

NICEE Newsletter: April 2008

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#### **1. National Advisory Committee meeting of NICEE held on 23 Apr 2008 at IIT Kanpur**

The meeting of National Advisory Committee of NICEE was held on 23 Apr 2008 at IIT Kanpur. The meeting was attended by 21 participants from all over the country. The NICEE activities during 2007 - 08 were reviewed and the plans for 2008 - 09 were chalked out.

Major highlights of the year 2007-08 include: significant initiatives towards sensitizing architecture students, translations into local languages (Marathi and Hindi translations of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips; Oriya translation of IAEE Guidelines for Non-Engineered Constructions), and initiative towards propagating "confined masonry constructions" through a new publication and an international workshop at IIT Kanpur in January 2008. The mailing list of NICEE received significant boost during the year with about 2500 new subscriptions. The periodical "Earthquake Engineering Practice" is now being subscribed by more than 1,700 individuals. Tremendous confidence in NICEE activities was displayed by its friends and well wishers through donations small and large: 127 donors contributed a total of Rs 6.9 lakh to support the Centre during the year.

If you have any suggestions for NICEE or comments to offer on its functioning, please feel free to write to us at [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in).

#### **2. Earthquake Safety Seminar Held at Panaji, Goa on 14 Apr 2008**

Ultratech Cement Limited organized a seminar by Professor Sudhir K. Jain on "Road to Earthquake Safety" in Panaji, Goa on April 14, 2008. The seminar received tremendous response with about 162 engineers, architects and developers participating in the same. The one-and-a-half hour lecture by Professor Jain was followed by a sumptuous dinner. From the side of Ultratech Cement, Dr. V Ramachandra, Zonal Head (Tech) and Mr. Prakash Pattanshetty, Regional Head (Mktg) were the main organizers. The event was triggered by the initiative taken by Mr. Ravi Palyekar, a Goa based Structural Engineer. The photographs of the event can be viewed at [www.nicee.org/Goa\\_Seminar.php](http://www.nicee.org/Goa_Seminar.php).

### 3. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 14, in Marathi, has been uploaded and is now available on the NICEE site at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php> . Comments if any may be forwarded to NICEE at [nicee@itk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@itk.ac.in).

### 4. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

Vigyan Prasar has published Hindi translation of EQTip: 22 of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of April 2008 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

### 5. First Announcement and Call of Papers for Prohitech09 International Conference at Rome, Italy, June 21 - 24, 2009

Prohitech09 International Conference "Protection of Historical Buildings by Reversible Mixed Technologies", is scheduled to be held at Rome, Italy, from June 21 - 24, 2009. The key dates are as follows:

Deadline for submission of extract - May 31, 2008

Preliminary acceptance - July 15, 2008

Deadline for submission of full papers - December 31, 2008

Final acceptance - February 28, 2009

For general information, please contact the following e-mail address: [prohitech09@unina.it](mailto:prohitech09@unina.it)

Website: [www.prohitech09.com](http://www.prohitech09.com)

### 6. 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference & Exhibition on Innovative World of Concrete 2008 at New Delhi, December 11 - 14 2008

The Indian Concrete Institute is conducting this Conference and Exhibition, to commemorate its Silver Jubilee, at India Expo Centre, Expo XXI, Greater Noida Express Way, New Delhi, India during December 11-14, 2008.

The schedule for submission of papers is as follows.

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|-----|------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) | Receipt of Abstract    | - June 30, 2008 |
| (b) | Acceptance of Abstract | - July 31, 2008 |
| (c) | Receipt of Final Paper | - Sep 30, 2008  |

Please submit your papers at : [sc@ici-iwc08.com](mailto:sc@ici-iwc08.com)

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

April 2008 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at  
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