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Details:

1. 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 from 27 Aug 2009 to 05 Sep 2009 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. The announcement with the nomination form has been sent to all colleges in India. The last date of receipt of completed application form is 15 Jul 2009. The form can also be downloaded from http://www.nicee.org/MTech_Workshop_2009.pdf . For further details or any queries please contact : Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

2. IAEE Guidelines for Earthquake Resistant Non-Engineered Construction (Oriya Translation by NICEE)

NICEE is pleased to release this special in-house publication in Oriya, which was originally available from the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE), Tokyo, Japan. This book is made available in the local language so that the local engineers and Oriya speaking artisans of the country can immediately enforce the principles described in this book while making earthquake-resistant constructions in their neighbourhood. To obtain a hard copy of the same please contact, M/s Panchasakha Prakasan, Sutahat, Cuttack - 1, Mobile - 09937088289. The guidelines can be downloaded from the link http://www.nicee.org/IAEE_Oriya.php

3. Interesting article on prediction of earthquakes

An interesting article has been published in The New York Times. The same can be read using the link http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/12/opinion/12hough.html?_r=1

4. 2009 SP Prize for Excellence in the Practice of Geotechnical Engineering

SP FOUNDATION invites nominations , worldwide, for the above Prize, for young Engineers/ scientists, 45 years or younger. The award consists of cash prize of US \$ 1100, and a plaque. The last date of nominations is September 30, 2009. For further details please visit www.yoga10.org

5. GEM Requests for Proposals for Hazard Global Components

GEM (Global Earthquake Model) will be the first global, open source model for seismic risk assessment at a national and regional scale, and aims to achieve its goals by developing state-of-the-art open source software and global databases necessary for reliably mapping earthquake risk. GEM has issued five requests for proposals for hazard global components covering historical and instrumental earthquake catalogues, geodetic strain rate models, active fault and seismic source databases and ground-motion prediction equations; the target budgets for these calls range from Euro 250,000 to 450,000. The deadline for submission is 15 July 2009. More information can be found by visiting www.globalquakemodel.org

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

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

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

It contains a flyer soliciting submissions for the next Annual Graphics Competition, due 8-31-09.

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