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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, dams.iitk@gmail.com phone (0512) 2597749

2. Position Advertised for Secretary General for Global Earthquake Model (GEM)

European Centre for Training and Research in Earthquake Engineering (EUCENTRE), Pavia, Italy is inviting applications for the position of Secretary General for its project Global Earthquake Model (GEM). GEM is a five year public-private initiative with the goal of establishing independent standards for calculating and communicating earthquake risk worldwide (www.globalquakemodel.org). For further details regarding the appointment please visit http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/GEM-Secretary_General_Advt.pdf

3. Technical Brief on RC Frame Buildings

An excellent technical brief on “RC Frame Buildings” has been released by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD, USA. The brief can be accessed using the link <http://www.nehrp.gov/pdf/nistgcr8-917-1.pdf>

4. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 23, 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.

5. Nomination for the 2009 SP Research Award in Geotechnical Engineering

Nominations have been invited by SP Foundation for the 2009 SP Research Award in Geotechnical Engineering and/ or Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering for young engineers/ scientists, 40 years or younger. The award consists of cash prize of US\$ 1100 and a plaque. For the details of nomination, please visit the site www.yoga10.org

6. Reconnaissance Based Damage Survey Report on Sikkim Earthquake 2006 and Cyclone Sidr 2007

A reconnaissance based damage survey on Sikkim Earthquake 2006 and Cyclone Sidr 2007 was undertaken by the School of Disaster Mitigation Engineering, Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, Howrah. A report on the same can be viewed at <http://www.becs.ac.in/sdme.html>.

7. New Book on Soil Dynamic

“Fundamentals of Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering” by Dr. Bharat Bhushan Prasad, has been published by PHI Learning Private Limited, New Delhi. For further details please visit www.phindia.com .

8. Second Announcement and Call for Papers for Ninth US National and Tenth Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Toronto, July 25 - 29, 2010

The second announcement and call for papers for the above mentioned conference can be viewed on www.2010eqconf.org . The abstracts can be submitted online also. The last date for submission of extracts is 31 March 2009.

9. Call for Papers - 8th International Masonry Conference (8IMC), Dresden, Germany, July 4 - 7, 2010

8th International Masonry Conference (8IMC) is scheduled to be held at Dresden, Germany during July 4 - 7, 2009. The slogan of the conference is - Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Masonry Construction. The extracts for the papers are to be submitted by 01 May 2009. For further details please visit www.masonry-conference.com

10. 4th International Symposium on Environmental Vibration: Prediction, Monitoring and Evaluation, Beijing, China, October 28 - 30, 2009

4th International Symposium on Environmental Vibration: Prediction, Monitoring and Evaluation, is scheduled to be held in Beijing, China during October 28 - 30, 2009. The symposium is being jointly organized by School of Civil Engineering, Beijing Jiaotong University, China, Research Centre of Urban Rapid Rail Transit, BJTU & BUEDRI. For further details please contact Professor He XIA (Chairman, Organizing Committee) Email - hxia88@163.com; Junedragon@163.com

11. National Seminar on Housing and Disaster Mitigation Efforts in India: Case Studies at IIT Roorkee, April 18, 2009

The Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee is organizing a National Seminar to summarize Disaster Mitigation Efforts in recent decades and identify agenda for Future Research in Disaster Management for Indian Housing Scenario on April 18, 2009 at IIT Roorkee. The abstract in 1200 - 1500 words of the papers is to reach the organizing committee by 14 February 2009. For further details please contact Dr. Mahua Mukherjee Email - hdme.iitr@gmail.com, coe_dmm@iitr.ernet.in

12. Short Term Training Programme on Disaster Resistant Structural Design, Chennai, India, February 16 - 22, 2009

A Short Term Training Programme is scheduled to be held on "Disaster Resistant Structural Design" at Structural Engineering Division of Anna University, Chennai during February 16 - 22, 2009. For further details please visit http://www.annauniv.edu/BROCHURE_final6.pdf

13. 6th International Exhibition on Building Materials & Construction Technologies, New Delhi, India, February 25 - 27, 2009

6th International Exhibition on Building Materials & Construction Technologies is scheduled to held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi during February 25 - 27, 2009. For further details please visit www.bmctexhib.com .

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

The January 2009 issue of the EERI Newsletter is now available online at:

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

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