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Details:

1. Short Course on Seismic Design of Bridges, 22-26 November 2004, IIT Kanpur
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Indian Institute of Technology is organising a Short Course on Seismic Design of Bridges during 22-26 November 2004 at IIT Kanpur. The Brochure of the course is available at www.nicee.org/brochure.pdf. Full-time faculty members of engineering colleges may seek a 50% waiver in the registration fees.

2. IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips Series: Twenty Third Tip Released
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IITK-BMTPC are pleased to release the twenty third (**Why are Buildings with Shear Walls Preferred in Seismic Regions?**) of the "IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips". The tip is available online at http://www.nicee.org/EQTips/IITK_BMTPC.htm

3. E-conference on Two Earthquake Codes: IS 1893 and IS 13920, 20-25 September 2004
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The Structural Engineers Forum of India (www.sefindia.org) will conduct an e-conference on two earthquake codes: IS1893 and IS13920. The focus will be the documents developed under the IITK-GSDMA Project on Codes. Under this project, suggestions are made for revisions of these codes (some of the recommended suggestions are quite substantial), a clause-by-clause commentary has been developed, and some solved examples are provided on application of the code. Dates of the e-conference are September 20 - 25, 2004. The e-conference will provide an opportunity to the professionals to discuss and debate these documents and make suggestions for further improvement.

All the documents developed under IITK-GSDMA project are available at the web site www.nicee.org for comments and discussions. Colleagues are encouraged to download these from the web site. However, in case of difficulty in downloading these documents, please write to codes@iitk.ac.in and the documents will be sent through email or on a CD.

4. Regulation for Seismic Design- A World List 2004
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The International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE) has compiled a publication on Regulation for Seismic Design - A World List 2004. The publication in the form of CD-ROM includes information of 55 countries. To view the list of countries visit www.nicee.org. The total cost of the CD-ROM including handling charges is US \$ 165.00. It can be order from;

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5. Call For Proposals Under Programme Of Cooperation With Bulgaria and Uzbekistan

DST has invited proposals under Indo-Bulgarian and Indo-Uzbek Programme of Cooperation (POC) for the period 2003-2005. Last date for submitting the proposal is 15 September 2004. Proposals are invited from interested researchers from the scientific and technological research institutions and universities. For more details contact:

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6. Call for proposals - Indo-German DST-DAAD S&T cooperation

Proposals are invited from Scientists and Faculty of R&D and academic institutions for joint support by Department of Science & Technology (DST) of India and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) of Germany for Collaborative Research Project based exchange visits of scientists / academicians / research scholars under the above mentioned DST-DAAD PPP - 2005. This programme, in addition to collaborative research activities among scientists, lays special emphasis on further academic training and specialisation of young scholars. The projects selected for support under the programme will commence from 1st June 2005.

Details of the programme, including guidelines and applications format may be downloaded from Internet website: www.dst-stic.org or www.dst.gov.in

7. Free Newsletter from the Institute of Structural Engineers

The Institute of Structural Engineers of the UK is offering to receive free IStructE monthly newsletter, containing the latest information on structural engineering, courses, and publications. The newsletter can be obtain by registering at <http://www.istructe.org.uk/register/>

8. Third International Symposium on New Technologies For Urban Safety Of Mega Cities In Asia, 18-19 October 2004, Agra

Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and the International Center for Urban Safety Engineering, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, Japan, are jointly organizing the Third International Symposium on New Technologies For Urban Safety Of Mega Cities In Asia at the Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra, on the 18th and 19th October 2004.

Limited assistance in the form of waiver of registration and/or funds for travel, etc. may be available for teachers of engineering colleges.

For other details and updates on the symposium please visit www.iitk.ac.in/infocell/announce/usafety04/ In case you need any clarification, or more information, please contact sud@iitk.ac.in