10-20 20:49 OP:sw STATUS:            ID:20011114092600          I
011114_0926.bhz                                     6
STAT SP IPHASW D HRMM SECON CODA AMPLIT PERI AZIMU VELO AIN AR TRES W DIS CAZ7
CLL BZ IP          935 46.37
CLL BZ IVmB_BB    936 5.04          9581.4 4.69
CLL BZ IAmb       937 24.18          736.8 1.42
CLL BZ IVMs_BB   10 1 40.06          25.2e4 18.1
CLL BZ IAMs_20   10 1 45.48          70.7e4 18.6

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- 9.) Insert for the analyzed events the measured displacement amplitudes (and periods, were required) as well as the values in **Annex 1** for QP and QL into the following formulas:

$$mb = \log_{10}(A/T) + QP - 3.0, \text{ respectively}$$

$$Ms_{20} = \log_{10}(A/T) + QL - 3.0,$$

and the related measured velocity amplitudes into the formulas:

$$mB_{BB} = \log_{10}(V_{\max}/2\pi) + QP - 3.0, \text{ respectively}$$

$$Ms_{BB} = \log_{10}(V_{\max}/2\pi) + QL - 3.0$$

and calculate the respective magnitudes with a spread sheet or pocket calculator. The -3.0 is required, since SEISAN and most other currently used analysis programs measure amplitudes in nm, whereas the classical calibration values and formulas for body and surface-waves were based on amplitude measurements in  $\mu\text{m}$ .

- 10.) Finally, insert the measured amplitudes, periods, measurement times and the calculated magnitudes into the respective empty (hyphen-less) column-lines of the reference event list (**Annex 1**). **txt**, **xls** and **doc** file versions of the tables can be

downloaded via the folder **reference\_events** from the listing of *Download Programs & Files* (see **Overview** on the NMSOP-2 front page)

**For clarification:** When you pick the onset times on records of several seismic stations, either local, regional or globally distributed ones, and locate first the seismic event yourself with SEISAN then the respective source parameters and epicentral distances are automatically calculated and stored in the respective SEISAN event file, thus enabling direct calculation of the magnitudes from the measured amplitudes and periods..

In our case, however, we have provided you only with one single component record. From this SEISAN can not calculate the source parameters and required Q values, unless you type yourself the event coordinates and station distance into the respective SEISAN event file. This, however, might be a potential source for typos and thus wrong results. Therefore, we request you to calculate for this comparative exercise the magnitudes yourself.

This detour, however, you will not encounter in the routine use of SEISAN for event location and magnitude determination using local, regional or global network records.

#### **4. How to measure and report your institutional magnitudes?**

If you use at your station/network either an interactive or an automatic program for seismogram analysis and parameter determination please let us know the name and version (year) of the program.

If you determine at your station/network centre magnitudes with an interactive analysis program then please load the reference event files into your program, and the 4 required response parameters for the events files. Then proceed by measuring the amplitude and period as you usually do, calculate the related body-wave and/or surface-wave magnitude according to your respective formulas and report it/them to us in the last but one column of the list in **Annex 3**.

If you avail only of a fully automatic program for magnitude determination then you should check whether you can load the reference event files, together with the response parameters and pre-determined epicentral distance and source depth data into the program and get it run off-line for determining the magnitude value(s) according to the program's procedure. Report to us then these values with your common magnitude symbols in the last but one column (second from the right).

If your center operates a hybrid automatic program which also allows working in an interactive mode for a more detailed expert-controlled final data analysis (like e.g. SeisComP) then load the reference event waveforms and the 4 required response parameters for the events files into the program and use the interactive program mode for measuring amplitudes and periods and determine the magnitudes according to your common station/agency procedure of data analysis. Report these results in the last but one column.

If your agency had determined for any of the reference events already earlier magnitudes - interactively or automatically - using your own station or network data and procedures, then please report these values and the magnitude type to us in the last column. Indicate which parameter data were determined interactively (int) or automatically (aut). Data provided in the last column will permit us to assess how the magnitudes based on your own data relate to

both the NEIC magnitudes and the single station standard reference magnitudes determined by Dr. S. Wendt for CLL station.

## 5. To whom you may address related questions and submit your station/agency analysis results and questionnaire answers?

In the case of any questions related to the SEISAN analysis software, the use of the reference data set, results or encountered problems you may address them to

Dr. Siegfried Wendt at the Observatory Collm, University of Leipzig  
E-mail: [obssw@hpwork30.collm.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:obssw@hpwork30.collm.uni-leipzig.de) or [wendt@rz.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:wendt@rz.uni-leipzig.de).

Your analysis results (filled-in list in **Annex 1**) and answers to the requested documentation of your station/agency magnitude procedures (**Annex 2**) should be sent to both Dr. Wendt and Prof. Dr. Peter Bormann, E-mail: [pb65@gmx.net](mailto:pb65@gmx.net).

We will analyze your response, feedback with you and pass the final outcome for further consideration to the IASPEI WG on Magnitude measurement, to the ISC and the NEIC. Good feedback and interesting results may justify to envisage a joint journal publication. Thanks in advance for your valuable co-operation.

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### Annex 1: Reference event list

### Annex 2: Documentation of station/agency magnitude procedures

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RAT ISLANDS, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS	QL=6.43 Ms_BB								
GSE2-Files: 060702_0353.bhz + lhz and 060702_0405.bhz  P-SNR = 2.3									
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54.740S 146.298E 11	mB_BB	-	-	-	-		
mb=6.2( 26) Ms=6.9( 76) Mw(GCM)=6.9 Me=7.5	Ms_20						
WEST OF MACQUARIE ISLAND	QL=6.92   Ms_BB						
GSE2-Files: 070130_0454.bhz + lhz							
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2006/04/26 01:46: 3.9	D=153.3   mb	-	-	-	-		
57.482S 147.568E 10	mB_BB	-	-	-	-		
mb=5.6( 27) Ms=5.9(138) Mw(HRV)=6.1 Me=	Ms_20						
WEST OF MACQUARIE ISLAND	QL=6.93   Ms_BB						
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62.877S 149.527E 10	mB_BB	-	-	-	-		
mb=6.6( 57) Ms=8.0( 63) Mw(HRV)=8.1 Me=8.8	Ms_20						
BALLENY ISLANDS REGION	QL=6.93   Ms_BB						
GSE2-Files: 980325_0312.bhz + lhz							
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1997/09/20 16:11:32.2	D=156.0   mb	-	-	-	-		
28.683S 177.624W 30	mB_BB	-	-	-	-		
mb=6.1( 64) Ms=7.0( 46) Mw(HRV)=7.0 Me=	Ms_20						
KERMADEC ISLANDS REGION	QL=6.94   Ms_BB						
GSE2-Files: 970920_1611.bhz + lhz							

Please fill-in your analysis results in the above listing and send them to both

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Thanks for your important co-operation.



## Annex 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF STATION/AGENCY MAGNITUDE PROCEDURES**

(Copied from the SUMMARY OF IASPEI MAGNITUDE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS ON DETERMINING EARTHQUAKE MAGNITUDES FROM DIGITAL DATA, updated version 2011; see [http://www.iaspei.org/commissions/CSOI/Summary\\_WG-Recommendations\\_20110909.pdf](http://www.iaspei.org/commissions/CSOI/Summary_WG-Recommendations_20110909.pdf))

Documentation of procedures for amplitude/period based magnitudes by seismographic stations/analysis centers should generally address the following points:

1. Phase-type from which the amplitude measurement is made.
2. Units of the reported amplitude. Specify if amplitudes are reported in units of trace-amplitude motion instead of ground motion.
3. Time-window in which the amplitude measurement is made.
  - a. For example, a flexible time-interval between the P onset and the PP onset or a fixed time window after the first P onset (e.g. 5 s, 10s or other).
  - b. For example, the time-interval spanned by waves having group-velocities between 3.2 and 3.8 km/s.
4. Amplitude-response, filter characteristics, or transfer-function of the seismograph or simulated seismograph through which the amplitude measurement is made.
5. Orientation of seismograph (horizontal or vertical) from which the measurement is made.
6. Details of measuring amplitude
  - a. For example, does the amplitude correspond to  $0.5 \times (\text{peak-to-trough amplitude})$ , where “peak-to-trough amplitude” corresponds to difference between a maximum positive excursion and a maximum negative excursion of the trace, or is the amplitude instead measured as the maximum absolute excursion from the “zero” position of the seismograph trace?
  - b. For example, if the amplitude corresponds to  $0.5 \times (\text{peak-to-trough amplitude})$ , are the “peak” and “trough” respectively the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of the entire wave-group, or are they the adjacent peak and trough corresponding to the maximum trace excursion that is associated with a single zero-crossing?
  - c. For example, are displacement amplitude(A) and period(T) measured at the time of maximum A or at the time of the maximum of the quotient (A/T)?
  - d. For example, any way in which station/agency procedure differs from the corresponding IASPEI standard procedure.

7. Details of measuring period, for example, is it the time between the neighboring peaks, respectively troughs or twice the time span measured between the largest peak and adjacent trough at which the double amplitude has been measured.
8. To what part of a phase the amplitude-measurement time refers. For example, is the amplitude-measurement time the time of the zero-crossing associated with a peak-to-adjacent trough measurement or is it the time of an absolute maximum or absolute minimum?
9. The equations that are used for calculating particular types of magnitudes
  - a. Specify if distance is measured as epicentral distance or hypocentral distance.
  - b. Specify the distance range for which the equation is applied.
  - c. Specify restrictions on hypocentral focal-depth, if any.
10. Other restrictions on the calculation of the magnitude
  - a. For example, must signal-amplitude satisfy a signal-to-noise ratio criterion?
  - b. For example, is the magnitude measured only for earthquakes of a certain size, as defined by an independent measure of earthquake size?
11. Any way in which the magnitude procedure departs from an IASPEI standard procedure if the procedure is intended to produce the IASPEI standard magnitude.
  - a. For example, if measurements are made over a somewhat different distance or depth range than specified in the IASPEI procedure.
  - b. For example, if non-standard filtering is applied in some situations in which the non-standard filtering **is not expected to affect the magnitude** (e.g., when measuring magnitudes for very small events for which standard-filtering would produce records of too small signal-to-noise ratio). Please specify.
12. How data are averaged for a network average.
  - a. For example, is the network average a simple arithmetic mean, a trimmed mean, the median value, or some other average?
  - b. If, as for example might be the case for ML, data from each of two horizontal components at a single station are used, are data from each component treated as a separate observation in the network average, or are the two components first averaged into a station magnitude, which is then treated as a single observation in the network average?

For some magnitude types (e.g., coda-based magnitudes) the procedures to be documented will have to be substantially altered from the preceding to better reflect the measurements that are critical to those magnitude-types, but the level of detail should be analogous to what is proposed above for amplitude/period based magnitudes.

Please insert your answers to the above questions in color for easier recognition and send them back to

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