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### Details:

# 1. Intimation Regarding Change of Postal Address/ email id

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we currently have more than 9,500 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.

If you are a subscriber to our quarterly periodical – Earthquake Engineering Practice – and you have changed your office/ residence please do let us know so that we can update our records and ensure that you get the periodical at new address. In case you wish to discontinue subscribing to the periodical please send us a mail at

nicee@iitk.ac.in . In case you wish to recommend a friend to get the periodical, please ask him to subscribe at http://www.nicee.org/Indivi\_register.php

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.

## 2. Workshop for Under Graduate Architecture Students in Third Year

A workshop for Architecture students is being held at IIT Kanpur during July 04 –09, 2011. The aim of this workshop is to draw the attention of Architecture students towards keeping the earthquake engineering aspects in view while designing their structures. 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

### 3. 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 is scheduled during July 07-16, 2011 at IIT Kanpur. The aim of this workshop is to provide an access to the students to quality research material so that they can do a thorough literature review for their thesis. 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

## 4. Inter-School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips 2011-12

The invite to schools for quiz competition have been sent. Members are requested to encourage the schools in their area to participate in the competition during 2011-12. A brief about the previous competitions can be viewed at http://www.nicee.org/Quiz/. Members willing to 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

## 5. Open House of NICEE

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during Dec 07 – 11, 2011. 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. You can apply online for the Open House on our website http://www.nicee.org/Open\_House/index.php

### 6. Publication - Seismic Isolation for Designers and Structural Engineers

National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) has recently published "Seismic Isolation for Designers and Structural Engineers" which is authored by Trevor E. Kelly of Holmes Consulting Group, R. Ivan Skinner and Bill (W. H.) Robinson of Robinson Seismic Limited. The book provides both theory and practical aspects of seismic isolation technique, which is an extract of more than three decades of in-hand experience on the seismic isolation systems by the authors. It contains the necessary mathematical tools and introduces the empirical methods with detailed design and documentation material of type that a structural engineer would need to implement isolation technique. The book has been nominally priced at Rs. 600/- (overseas order to add Rs. 750/- to cover air-mail postage and handling). We have had an excellent response from NICEE fraternity. To view the contents of the book and/or order please visit http://www.nicee.org/New\_Releases.htm

# 7. 4th Japan – Greece Workshop on Seismic Design of Foundations, May 26-27, 2011, Kobe, Japan

An international conference on Seismic Design of Foundations is scheduled to be held at Kobe, Japan during May 26-27, 2011. For further details please visit http://www.civil.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp/yoshida/4JGW/

# 8. 8th International Conference on Structural Dynamics, July 4-6, 2011, Leuven, Belgium

The Eighth International Conference on Structural Dynamics EURODYN 2011 is scheduled to be held in Leuven, Belgium, during 4 to 6 July 2011. For further details please visit http://conf.ti.kviv.be/Eurodyn2011/

# 9. International Conference - The Conceptual Approach to Structural Design, July 6-8, 2011, Milan, Italy

5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on The Conceptual Approach to Structural Design is scheduled to be held during July 6-8, 2011 at Milan, Italy. For further details please visit http://um2.umac.mo/apps/com/bulletin.nsf/Active-for-Student/20025EA11DDE6993482577A800286662

# 10. 8th International Conference on Earthquake Resistant Engineering Structures, September 7-9, 2011, Chianciano Terme, Italy

8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Earthquake Resistant Engineering Structures is scheduled to be held during September 7-9, 2011 at Chianciano Terme, Italy. For further details please visit http://www.wessex.ac.uk/11-conferences/eres-2011.html

# 11. Short Course on Advances in Earthquake Engineering, October 28-29, 2011, Delhi

A short course on Advances in Earthquake Engineering is being conducted at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi during October 28-29, 2011. For further details please visit http://www.iitd.ac.in/events/Brochure-\_Advances\_in\_Earthquake\_Engineering-2011.pdf

# 12. 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, September 24 – 28, 2012, Lisbon, Portugal

15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering is scheduled to be held at Lisbon, Portugal during September 24 – 28, 2012. For further details please visit http://www.15wcee.org/

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

The April 2011 issue of the *EERI Newsletter* is now available online at:

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

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### 14. MCEER Bulletin

The University at Buffalo's MCEER and Quisqueya University are jointly organizing a series of educational seminars in Haiti for the practicing engineers, graduate students and senior undergraduate students. For further details please visit http://mceer.buffalo.edu/education/UniQ/default.asp

# 15. 2011 Shamsher Prakash Annual Prize for Excellence in the Practice of Geotechnical Engineering

Shamsher Prakash Foundation solicits nomination (no application) for the 2011 Shamsher Prakash Annual Prize for Excellence in the Practice of Geotechnical Engineering for young persons (45 years) primarily from practicing engineers from all over the world. Nominations are invited so as to reach the Honorary Secretary on or before June 30, 2011. For further information please mail to parkash@MST.edu

### 16. Recent Donors to NICEE

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