

NICEE Newsletter: October 2008

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Details:

1. NICEE Participation in 14WCEE at Beijing, China

During the 14th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held at Beijing, China during October 12 - 17, 2008 NICEE set up a stall in the exhibition area. The booth enabled NICEE to show case its activities and publications to a very large number of international participants in this 3300 persons conference. Out of the 100 booths from all over the world set up in this conference, NICEE was the only presence from India.

2. Prof Sudhir K. Jain elected Executive Vice President of IAEE

Prof Sudhir K. Jain has been elected the Executive Vice President of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE) for a four-year-term. IAEE is the union of National Organizations of Earthquake Engineering in 56 earthquake prone countries of the world. The election took place in the General Assembly meeting at Beijing China in October 2008.

3. NICEE Annual Report

The Annual Report of NICEE for the financial year 2007 - 2008 is now available and can be viewed at http://www.nicee.org/AnnualReport_2008.pdf. The report briefly enumerates the activities of NICEE during the year as also the financial status and achievements of NICEE. The list of donors during April 01, 2007 to March 31, 2008 is also included in the Annual Report.

4. NICEE Publication on Earthquake-Resistant Confined Masonry Construction

The revised edition of monograph "Earthquake-Resistant Confined Masonry Construction" by Dr. Svetlana Brzev is now available. The monograph can be obtained at a very nominal price:

- Rs. 100/- per copy for orders from within India, and
- Rs 350/- (about US\$ 7) per copy from overseas, includes airmail postage.

Payment can be made by credit card at web site www.nicee.org/payment.php mentioning "Confined Masonry Publication" as purpose. Else, payment may be made by a cheque / draft in favour of 'National Information Center of Earthquake Engineering' payable at Kanpur. Outstation cheques from within India will be accepted and should include Rs 45/- as bank charges.

5. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 20, 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@iitk.ac.in.

6. Nomination for the 2008 Shah Family Innovation Prize

Nomination packages for the 2008 Shah Family Innovation Prize, due by October 15, should be sent to eeri@eeri.org or to EERI's mailing address. Candidates must be less than 35 years of age on January 1, 2009. The selection will emphasize creative and innovative thinkers who have demonstrated at early stages in their careers the potential to make major contributions to the field of earthquake risk mitigation and management. EERI membership is not required for either the nominator or candidate. For complete submission information, visit <http://www.eeri.org/site/content/view/112/72/>.

7. First Announcement and Call for Papers for PROTECT 2009

The Second International Workshop on Performance, Protection & Strengthening of Structures under Extreme Loading, is scheduled to be held at Shonan Village Center, Hayama, Japan, during August 19-21, 2009. The brief schedule for submission of papers is as follows.

- Submission of one page extracts – January 31, 2009
- Acceptance notification to authors – February 18, 2009
- Submission of final Manuscripts – June 1, 2009

Information about the workshop and the work in progress will be soon available on the website <http://www.nda.ac.jp/cc/users/fujikake/protect2009>

8. International Conferences in June 2009 at Coimbra, Portugal

The 1st International Conference on Civil Engineering - towards a better environment and 4th International Conference on The Concrete Future is scheduled to be held at Coimbra, Portugal from 14-16 June 2009 and 17-19 June 2009, respectively. For further details please visit www.cipremier.com or contact the Conference Director at cipremie@singnet.com.sg

9. ATC & SEI Conference on Improving the Seismic Performance of Existing Building and Other Structures, December 9-11, 2009, San Francisco, California

This inaugural conference, organized by the Applied Technology Council and the Structural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), is dedicated solely to improving the seismic performance of existing buildings and other structures. The conference will take place in San Francisco, CA from December 9th to December 11th 2009. For full details visit the conference website <http://www.atc-sei.org/index.html>. Individual presentations and proposals for complete sessions are also invited. For more details on topics and how to submit a proposal click on <http://www.atc-sei.org/submissions.html>

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

The October 2008 issue of the EERI Newsletter is now available online at: http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html

It contains a 12-page report entitled "The Wenchuan, Sichuan Province, China, Earthquake of May 12, 2008."

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- 10: Opportunities: Junior Faculty Fellowships, NORSAR
- 10: IBHS Conference (11/13-14)
- 10: Call: Disaster Management Conference (deadline 12-5)
- 10: Call for Proposals: NSF EFRI Initiative

11. Recent Donors to NICEE

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