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Details:

1. Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE at IIT Kanpur during Dec 15 - 19, 2008

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during Dec 15 - 19, 2008. The Open House is held with the aim to enable postgraduate students to conduct literature survey for their thesis related to earthquake engineering issues and interact with the faculty and professionals. The Open House also welcomes professional engineers and architects to help on familiarize themselves with enormous literature available at NICEE on design and construction of safe habitat. The last date of application is 31 Oct 2008.

For further details please visit http://www.nicee.org/OpenHouse_2008.pdf

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2. Workshop on Earthquake Resistant Practices for Undergraduate Students of Architecture at IIT Kanpur during Jul 03 - 08, 2008

A "Workshop on Earthquake Resistant Practices for Undergraduate Students of Architecture" was conducted at IIT Kanpur during July 03 - 08, 2008. This was one of the NICEE initiatives towards reaching the architects of tomorrow through a hands-on programme in earthquake resistant architectural design. The workshop was attended by 57 participants of 19 colleges from all over India (and Nepal). During the six-day workshop the students were given an architectural design assignment where they were required to design an apartment complex containing a mix of various different types of apartments in addition to amenities and utilities for residents. The final designs were evaluated by a Jury Board on the last day through presentations followed by brief questioning by the Jury. The Jury consisted of Ar. Tapan Kumar Sinha, Additional

Director General, CPWD, New Delhi; Prof Amit Bose, Director, Designers & Planners Combine, New Delhi; Prof OR Jaiswal, Department of Applied Mechanics, VNIT, Nagpur; Prof Sudhir K Jain and Prof Durgesh C Rai of IIT Kanpur. After the initial scrutiny, best eight designs were shortlisted, which were again reviewed by the Jury. The final winners were as follows:

I Prize: Hemant Kumar Chaurasia of Lucknow College of Architecture, Lucknow
Sarang Sanjay Patwardhan of BKPS College of Architecture, Pune

II Prize: Himanshu Soni of Lucknow College of Architecture, Lucknow
Smita Yatish Prabhune of BKPS College of Architecture, Pune

III Prize: (a) Anil Kumar K of School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi
Roshana Banepali of Khwopa Engineering College, Nepal

(b) Mungekar Neha Nandan of Academy of Architecture, Pune
Minu Agarwal of Guwahati College of Architecture, Guwahati

Please visit http://www.iitk.ac.in/nicee/Architecture_Workshop for more details and photographs.

3. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 17, 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 <<mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in>>.

4. NICEE participation in International Exhibition on Disaster Management held at Palace Grounds, Bangalore during Jun 12 - 16, 2008

NICEE participated in the International Exhibition on Disaster Management was held at Palace Grounds, Bangalore during Jun 12-16, 2008. Dr. V Devaraj of UVCE, Bangalore and his team represented NICEE in the exhibition and showcased NICEE in a very positive manner. They were awarded second place under the Engineering College category. Congratulations to Dr. V Devaraj and his team.

5. The Sixth Structural Engineering Convention being held at Chennai during Dec 18-20, 2008

The Sixth Structural Engineering Convention (SEC-2008) is scheduled to be held at Chennai during Dec 18 - 20, 2008. The convention is being jointly organized by Structural Engineering Research Centre, Indian Institute of Technology Madras and Anna University, Chennai.

The key dates are:

Submission of full length manuscript	:	15 Sep 2008
Notification of review, editorial comments & acceptance	:	15 Oct 2008
Submission of full length finalized papers	:	15 Nov 2008

Manuscripts may please be sent by e-mail to:
sec2008@sercm.org<mailto:sec2008@sercm.org> or
sec2008@sercm.csir.res.in <mailto:sec2008@sercm.csir.res.in>

For further details please visit: www.sercm.org <<http://www.sercm.org>>.

6. 2008 SP Prize for Excellence in the Practice of Geotechnical Engineering

SP Foundation has invited nominations from worldwide, for the above prize from young engineers/ scientists, below the age of 45 years. The award consists of a cash prize of US\$ 1100 and a plaque. The last date of nominations is 30 Sep 2008.

For details please visit www.yoga10.org <<http://www.yoga10.org>>

7. Third Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2-4 December 2008, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The UN/ISDR Asia Pacific has announced the Third Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction scheduled to be held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during Dec 2 - 4, 2008. The focus during the conference will be on "Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction - From National to Local", with special emphasis on engaging and forging innovative partnerships with the private sector and local communities.

For further details contact the Conference Secretariat at: amc3_secretariat@mkn.gov.my or visit the Conference website at: <http://www.amcdrmalaysia.com.my>.

8. The Next Generation of Attenuation (NGA) Project Special Issue of Earthquake Spectra

The 341-page special issue of Earthquake Spectra (24:1, February 2008) presenting the principal results of the Next Generation of Attenuation (NGA) Relations Project, an applied research program conducted over a five-year period to develop improved earthquake ground motion attenuation relations for shallow crustal earthquakes in the western United States and similar active tectonic regions is now available for sale. The price is \$30 each for EERI members; \$50 for nonmembers.

To order online, please visit: <http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/catalog/>

It is listed under "New Products".

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

July 2008 issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at:
http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter/2008_pdf/July08.pdf

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