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1. NICEE Open House, 4-8 December 2006, IIT Kanpur
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National Information Center on Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) announces an "Open House" during 4-8 December 2006. This is meant for PG Students of engineering/architecture colleges who wish to use the excellent library facilities of NICEE. Last date for applications to reach IIT Kanpur is 30 November 2006. For more information please visit [www.nicee.org/Openhouse\\_2006.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/Openhouse_2006.pdf)

2. Review Paper on Masonry Infills, Earthquake Spectra, November 2006
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Earthquake Spectra has published a review paper on masonry infills by Hemant B. Kaushik, Durgesh C. Rai and Sudhir K. Jain on "Code approaches to seismic design of masonry infilled reinforced concrete frames: A state-of-the-art review" in its November 2006 issue. This paper reviews and compares analysis and design provisions related to Masonry Infilled - RC frames in seismic design codes of 16 countries and identifies important issues that should be addressed by a typical model code. The paper is available at [www.nicee.org/EQS\\_Nov06\\_Infill\\_Review.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/EQS_Nov06_Infill_Review.pdf)

3. WHE Tutorial on RC Frame Available Online
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The World Housing Encyclopedia (WHE) tutorial on reinforced concrete frame buildings with masonry infills is now available online at [http://www.world-housing.net/Tutorials/Complete\\_WHE\\_RC\\_Tutorial.pdf](http://www.world-housing.net/Tutorials/Complete_WHE_RC_Tutorial.pdf)

The tutorial covers conceptual design issues, proper detailing, and sound construction techniques. The tutorial also outlines two other building technologies that have higher seismic safety levels and similar costs and construction complexity: confined masonry and RC frame with RC shear walls. It also covers general seismic retrofit strategies because there are an enormous number of existing buildings of this type in seismically active areas worldwide. It has many illustrations, key points and design tips. It will be published in hard copy by NICEE, as well as being available on the WHE website.

4. Newsletter of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, USA
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November 2006 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at

[http://www.eeri.org/cds\\_publications/newsletter.html](http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html). The newsletter includes:

- 2007 Annual Meeting: Challenges in Our Changing Urban Environment
- Identifying Lessons from the Kona, Hawaii, Earthquake
- Uniting Earthquake Science and Engineering, Editorial by Norman Abrahamson
- Search for New Editor for Spectra
- Student Chapter Activities
- EERI/FEMA Professional Fellowship Recipient: Bruce Maison
- Summary Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of 6-1-06
- Farzad Naeim Prizes Awarded

- Endowment Donors
- The Mitigation Center: New Tool for Advocates
- How to Log on to Spectra Online

5. Seminar - Exhibition on Recent Developments in Design and Construction Technologies  
REDECON - 2007, Bangalore

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The Bangalore Centre of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) is organizing their second Three-Day Seminar and Exhibition REDECON-2007 at Bangalore on during 18-20 January 2007. This Seminar will highlight recent and new developments in civil engineering technologies. Papers for publication in the Seminar Proceedings are also invited. A concurrent Exhibition with 90 stalls, free and open to public, is also being organised at the same Venue. For more details please contact Secretary ACCE(I), Bangalore Centre at 080-2247466 or 22219012 and email at: [accehq@vsnl.com](mailto:accehq@vsnl.com) or [accehq@yahoo.co.in](mailto:accehq@yahoo.co.in). Website: <http://www.accehq.net>

6. ADRC Highlights

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The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has released its latest edition of "ADRC Highlights" and is available at [http://www.adrc.or.jp/adrc\\_highlights.php?Menu=pro](http://www.adrc.or.jp/adrc_highlights.php?Menu=pro)

7. 2007 Annual Conference of the New Zealand Society of Earthquake Engineering

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The 2007 Annual Conference of the New Zealand Society of Earthquake Engineering will be held in Palmerston North, during 30 March - 1 April 2007 with the theme "Performance by De-sign—Can We Predict It?". For more details please visit <http://www.nzsee.org.nz/EVENTS/tcon07.shtml>.

8. 24th International Bridge Conference, 6-8 June 2007, Pittsburgh

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The 24th International Bridge Conference will be held during 6-8 June 2007 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more details please visit [www.eswp.com/bridge](http://www.eswp.com/bridge)