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Details:

1. Short Course on Seismic Design of Masonry Building, 3-7 October 2005, IIT Kanpur
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IIT Kanpur is conducting one week short course on "Seismic Design of Masonry Buildings", 3-7 October 2005. This course is being sponsored by NPEEE: that is, all eligible faculty members of engineering colleges, polytechnics and architecture will be financially supported from NPEEE funds. A limited number of slots are available for professional engineers on payment basis.

Details are available at:

http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/npeee/IITK_SC_SDMB_3-7October2005.pdf

2. Short Course on Architecture for Earthquake Resistance of Buildings, 24-28 October 2005, SCET, Surat
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A short course will be conducted at Sarvajanic College of Engineering & Technology, Surat on Architecture for Earthquake Resistance of Buildings, 24-28 October 2005 at Surat. This course is being sponsored by National Programme on Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE). The resource persons include Professor Andrew Charleson of University of Wellington, New Zealand, Professor C. V. R. Murty of IIT Kanpur and Professor Persi Engineer of SCET, Surat. For more details visit http://www.nicee.org/ArchCourse_Brochure.pdf

3. NPEEE Short Courses at IIT Guwahati
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Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati is planning to conduct two one-week short courses on "Seismic retrofitting of Buildings", 5-9 December 2005, and "Seismic Behavior of Ground and Geotechnical Structures", 12-16 December 2005. These courses are being sponsored by NPEEE: that is, all eligible faculty members of engineering colleges, polytechnics and architecture will be financially supported from NPEEE funds. A limited number of slots are available for professional engineers on payment basis. For more details please visit http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/npeee/IITG_SC_SRBCSCBA_5-9Dec2005_Brochure.pdf and http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/npeee/IITG_SC_SBGGS_12-16Dec2005_Brochure.pdf

4. NPEEE Short Course at IIT Roorkee
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Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee is organising a short course on "Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit", 19-24 December 2005 at Roorkee. This course is being sponsored by National Programme on Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE). For more details visit http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/npeee/IITR_SC_SER_19-24Dec2005.pdf

5. NRC Report on Seismic Monitoring

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) commissioned a study by the National Research Council (NRC) on the economic benefits of improved seismic monitoring. The NRC released the report on Improved Seismic Monitoring-Improved Decision Making: Assessing the Value of Reduced Uncertainty. The Executive Summary of the report is available at the National Academy Press web site
<http://www.nap.edu/catlog/11327.html>

6. New Publication of ASCE for Nuclear Facilities

American Society of Civil Engineers has published "Seismic Design Criteria for Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Facilities" (ASCE/SEI 43-05). It provides stringent design criteria for nuclear facilities. Topics include: Evaluation of Seismic Demand, Evaluation of Structural Capacity, Load Combinations and Acceptance Criteria for Structures, Ductile Detailing Requirement, Equipment and Distribution Systems, and Seismic Quality Provisions. More details are available at www.asce.org

7. Bangladesh Earthquake Symposium (BES-1) 14-15 December 2005, Dhaka

Bangladesh Earthquake Society (BES) is pleased to announce the first Bangladesh Earthquake Symposium (BES-1) in Dhaka on Dec.14-15, 2005. The aim of this symposium is to bring the scientists, engineers and disaster managers from Bangladesh and other countries of the world together to present and discuss various topics related to earthquake engineering, seismology and earthquake disaster management. Please send your abstract to Dr. Tahmeed M. Al-Hussaini (editorbes@yahoo.com)

8. Joint International Conference on Computing and Decision Making in Civil and Building Engineering, 14-16 June, 2006, Montreal, Canada

It is the first time that the following five streams of conferences gather together to organize this joint Conference under a common theme: Building on IT.
ICCCBE-XI: 11th Int'l Conf. on Computing in Civil and Building Engineering
ICCC-ASCE: 2006 Int'l Conf. on Computing in Civil Engineering of ASCE
DMUCE-5: 5th Conference on Decision Making in Urban and Civil Engineering
CIB-W78: 23rd Conference on Information Technology in Construction
CIB-W102: 2nd Conference on Information and Knowledge Management in Construction
For more details please visit <http://www.icccbexi.ca>

9. Seventh International Congress on Civil Engineering, 8-10 May 2006, Tehran, Iran

Tarbiat Modarres University, Tehran is organizing Seventh International Congress on Civil Engineering, 8-10 May 2006. For further details please visit www.icce7th.com

10. International Conference on Infrastructure Development on Expansive Soils, 1-3 February 2006, Erode

Civil Engineering Association, Department of Civil Engineering, Erode Sengunthar Engineering College is organizing International Conference on Infrastructure Development on Expansive Soils, 1-3 February 2006 at Erode. Last date of submission of abstract is 7 November 2005. For more details please contact Prof. S. Suresh Babu (surisurp@yahoo.com).

11. Special Issue of the Journal on the theme Biot Centennial - Earthquake Engineering

Elsevier and the Editors of Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering have decided to prepare a special issue of the journal on the theme Biot Centennial - Earthquake Engineering. This special issue will celebrate the seminal contributions of Maurice A. Biot (1905-1985) to Earthquake Engineering and the related fields, and will be published

on the occasion of the 100-th anniversary of his birth. Interested authors are invited to contribute a review or an original research paper such that brings to light the publications of Maurice Biot that have influenced the modern research in Earthquake Engineering (e.g. wave propagation studies in porous rock and soils, soil structure interaction, dynamics of structures, response spectra). For more details contact:

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