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1. NICEE at SAARCH 2008 Conference, New Delhi, (March 12 - 14, 2008)

Conference of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects (SAARCH) 2008 was held at Jamia Millia Islamia at New Delhi from March 12 - 14, 2008. A NICEE stall was set up to familiarize the young as well as senior architects of the SAARC countries about the earthquake safety issues and NICEE activities. All members registering for NICEE were given a free copy of Earthquake Tips. A quiz was conducted by Prof. Keya Mitra and Cdr Suresh Ailawadi for the students based on Earthquake Tips. There were cash prizes of Rs. 5000/-, Rs. 3000/-, Rs. 1500/- and Rs. 500/- for the top four teams out of the six participated. The cash prize was sponsored by Indian Institute of Architects. Professor C. V. R. Murty was the inaugural speaker while Professor Sudhir K. Jain gave a talk on Earthquake-Resistant Confined Masonry Construction.

2. INAE sponsors three faculty members to work at IITK in Summer of 2008

Under its scheme "Mentoring of Engineering Teachers by INAE Fellows", the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE; www.inae.org) has selected the following teachers to carry out research in earthquake engineering at IITK during the summer of 2008: Professor O R Jaiswal of VNIT Nagpur, Professor Keya Mitra of BESU Howrah, and Professor Saraswati Setia of NIT Kurukshetra. While the first two will work with Professor Sudhir K Jain, Professor Setia will be working with Professor C V R Murty.

3. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 13, 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@itk.ac.in.

4. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

Vigyan Prasar has published Hindi translation of EQTip: 21 of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of March 2008 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

5. Short course at IIT Guwahati on Concrete and Masonry

IIT Guwahati has announced a QIP Short Term Course on "Advances in Concrete and Masonry: Materials and Mechanics" during 16-20 June 2008. The course is meant for teachers of engineering colleges and polytechnics approved by AICTE. However, it will also allow participants from Government departments and industries on self-financed basis. The last date for the receipt of duly sponsored applications is 16 May 2008. The course brochure and the application form are available at:

<http://www.iitg.ernet.in/civil/QIP-STC-Materials-Brochure-2008-09.pdf>

6. EASEC - 11 at Taipei, China (Nov 19 - 21, 2008)

The Eleventh East Asia-Pacific Conference on Structural Engineering & Construction (EASEC - 11) will be held at Taipei International Convention Centre, Taipei, China during Nov 19 - 21, 2008. The important dates are as follows:

Deadline for receipt of abstract - March 31, 2008

Notification of provisional acceptance - May 1, 2008

Deadline for receipt of camera-ready manuscripts - July 15, 2008

Notification of acceptance of papers - September 15, 2008

For further details please visit <http://easec11.easec.org>

7. Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter

The latest Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter from the School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand is available at

www.vuw.ac.nz/architecture/research/ehc/. The contents comprise of:

- Editorial
- Virtual site Visit no. 11
- Impact of 2004 Sumatra Earthquake on Structures in Port Blair
- Solomon Islands Earthquake-Tsunami
- Progress Report: Pakistan

8. Call for BSSA Papers

The Bulletin of Seismological Society of America (BSSA) will publish a special issue on rotational seismology and engineering applications in May 2009. Submissions will be accepted starting mid-April 2008. The deadline is 31 May 2008. For details please visit www.seismosoc.org/publications/bssa.html or contact Carol Mark, managing editor, at bssa@lanl.gov

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

March 2008 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at

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

The newsletter includes:

2008 Annual Meeting highlights

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