

## NICEE Newsletter: December 2008

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#### **1. NICEE at ICI Exhibition at Expo Mart, Greater Noida**

A stall was set up at the ICI exhibition at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, during December 11 – 14, 2008 during the ICI – Innovative World of Concrete '08 conference. All the publications of NICEE were displayed to enable its members and visitors to have a firsthand exposure. About 200 new registrations were made by the visitors during the exhibition.

#### **2. NICEE Brochure and Annual Report**

The latest Brochure of NICEE and Annual Report for April 2007 to March 2008 has been dispatched to all subscribers. These are also available at [http://www.nicee.org/NICEE\\_Brochure2008.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/NICEE_Brochure2008.pdf) and [http://www.nicee.org/AnnualReport\\_2008.pdf](http://www.nicee.org/AnnualReport_2008.pdf) respectively. During last year NICEE has received a donation of Rs. 6.90 Lakhs from 128 members with a median donation of Rs. 2000/- while the average was Rs. 5,480/-. An appeal for donation has been sent to all subscribers. For making a contribution, please visit [www.nicee.org/Giving.php](http://www.nicee.org/Giving.php).

#### **3. Second Announcement for call of papers for the Ninth U.S. National and Tenth Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering: Reaching Beyond Borders, Toronto, Canada, July 25 – 29, 2010**

Ninth U.S. National and Tenth Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering: Reaching Beyond Borders, is scheduled to be held in Toronto, Canada, during July 25-29, 2010. An abstract can be submitted by visiting the conference web page <http://2010eqconf.org/>.

Please note that the abstract submission deadline is March 31, 2009.

The conference will provide a unique environment to develop synergy between U.S. and Canadian colleagues as well as other participants from around the world. This conference will bring together professionals from a broad range of disciplines, including architecture, structural engineering, seismology, geology, geophysics, geotechnical engineering, social response, regional planning, emergency response planning, and regulation. The conference venue is the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

**4. Indian Geotechnical Conference (IGC) – 2009, Guntur, December 16 – 19, 2009**

RVR & JC College of Engineering, Guntur will host Indian Geotechnical Conference (IGC)-2009 in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh during December 16-19, 2009.

Prospective authors may submit abstract of about 300 words by e-mail to [igc2009.guntur@gmail.com](mailto:igc2009.guntur@gmail.com) by March 15, 2009. For further details, please contact

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**5. Earthquake Tips in Marathi**

IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tip no. 22, 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](mailto:nicee@iitk.ac.in).

**6. Dr. Deepankar Choudhury receives Shamsheer Prakash Research Award 2008**

Dr. Deepankar Choudhury, Associate Professor of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai received the Shamsheer Prakash Research Award at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of IIT Roorkee on 08 November 2008.

**7. Fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics and Symposium in honour of Professor I.M. Idriss, San Diego, CA during May 24 – 29, 2010**

The call for papers of the fifth International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics which is scheduled to be held in San Diego, CA during May 24 – 29, 2010 has been posted on the conference web site. The last date is April 02, 2009. For further details please visit <http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/>

**8. Call for papers for special Issue of American Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences**

Call for submission of original research papers by January 15, 2009 for a Special Issue of July 2009 of the 'American Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences', published by Science Publications, USA has been issued. Paper must be in the broad field of "Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering: Recent Developments". For more details, contact the Guest Editor of this special issue, Dr. Deepankar Choudhury, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, Mumbai-400076, India by email [dc@civil.iitb.ac.in](mailto:dc@civil.iitb.ac.in) or [dchoudhury@iitb.ac.in](mailto:dchoudhury@iitb.ac.in)

## 9. Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter

The recent two issues of Earthquake Hazard Centre Newsletter of the School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand can be read or downloaded from <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/architecture/research/ehc/#newsletters>.

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

The December 2008 issue of the EERI Newsletter is now available online at: [http://www.eeri.org/cds\\_publications/newsletter.html](http://www.eeri.org/cds_publications/newsletter.html)

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