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Details:

1. Abstract submission deadline extended: 14 World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, October 12 -17 2008, Beijing, China
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The organizing committee of 14WCEE has decided to extend the deadline for abstract submission to October 31st, 2007. More details at: www.14wcee.org

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for Abstract Submission: October 31, 2007

Acceptance Notification: January 1, 2008

Deadline for Paper Submission: May 1, 2008

Deadline for Early Registration: May 1, 2008

Conference: October 12 – 17, 2008

2. International Paper Competition in the area of Seismic Retrofit of Structures
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Fanni Reunion Foundation, Inc., California, United States presents:

FRF's First Annual International Student Paper Competition in honour of Professor Mehdi Ghalibafian, PhD, SE. The theme of this year's paper competition is:

"Seismic Retrofit of Structures". A \$1,000 cash award and a plaque of recognition will be presented to the winner in the annual FRF Gathering. The Rules, Application Form, Instructions, and all other pertinent information are available at www.FanniReunion.org

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for Application Form & Abstract: June 1, 2008

Deadline for Full Paper: September 1, 2008

3. National Awards for Excellence in Consultancy Services - 2007
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In order to recognize and encourage the inherent capability of consultants for innovation and excellence, CDC has instituted Annual Awards for outstanding consultancy assignments undertaken by Consultants and Consultancy Organizations. Proposals are invited for "National Awards for Excellence in Consultancy Services - 2007". Users of Consultancy services are also invited to recommend consultants who have done outstanding and innovative assignments giving complete communication details of the consultant engaged and highlighting the services provided by them. A brochure containing full

information about the Award scheme 2007 along with Application Performa is available at CDC Website www.cdc.org.in

Last date for receipt of application is 15th November, 2007. The awards will be presented during the National Consultancy Congress proposed to be held on 15-16 January, 2008, at New Delhi.

4. Availability of a Teaching Software RESIST

An educational software RESIST is available from National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) for distribution to engineering and architectural colleges in India. This is very useful tool for teaching the concepts of safe buildings to the students of civil engineering and architecture. This product has been possible due to collaboration with Professor Andrew W. Charleson of Victoria University of Wellington School of Architecture, New Zealand, and funding from National Programme on Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE).

AICTE recognized colleges and universities, teaching civil engineering or architecture, may obtain a copy of the same from NICEE for educational purposes. A token payment of Rs. 500/- along with the proforma should be sent to NICEE. A brief description of the programme along with the proforma and the undertaking available at

www.nicee.org/RESIST.pdf

Others interested in obtaining the software must contact Professor Andrew W. Charleson (Andrew.Charleson@vuw.ac.nz).

5. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

Vigyan Prasar has published EQTip: 16 in Hindi of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of October 2007 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

6. Newsletter of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), USA

October 2007 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at

http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html

The newsletter includes:

- Ronald T. Eguchi is EERI's 2008 Distinguished Lecturer
- Professor M. P. Singh appointed NSF Program Director
- Learning From Earthquakes: 2007 Sumatra, Indonesia, Earthquakes
- Meet the Candidates
- Summary of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 14, 2007
- Naeim Awarded Khan Medal
- Obituaries: Alexander Scordelis, 1923-2007; Takuji Kabori, 1920-2007
- Job Opportunities: NEES Specialist, USGS Research
- Calls for Papers: IABSE Congress, MERCEA'08 in Italy, EIAE Conference
- New NSF Grants to NEES Facilities
- UB-NEES Symposium

The issue also contains preliminary observations on the Pisco, Peru, earthquake of August 15, 2007.

7. Newsletter of Earthquake Hazard Centre, New Zealand

The latest (July) Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter is now available from the EHC website (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/architecture/research/ehc/>)

The newsletter includes:

- Editorial: Information gold mine
- Virtual site Visit no. 9
- Hawai'i Quake of October 15, 2006
- Revisiting Tangshan Quake of 1976
- Book review on health facilities
- Tangshan book reference

8. Recent Donors to NICEE

NICEE thank the recent donors for their generous contribution:

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- G. Sreelakshmi, Secunderabad
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