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1. **International Strategy Workshop on Promotion of Confined Masonry**

An International Strategy Workshop on promotion of Confined Masonry was held at IIT Kanpur from January 26 - 28, 2008. The Conference was attended by experts from India, USA, Peru, China, Switzerland, Canada and Mexico. The soft and hard copy of the proceedings will be made available shortly.

2. **Engineering Response to Hazards of Terrorism**

National Information Center on Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) has brought out a new publication "Engineering Response to Hazards of Terrorism" edited by Dr. Sudhir K. Jain, Dr. CVR Murty and Dr. Durgesh C. Rai. The publication is a part of the Proceedings of the INAE National Seminar on *Engineering Response to Hazards of Terrorism* held during 25-26 September 2006 at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur.

The volume contains the articles or power point presentations made during the seminar. The seminar themes included:

- Terrorist related hazard estimation
- Architectural and civil engineering mitigation measures
- Non-structural mitigation measures, and
- Sensors and devices/ systems for hazard detection

Contents of the volume and executive summary of the seminar may viewed at www.nicee.org/publication.php

The publication can be made available to interested personal on payment of Rs. 450/- per copy. (Overseas orders may add Rs. 600/- per copy for Air Mail postage and handling). Payment can

be made by credit card at web site www.nicee.org/payment.php mentioning "INAE Seminar Proceedings" 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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3. **Handbook on Seismic Retrofit of Buildings**

The Central Public Works Department, and the Indian Buildings Congress in association with IIT Madras have brought out a "Handbook on Seismic Retrofit of Buildings". The same has been published by Narosa Publishing House.

4. **Earthquake Tips in Marathi**

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 12, 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.

5. **Earthquake Tips in Hindi**

Vigyan Prasar has published Hindi translation of EQTip: 20 of IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips series in their monthly newsletter "Dream 2047" of February 2008 issue. The softcopy of the same in PDF format is available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>

6. **Seminar on Advances in Civil Engineering (ACE - 08) at AEC, Bhatkal, Karnataka, India (March 9-10, 2008)**

Two day Seminar on Advances in Civil Engineering is being held at Anjuman Engineering College, Bhatkal, Karnataka, India, during March 9-10, 2008.

Please contact Prof. Sandeep J. Nayak, Convener at ace_08aec@yahoo.com for further details.

7. **National Conference on Infrastructure Development in Civil Engineering at NIT Hamirpur (HP), India (May 16- 17, 2008)**

National Institute of Technology Hamirpur (HP) is organizing a National Conference on Infrastructure Development in Civil Engineering during May 16-17, 2008. The last date for submission of abstract is 15 March, 2008. For further details please contact Dr. Vijay Shankar Dogra, NIT Hamirpur - 177 005 (HP), e-mail: vijay@nitham.ac.in , Mobile: 09418464896

8. **Sixth International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering at Arlington, VA(USA) (August 11-16, 2008)**

The Sixth International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering and Symposium in honour of Professor James K. Mitchell will be held during August 11-16, 2008 in Arlington, VA (USA). For further information, please contact, Lindsay Bagnall, Conference Secretary, e-mail: 6icchg@st.edu

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

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

The newsletter includes:

- Election Results
- Concrete Coalition Seeks Participation
- Honorary Member – Christopher Arnold
- Endowment Fund Donors
- Blind Analysis Contest Winners
- USGS Award to Arabasz
- New Post for Alcocer
- New Tsunami Alerts
- Publications – Disaster Advances, Tsunami Guidebook
- NEES Workshop on Seismic Isolation
- NEES Annual Meeting
- Engineers, Scientists and Emergency Managers to meet in Seattle

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