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**1. Inter-School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips 2020-21**

The invite for the quiz for the year 2020-21 have been sent to the schools. The final quiz will be held on January 26, 2021 at IIT Kanpur. The preliminary rounds will be held during August to December 2020 in the city or vicinity of participating schools. For further details please visit <http://www.nicee.org/Quiz/quiz.htm> . Members willing to enthuse and/ or conduct the preliminary round of quiz in their city of residence may please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

**2. Literature Review Workshop for Post Graduate Students**

The Annual Workshop for post graduate students pursuing their masters or doctorate degree with thesis in earthquake engineering scheduled to be held during May 21 - 30, 2020 at IIT Kanpur, is deferred. It is in response to unprecedented health scare and related restrictions due to COVID-19. Fresh dates will be communicated shortly.

**3. Workshop for Under Graduate Architecture Students in Third Year**

The workshop for Architecture students scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during June 14-20, 2020 is deferred. It is in response to unprecedented health scare and related restrictions due to COVID-19. Fresh dates will be communicated shortly.

#### **4. Open House of NICEE**

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held during November 19-28, 2020. 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 them familiarize themselves with enormous literature available at NICEE on design and construction of safe habitat. For further details or any queries please contact : Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in)

#### **5. Intimation Regarding Change of Postal Address/ email id**

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we currently have more than 15,000 subscribers on NICEE list. At times we face problem of our mails being blocked by the outside servers with the presumption that we are spamming.

We would therefore like to request you to please do inform us as and when you switch over from one email id to another. We will stop sending mails to your old email id and will subscribe your current email id to nicee-list so that you continue to receive communication from NICEE.

Similarly, it is our earnest request that please do let us know whenever you want us to change your postal address and we will update our records. You may please inform us by sending a mail to [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in) .

#### **6. RESIST Software Available for Individual Users**

RESIST Software is now available for individual users. A copy of the same can be requested from NICEE on payment of Rs. 2,000/-. This version of RESIST is customized to Indian codes and construction conditions.

However, a more recent update is available with greatly enhanced graphical features but it is based upon New Zealand codes and practices. It may be downloaded free of charge from the New Zealand Society of Earthquake Engineering website at <http://www.nzsee.org.nz/publications/other-publications/resist/>.

For further details regarding the earlier version please visit <http://www.nicee.org/npeee/showpage.php?id=149> and for any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: [asuresh@iitk.ac.in](mailto:asuresh@iitk.ac.in), [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in)

#### **7. EERI e-affiliate Membership**

EERI is offering e-affiliate membership. For further details regarding advantages and membership form, please visit [http://www.nicee.org/eeri\\_affiliate/E-AffiliateBrochure.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/eeri_affiliate/E-AffiliateBrochure.pdf). The membership form duly filled with membership fee of Rs. 2,000/- for the current year can be sent to NICEE. Filled forms can be scanned and sent to [nicee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in) and payment made online at [http://www.nicee.org/NICEE\\_donation.php](http://www.nicee.org/NICEE_donation.php) choosing "EERI Membership" as the option. Existing members can renew their membership by paying online or through a cheque/ DD drawn in favour of "National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering" payable at Kanpur. Existing members need to fill in the form again only if there is any change in the information given by them earlier.

## **8. Calendar of Events**

Please visit <http://www.nicee.org/Calender.pdf> for latest update on world wide events related to Earthquake Engineering.

### **9. 9<sup>th</sup> Turkish Conference on Earthquake Engineering, June 01-03, 2020, Istanbul**

9<sup>th</sup> Turkish Conference on Earthquake Engineering is scheduled to be held during June 01-03, 2020 at Istanbul, Turkey. The last date for submission of abstracts is September 30, 2019. For further details please visit <https://www.9tcee.org/>

### **10. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics (7ICRAGEE), July 13-16, 2020, Bangalore**

7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics is scheduled to be held at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore during July 13-16, 2020. Please visit <http://7icragee.org/> for more information.

### **11. 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Earthquake Engineering, September 14-18, 2020, Sendai**

The 17<sup>th</sup> WCEE scheduled to be held during September 14-18, 2020 in Sendai, Japan has been postponed for the next year 2021 due to the global COVID-19 outbreak. Please visit <http://www.iaee.or.jp/> for more information.

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

The latest EERI Newsletter 'The Pulse' is available online at: <https://www.eeri-members.org/pulse>. The back issues can be viewed at <https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse/archives>

Following are selected contents of the Newsletter:

- Nominations open for EERI's Housner Medal, Alquist Medal, Distinguished

Lecture, Honorary Membership, Outstanding Paper Award, and 2020 Board of Directors Election

- What happens if a 'big one' strikes during the pandemic? (The Atlantic)
- The disaster of being hit by an earthquake in a time of Covid-19 (The Art Newspaper)
- Disaster by choice: The need to create a culture of warning and safety (Environmental Health News)
- Seismic activity increases at Lo'ihi (Hawaii Tribune Herald)
- Aftershocks and anxiety: Puerto Ricans distrust homes after devastating earthquake (Global Sisters Report)
- Idaho earthquake caused a popular Stanley Lake beach and fishing spot to collapse (Idaho Statesman)
- Opinion: A coronavirus-oil price-earthquake connection? (Eureka Times-Standard) by Lori Dengler (M.EERI,1998)

*Publications*

- Earthquake Spectra Vol. 36, No. 2, May 1, 2020 is now available online
- Call for papers: Earthquake Spectra special issue on Seismic Hazard in Central and Eastern North America

**13. Recent Donors to NICEE**

**Rs. 4,000/- to 19,999/-**

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