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Details:

1. EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT CONFINED MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

National Information Center on Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) has recently published a Monograph on "Earthquake-Resistant Confined Masonry Construction" by **Dr. Svetlana Brzev** of the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Canada. The monograph is meant to sensitize the building professionals about the excellent earthquake-resistant features of confined masonry.

Interested persons may request a free copy by sending an email with their complete name, affiliation, organization and postal address to nicee@iitk.ac.in

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2. Earthquake Tips in Marathi

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 11, 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.

3. Earthquake Tips in Hindi

Vigyan Prasar has published Hindi translation of EQTip: 19 of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of January 2008 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

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

January 2008 Issue of EERI Newsletter is now available online at http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html

The newsletter includes:

- Last Call for 60th Annual Meeting
- New Madrid Earthquake Scenario
- George Lee receives Presidential Award
- Endowment Fund donors
- Ashtiany to head IASPEI Commission
- Eisner receives WSSPC Award
- Sumbawa, Indonesia, Earthquake of November 25, 2007
- Scholarships for Masters in Europe
- Certification in Tsunami Science
- PERI Symposium on Infrastructure Policy
- Tsunami-Resistant Buildings
- Kinematics' New Product
- Job Opportunities - BFRL Position

5. IITK - GSDMA GUIDELINES

National Information Center on Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) has recently published a Monograph on "IITK-GSDMA Guidelines on Measures to Mitigate Effects of Terrorist Attacks on Buildings" by Professor CVR Murty of IIT Kanpur. The monograph is meant to provide guidance to architects and Engineers on how some features of planning, design and construction can have far reaching implications on the safety of the building and its occupants in the event of an attack by terrorist.

This 120-page document may be obtained on payment of Rs. 200/- per copy (overseas order may add Rs. 250/- per copy to cover air-mail postage and handling). Payment can be made by credit card at secure web site www.nicee.org/payment.php mentioning "Mitigation of terrorism Guidelines" as purpose or can also be made by a cheque or demand draft in favour of 'National Information Center of Earthquake Engineering' payable at Kanpur. Outstation cheques will be accepted and should include Rs 45/- as bank charges. The requests should be sent to :

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