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### **1. National Advisory Committee Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> National Advisory Committee Meeting of NICEE which was held on Saturday October 17, 2015 was attended by Prof. AK Chaturvedi, Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur; Ar. Balbir Verma, Practicing Architect and Past Chairman of IIA; Prof. Mahesh Tandon, TCPL, New Delhi; Mr. Hemant Kumar, CSI Engineering Software Private Limited, New Delhi; Prof. Keya Mitra, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur, Howrah; Prof. Atanu K. Dutta, Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat; Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Director, IIT Gandhinagar; Prof. Purnendu Bose, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur; Prof. Javed Malik, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur; Prof. Durgesh C. Rai, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur and Dr. KK Bajpai, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur.

Prof. Rai briefed the committee about the progress of NICEE during the year 2014-15 and was considered satisfactory by the committee. Suggestions were also given for enhancing the reach of NICEE to common people during the current year.

### **2. Open House of NICEE with a Short Course on SAP**

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during Nov 16 – 25, 2015. The open house is held with the aim to enable

postgraduate students to conduct literature survey for their thesis related to earthquake engineering issues and interact with the faculty and professionals. The Open House also welcomes professional engineers and architects to help them familiarize themselves with enormous literature available at NICEE on design and construction of safe habitat.

The Short Course on SAP (for students only) will be conducted during Nov 23 - 25, 2015. A nominal fee of ₹ 5,000/- per participant will be charged for the course. For further details or any queries please contact : Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

### **3. Literature Review Workshop for Post Graduate Students**

The Annual Workshop for post graduate students pursuing their masters or doctorate degree with thesis in earthquake engineering is scheduled to be held during June 02-11, 2016 at IIT Kanpur. The aim of this workshop was to provide an access to the students to quality research material so that they can do a thorough literature review for their thesis. For details about previous workshops please visit [http://www.nicee.org/MTech\\_Workshop/](http://www.nicee.org/MTech_Workshop/) . For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

### **4. Workshop for Under Graduate Architecture Students in Third Year**

A workshop for Architecture students is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during June 13 - 18, 2016. The aim of this workshop is to draw the attention of Architecture students towards keeping the earthquake engineering aspects in view while designing their structures. For details about previous workshops please visit [http://www.nicee.org/Architecture\\_Workshop/](http://www.nicee.org/Architecture_Workshop/) . For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

### **5. Inter-School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips 2015-16**

Enthused by the success of the Inter School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips for the last six years, invitations letters have been sent to schools for the participation in the quiz during 2015-16. For further details please visit <http://www.nicee.org/Quiz/quiz.htm> . Members willing to conduct the preliminary round of quiz in their city of residence may please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

### **6. IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips Punjabi Translation**

The Punjabi translation of Earthquake Tips 9 and 10 has been uploaded at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php> . NICEE expresses its gratitude to Er. Karnail Singh for undertaking the translation work and Prof. Ashok Tiwari for completing the review in a timely and professional manner.

## **7. Intimation Regarding Change of Postal Address/ email id**

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we currently more than 13,600 subscribers on NICEE list. At times we face problem of our mails being blocked by the outside servers with the presumption that we are spamming.

We would therefore like to request you to please do inform us as and when you switch over from one email id to another. We will stop sending mails to your old email id and will subscribe your current email id to nicee-list so that you continue to receive communication from NICEE.

Similarly, it is our earnest request that please do let us know whenever you want us to change your postal address and we will update our records. You may please inform us by sending a mail to [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in).

## **8. SAP/ETABS Software Distribution for Institutes**

SAP/ETABS software is available for distribution from CSI Engineering Software Pvt. Ltd. for use in the institutes, free of cost, through NICEE. Processing fee of Rs. 20,000/- will be charged, hence forth, by NICEE for the purpose. For further details and downloading of application form please visit <http://www.nicee.org/npeee/CSIEducationalSoftware.pdf>. For individual requirements please contact CSI India directly at [info@csiespl.com](mailto:info@csiespl.com)

## **9. RESIST Software Available for Individual Users**

RESIST Software is now available for individual users. A copy of the same can be requested from NICEE on payment of Rs. 2,000/-. For further details please visit <http://www.nicee.org/npeee/showpage.php?id=149> and for any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in), [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in)

## **10. EERI e-affiliate Membership**

EERI is offering e-affiliate membership. For further details regarding advantages and membership form, please visit [http://www.nicee.org/eeri\\_affiliate/E-AffiliateBrochure.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/eeri_affiliate/E-AffiliateBrochure.pdf). The membership form duly filled with membership fee of Rs. 1,600/- for the current year can be sent to NICEE. Filled forms can be scanned and sent to [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in) and payment made online at [http://www.nicee.org/NICEE\\_donation.php](http://www.nicee.org/NICEE_donation.php) choosing "EERI Membership" as the option. Existing members can renew their membership by paying online or through a cheque/ DD drawn in favour of "National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering" payable at Kanpur. Existing members need to fill in the form again only if there is any change in the information given by them earlier.

## **11. Calendar of Events**

Please visit <http://www.nicee.org/Calender.pdf> for latest update on world wide events related to Earthquake Engineering.

## **12. International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Post Disaster Reconstruction Planning, April 24-26, 2016, Bhaktapur, Nepal**

An International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Post Disaster Reconstruction Planning is scheduled to be held at Bhaktapur, Nepal during April 24-26, 2016. The last date for abstract submission is October 15, 2015. For further details please visit <http://icee-pdrp2016.com>

## **13. 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, January 09-13, 2017, Santiago, Chile**

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## **14. Newsletter of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), USA**

The format of the *EERI Newsletter* has changed and it is now available bimonthly, called 'The Pulse'. The latest newsletter is available online at: <https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse> . The back issues can be viewed at <https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse/archives>

Following are selected contents of the Newsletter:

- 68th Annual Meeting: Beyond the Epicenter
- Advocating for Meaningful Public Policy Changes
- Student Paper Competition Deadline is November 1, 2015
- Learning from Earthquakes: Seeking Input and Ideas for a Potential Special Issue of Earthquake Spectra on the 2015 Gorkha, Nepal Earthquake
- Khalid Mosalam Appointed as PEER Director

### *Publications*

- 2,643 Citations of Earthquake Spectra in 2014 Sets New Record
- Open Online Journal Accepting Submissions

### *Announcements*

- COSMOS Technical Session: "Current Ground Motion Design Value Maps – Issues and Proposed Solutions "

## **15. Recent Donors to NICEE**

NICEE thanks the recent donors for their generous contribution:

**Rs. 4,000/- to Rs. 19,999/-**  
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