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Details:

1. Enormous Support to NICEE

During the financial year 2008-09, NICEE received the largest ever support, both in terms of number of donors and the total amount of donations. A total of 146 individuals and organizations contributed Rs. 13.28 lakhs, with an average donation of Rs. 9,096/- and a median of Rs. 3,000/-. Compared to this, during 2007-08, 128 contributions were received totaling Rs. 7.05 lakhs. The smooth functioning of NICEE is only possible because of unstinted support of all its members and well wishers. We, at NICEE team, wish to thank one and all for their support during the last financial year and look forward to support during the current financial year.

2. New Publication on Confined Masonry

NICEE has published a guidebook for technicians and artisans on “Confined Masonry” for one and two storey buildings in low-tech environments. The book is authored by Arch. Tom Schacher of Switzerland. The guide book is nominally priced at Rs. 100/- (Overseas orders may please add Rs. 250/- as Airmail charges). To obtain a copy of the same please send an e-mail to nicee@iitk.ac.in or place an order on the web site of NICEE using a credit card (www.nicee.org/payment.php).

3. Workshop for Architecture Students

A workshop for undergraduate students of architecture is being held at IIT Kanpur during Jul 06 –11, 2009. The aim of this workshop is to sensitise them towards keeping the earthquake safety aspects in view while designing their structures. The workshop is for students who have completed third year (sixth semester) of architecture in 2009. Last date for receipt of applications is 15 May 2009. The application form can be downloaded from

http://www.nicee.org/Architecture_Workshop/NominationForm_2009.pdf

For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

4. Establishment of Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) at NIT Surathkal

A Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) has been established at National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, with Dr. K Venkatramana, Professor of Civil Engineering as its Coordinator. For further details please contact ven.nitk@gmail.com

5. Call for Papers - Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics, May 24-29, 2010, San Diego, USA

The Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics will be held in San Diego, California, May 24-29, 2010, at the Marriott Mission Valley. The last for submission of one page extract for the papers is April 02, 2009. For further details please visit <http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu>.

6. International Seminar on "Codes in Structural Engineering - Developments and Needs for International Practice", May 2010, Croatia

A conference on "Codes in Structural Engineering - Developments and Needs for International Practice" will be held at Dubrovnik, Croatia, in May 2010. The main objective of this IABSE-fib Conference 2010 in Cavtat is to obtain an overview of the present state of codes worldwide including the underlying legal and economical aspects. This will be helpful for the development of future codes, striving for international harmonization in the ever more globalised market. For further details please visit <http://www.iabse.org/conferences/Dubrovnik2010/index.php>.

7. Call for Papers - 8th International Masonry Conference (8IMC), Dresden, Germany, July 4 - 7, 2010

8th International Masonry Conference (8IMC) is scheduled to be held at Dresden, Germany during July 4 - 7, 2010. The slogan of the conference is - Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Masonry Construction. The extracts for the papers are to be submitted by 01 May 2009. For further details please visit www.masonry-conference.com

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

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

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

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