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1. DAAD fellowships announced for 2008-2009

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The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) would like to contribute to the international efforts in disaster prevention management by offering German Foreign Office funded special fellowships and research grants in the following areas: Geology, Geo-informatics, Disaster Preparedness and Prevention: Social Sciences, Public Sector Management, Medicine: Public Health, Epidemiology, Trauma Psychology, Regional Planning, Resources Management, and Ecology, Civil Engineering, Peace and Conflict Studies. For more details about various scholarships, please visit:

<http://www.daad.de/en/form> OR <http://newdelhi.daad.de/>

For most courses, application deadline is 01 October 2007.

2. Second announcement: 14 World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, October 12 – 17 2008, Beijing, China

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The 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (14WCEE) will be held in Beijing, China during October 12 – 17 2008 with primary theme as INNOVATION PRACTICE SAFETY. The Conference will serve as an international forum at which specialists, government officials and NGO representatives in earthquake engineering and relevant fields may exchange the latest research results and technologies. The Conference strives to promote innovation, practice and safety in reducing the impact of earthquakes on our society and natural environment. More details at: [www.14wcee.org](http://www.14wcee.org)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for Abstract Submission: October 1, 2007

Acceptance Notification: January 1, 2008

Deadline for Paper Submission: May 1, 2008

Deadline for Early Registration: May 1, 2008

Conference: October 12 – 17, 2008

3. First Announcement: 2008 Seismic Engineering International Conference commemorating the 1908 Messina and Reggio Calabria Earthquake (MERCEA'08), June 24-27, 2008, Messina and Reggio Calabria, Italy
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The Conference will provide an international forum for specialists, researchers and practicing engineers to discuss the latest research results and technologies in the field of earthquake engineering and geotechnics. Abstracts should be submitted by email (in plain text, Microsoft Word or PDF) to [mercea08@unirc.it](mailto:mercea08@unirc.it) no later than November 15, 2007. Abstracts should be less than 500 words and should include: title of the paper, author's details (affiliation, address, email address, telephone number, fax number) and an indication of the most relevant Conference topic. Authors will be notified by December 15, 2007 on whether their abstract has been accepted. Full papers will be required no later than March 15, 2008.

Visit <http://www.mercea08.org> for further details.

4. International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Disaster Mitigation April 14-15, 2008, Jakarta, Indonesia
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The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Disaster Mitigation (ICEEDM08) invites researchers, academia, and practitioners in the areas of earthquake engineering and disaster mitigation to participate in the conference. The Conference will provide an opportunity to share views and experiences regarding lessons learned from recent and past earthquakes, enabling all scientists and practicing engineers, as well as government officials to formulate action plans for anticipating future earthquakes. The subjects will include advances in earthquake engineering, seismic and tsunami. The main theme of the conference is: "Earthquake Disaster Risk Reduction: Engineering Challenges after Recent Disasters". Prospective authors are invited to submit extended abstracts on or before October 19, 2007. For more details please visit:

<http://www.si.itb.ac.id/iceedm08>

5. International Conference on Innovative and Smart Structural Systems for Sustainable Habitat (INSHAB-2008), January 3-5, 2008, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore
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Department of Civil Engineering, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore is organising a three day international conference on Innovative and Smart Structural Systems for Sustainable Habitat (INSHAB-2008) during January 3-5, 2008. Technical papers are invited in various themes, such as, Smart Materials, Smart Structures, Passive Architecture, Philosophical issues, Earthquake Resistant Structural Systems, Wind Resistant Systems, Performance Based Design, Infrastructure - Analysis and Design, Fast Track Construction, Use of Nano Materials, etc. Extended abstract not exceeding 250 words typed with double line spacing in Times Roman Font are expected to reach the conference secretariat on or before July 30, 2007. More details about the workshop at: <http://www.citinshab2008.info>

6. Research Article: *Stress-Strain Characteristics of Clay Brick Masonry under Uniaxial Compression*, Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering, ASCE, September 2007
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Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering, ASCE has published a research article "Stress-Strain Characteristics of Clay Brick Masonry under Uniaxial Compression" by Hemant B. Kaushik, Durgesh C. Rai, and Sudhir K. Jain in its September 2007 issue. The article presents results of an extensive experimental study in which non-linear stress-strain curves and other properties for clay bricks, mortar cubes, and masonry prisms were obtained. Experimentally obtained curves were also compared with those obtained analytically by regression analysis of the experimental data. The article is available at:

[http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/RP/2007\\_Masonry\\_Properties\\_ASCE.pdf](http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/RP/2007_Masonry_Properties_ASCE.pdf)

## 7. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

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Vigyan Prasar has published EQTip: 14 in Hindi of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of August 2007 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

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

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August 2007 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at [http://www.eeri.org/cds\\_publications/newsletter.html](http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html)

The newsletter includes:

- 2008 Annual Meeting: Lessons from Katrina
- Barbara Chang awarded NEHRP graduate fellowship
- Heritage Prize nominations sought
- Geotech seminar video downloads/NEES streaming videos
- M6.6 earthquake strikes Japan
- EERI Annual Student Paper Competition
- Call for submissions to Caltrans research programs

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