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Details:

1. Abstract submission deadline: 14 World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, October 12 -17 2008, Beijing, China

October 1, 2007 is the deadline for abstract submission in the 14th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (14WCEE) to be held in Beijing, China during October 12 – 17 2008. More details at: 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

2. New Issue (Vol 1., Issue 3) of the quarterly periodical Earthquake Engineering Practice

National Information Center of Earthquake Engineering is pleased to announce release of the third issue (September 2007) of Volume 1 of quarterly periodical Earthquake Engineering Practice. The contents of this and previous issue may be reviewed at <http://www.nicee.org/EEPcontents.php>

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3. Research Article: *Seismic Strengthening of Rocking-Critical Masonry Piers*, Journal of Structural Engineering, ASCE, October 2007

Journal of Structural Engineering, ASCE has published a research article "Seismic Strengthening of Rocking-Critical Masonry Piers" by Durgesh C. Rai, and Subhash C. Goel in its October 2007 issue. In the article, the behaviour of rocking piers stabilized by vertical elements under lateral loads is discussed, and a mechanics-based model is presented to describe its load-deformation behaviour. A novel method of strengthening rocking critical masonry piers is proposed which uses stabilizing vertical elements equipped with energy dissipation devices to help not only limit the axial force in masonry piers and thus save them from compressive failure, but also to enhance damping to limit the overall response. The article is available at:

http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/RP/2007_Strengthening_Rocking_Masonry_ASCE.pdf

4. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

Vigyan Prasar has published EQTip: 15 in Hindi of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of September 2007 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

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

September 2007 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at

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

The newsletter includes:

- 2008 EERI Board Nominees Announced
- 2008 Annual Meeting: Call for Poster Abstracts
- Matching Donations Support Endowment Fund
- Annual Meeting Travel Scholarships
- Lower Dues for New Young Professionals
- Honors Committee Seeks Nominations
- EERI Student Chapter Activities
- M8.0 Earthquake Devastates Peru
- Application deadline Sept. 7: NIST BFRL Position
- SSA Annual Meeting: Deadline Oct. 1 for proposals for special sessions
- Abstract deadline Sept. 17: ICEEDM08
- Abstract deadline Oct. 1: 14WCEE

The issue also contains preliminary observations on the Niigata-Chuetsu Oki, Japan earthquake of July 16, 2007.

6. Recent Donors to NICEE

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