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**1. IITK to organize events on Seismic Design of Concrete Gravity Dams**

IIT Kanpur is hosting two top experts on seismic design of concrete dams, Prof Anil K Chopra of the University of California, Berkeley and Mr. Larry Nuss of US Bureau of Reclamation. Two major events have been planned on the occasion.

- (a) “National Seminar on Seismic Safety of Concrete Gravity Dams” is scheduled to be held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 27 Feb 2009. Prof Chopra and Mr. Nuss along with Indian experts will deliver lectures on state-of-the-art, and lead the discussions.
- (b) Short Course on “Seismic Design of Concrete Gravity Dams” at IIT Kanpur during March 3 – 6, 2009. The course will be taught by Prof Chopra and Mr. Nuss.

Interested persons may please visit the web site <http://www.nicee.org/workshops/> for further information, or contact Cdr Suresh Ailawadi, Retd., at [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in) , [dams.iitk@gmail.com](mailto:dams.iitk@gmail.com) phone (0512) 2597749

Organisations interested in being sponsors of the Seminar may also contact Cdr. Suresh Ailawadi.

**2. Research Collaboration Between IIT Kanpur and COEP, Pune**

Recently, two MTech students of College of Engineering Pune (COEP), Mr. Narayan Y. Kochak and Mr. Haidarali S. Sutar, did their experimental thesis research at structural

engineering laboratory of IIT Kanpur under the joint guidance of IITK and COEP faculty. They studied the in-plane behavior of brick infilled RC frames with door/window opening and lintel beam under lateral loads. The work was carried out during the period of January to November 2008. This became possible thanks to a donation of Mr. Narendra Kale, Chairman of Kale Consultants Ltd, an alumnus of both IIT Kanpur and COEP, Pune. The donation was meant to bring the two institutes closer through collaborations.

### **3. Earthquake Tips in Marathi**

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 21, 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](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in).

### **4. National Symposium on Earthquake Safety of Tall Buildings on December 16, 2008 at Hyderabad**

International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Hyderabad is organizing a National Seminar on Earthquake Safety of Tall Buildings on December 16, 2008 at IIIT Hyderabad. The objective of the symposium is to provide an opportunity for consultants, architects, faculty and students to interact with experts in this area. For more details please contact

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### **5. Scholarships for the Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions**

Applications for the Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions, a joint European Masters Programme are opened. The Institutions involved are University of Minho (Portugal), the Technical University of Catalonia (Spain), the Czech Technical University in Prague (Czech Republic), the University of Padua (Italy) and the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic).

A significant number of scholarships, ranging from 4000 to 21000 Euro, are available to students of any nationality. For details please visit <http://www.msc-sahc.org/>

**6. International Course in Architectural Conservation, Heritage Recording, and Information Management during September 02 - October 02, 2009 at ICCROM, Rome, Italy**

International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and The Getty Conservation Institute are organizing an international course on Architectural Records, Inventories, and Information Systems for Conservation (ARIS09) in Rome from 02 September - 02 October 2009. The application form can be downloaded from the web site:

[http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train\\_en/announce\\_en/2009\\_09aris\\_en.shtml](http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2009_09aris_en.shtml)

**7. National Seminar on Mitigation and Management of Natural Disasters at MIT Muzaffarpur during December 05 - 06, 2008**

A "National Seminar on Mitigation and Management of Natural Disasters" is scheduled to be held at MIT Muzaffarpur during December 05 - 06, 2008. For further details please contact Dr. Achintya at e-mail : [drachintya@rediffmail.com](mailto:drachintya@rediffmail.com) Tele - 0621 - 2262657.

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

The November 2008 issue of the EERI Newsletter is now available online at:

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

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## **9. Professor George W. Housner Passes Away**

With profound grief we intimate our readers that Professor George W Housner of California Institute of Technology (Caltech), considered father of modern earthquake engineering, passed away on November 10, 2008. He was 97 years.

## **10. Recent Donors to NICEE**

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