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Details:

1. Literature Review Workshop conducted successfully

The annual 10 day workshop on Earthquake Engineering Literature Survey has been successfully conducted at IIT Kanpur during August 27 – September 05, 2009. About 60 participants from 25 colleges all over India participated in the workshop. The workshop has been sponsored by Computers and Structures Inc (CSI), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Poonam and Prabhu Goel Research Foundation Fund at IIT Kanpur.

Mr. Pavan M. Pathak, the winner of the 2005 NICEE Best Thesis Award for his thesis titled "Experimental Study on Sloshing Frequency of Liquid" was also present during the valedictory function. He shared his experience with the participants of the ongoing workshop and gave them tips for the conduct of experimental work and the methodology to be used for the presentation of thesis work. Further details can be obtained by visiting the website http://www.nicee.org/press_coverage.php

2. NICEE at Seminar of IRC and EUROCODE Workshop

NICEE had put up a stall at the Seminar held by Indian Road Congress on 28 and 29 August 2009 at the Stein Hall, India Habitat Centre. NICEE had also put up a stall during September 17 – 19, 2009 at CGO Complex which was organized by Indian Concrete Institute, New Delhi. The presence of NICEE helped the participants to get a first hand exposure to the activities of NICEE.

NICEE would like to thank Indian Road Congress and the Indian Concrete Institute for facilitating the presence of NICEE during these events. NICEE would also like to thank

the team of BMTPC who managed the show at both the locations on behalf of NICEE. NICEE attributes it success to all round support from all.

3. Earthquake Engineering Open House at NICEE during Dec 14 – 18, 2009

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during Dec 14 – 18, 2009. The Open House is held with the aim to enable postgraduate students to conduct literature survey for their thesis related to earthquake engineering. The Open House also welcomes professional engineers and architects to help them familiarize themselves with enormous literature available at NICEE on design and construction of safe habitat. The last date of application is 31 Oct 2009. For further details please visit http://www.nicee.org/Open_House/

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4. Heritage Conservation Workshop at Ottawa, Canada during August 11-13, 2010

The International Workshop on Conservation of Heritage Structures using FRM and SHM is scheduled to be held during August 11-13, 2010, in Ottawa-Gatineau, Canada. The Workshop will highlight current and future applications of fibre reinforced materials (FRM) and structural health monitoring (SHM) in a heritage conservation context. For further information please visit http://www.ishmii.org/CSHM3/CSHM3home.html

5. 14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering at Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia during August 30 – September 03, 2010

14th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering is scheduled to be held at Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia during August 30 – September 03, 2010. The conference is expected to be useful for earthquake scientists, engineers, students and all those involved in managing earthquakes. The important deadlines are as follows.

Submission of abstracts - October 01, 2009
Acceptance of abstracts - November 15, 2009
Submission of papers - May 01, 2010
Notification for oral/ poster presentations - June 15, 2010

For further details please visit http://www.14ecee.mk/

6. Call for Nominations for 2010 Bolt Medal

The Bruce Bolt Medal recognizes individuals worldwide whose accomplishments involve the promotion and use of strong-motion earthquake data, leadership and

improved seismic safety. The closing date for submitting nominations is October 31, 2009. For further details please visit http://www.eeri.org/site/bolt-medal

7. International Conference for Highrise Towers and Tall Buildings 2010 during April 14-16, 2010, Munich, Germany

An international conference for Highrise Towers and Tall Buildings is schedule to be held during April 14-16, 2010 at Munich, Germany. The conference is aimed at providing opportunity to share new ideas, experiences and knowledge within the field of design and construction of safe and sustainable highrise structures. The important dates are as follows.

Submission of abstracts – October 15, 2009 Acceptance of abstracts – November 15, 2009 Submission of papers – January 15, 2010 Acceptance of papers – February 15, 2010

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8. Khan Lecture Series

EERI Member Dan M. Frangopol, Khan Endowed Chair in Structural Engineering and Architecture at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, invites attendance at the 2010 Fazlur Rahman Khan Lecture Series, sponsored by Lehigh's Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and the Department of Art & Architecture. The lectures are tentatively scheduled on February 26, March 19 and April 16, 2010. For further details please visit http://www.lehigh.edu/frkseries

9. Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter

The July issue of Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter of the School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand can be read or downloaded from http://www.victoria.ac.nz/architecture/research/ehc/#newsletters.

The contents comprise of:

Editorial: The need for more inclusive earthquake engineering Virtual Site Visit no. 17 Construction of a Geomesh reinforced adobe house, Peru. Implementation of structural earthquake disaster mitigation programs in developing countries

Book Review: Manual on Hazard Resistant Construction in India Chinese earthquake increases focus on children in disaster.

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

The September 2009 issue of the *EERI Newsletter* is now available online at:

http://www.eeri.org/site/news/newsletter

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11. Recent Donors to NICEE

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