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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **News of the Profession**

## **NSF NEES FAQ Web Site Available**

The first FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet for the National Science Foundation's NEES (Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation) Programs Solicitation is up on the Web. The NEES Programs Solicitations were described on page 2 of the February 2000 issue of *Newsletter*. The Web address for the FAQ sheet is [www.eng.nsf.gov/nees/Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions/frequently\\_asked\\_questions.htm](http://www.eng.nsf.gov/nees/Frequently_Asked_Questions/frequently_asked_questions.htm). The FAQ sheet can also be found by using the "FAQ" button to the left of the NEES home page at [www.eng.nsf.gov/nees](http://www.eng.nsf.gov/nees). Questions concerning the NEES Program Solicitations are accepted only by e-mail. Responses of interest are posted to the FAQ sheet.

### **News of the Institute**

## **52nd Annual Meeting: Forums Taking Shape**

One of the most interesting features of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 31-June 3 in St. Louis, will be the Technical Committee Forums on Friday afternoon.

One forum will be a debate focusing on the proposition that "research has not served well the needs of earthquake engineering," moderated by Paul Somerville. Speaking in favor will be Chris Poland of Degenkolb Engineers, EERI's President Elect. Dan Abrams of the University of Illinois will speak against the proposition. They will each have ten minutes to argue the case, followed by open discussion. Another forum will be introduced by Rob Olshansky of the University of Illinois and will feature open discussion of "Challenges Posed by Policy: Infrequent but High-Consequence Events," which underlines the overall theme of the meeting: "Reducing Losses for Infrequent but High-Consequence Earthquakes."

Another innovative session on Saturday will feature a panel discussion moderated by John Theiss of EQE International on "The Future of Earthquake Engineering"; the panelists will be Maurice Power of Geomatrix Consultants, Dennis Mileti of the University of Colorado, and Ron Hamburger of EQE.

To support and encourage participation by EERI's younger members, student members are being offered half-price registration (\$200) for the full Annual Meeting. Local St. Louis students and young professionals (age 35 and under) are eligible for a special Saturday-only registration for only \$35. The Saturday program includes the above-mentioned panel discussion, a Young Professionals Session, the 2000 Distinguished Lecture (which this year will be presented by Joseph Penzien of International Civil Engineering Consultants), a lunchtime tribute to Otto Nuttli, and the field trips (see the *March Newsletter*).

The program brochure containing meeting and hotel registration forms has been mailed to all members. For your convenience, a meeting registration form is inserted in this *Newsletter*.

Keep in mind that for EERI to fill its room block and for you to obtain the best room rate, you must make your hotel reservation by April 25, 2000. (If necessary, you can cancel hotel reservations up to 24 hours before arrival without penalty.)

Nonmembers who become members when registering will get a \$15 discount on their 2000 membership, and will qualify for the member registration fee of \$395 instead of the non-member rate of \$430.



*Photo courtesy of St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission*

## News of the Profession

### New Members of CSSC

California Governor Gray Davis recently announced the appointments of Andrew A. Adelman, Douglas E. Mochizuki, and Ashok S. Patwardhan as members of the California Seismic Safety Commission (CSSC). Assuming confirmation by the Senate, these appointments will fill 3 of the 9 commission vacancies.

Mr. Adelman is the General Manager for the Department of Building and Safety for the City of Los Angeles, a position he has held since 1997. He previously worked for the City of San Jose as the Chief Building Official and for the City of Fremont as the Plans and Permits Manager.

Mr. Mochizuki is the Battalion Chief for the City of Orange Fire Department. He has been with the City of Orange Fire Department since 1973, serving as division chief, fire captain, engineer, and firefighter.

Dr. Patwardhan of Concord is the Director of the Chartex Corporation. He has more than 35 years of experience in planning and evaluation for energy and environmental projects around the world. He has supervised projects involving engineering, earth sciences, environmental sciences, risk analysis, and public policy in the areas of nuclear, fossil, and hydroelectric power.

### Employment Opportunities

**California Council of Geoscience Organizations (CCGO)**, San Pedro, California. Part-time Executive Director to support a statewide organization comprised of twelve organizations (representing 3300 members) and 28 business members. CCGO advocates the use of sound

geologic knowledge and practice in California by proposing, reviewing, and monitoring laws, regulations, and public policies. The Executive Director works with the Board of Directors (representatives of the member organizations) to assist in implementing CCGO's Strategic Plan and its goals in the areas of Legislation, Regulatory Review, Governmental Relations, Professional Practice, Public Outreach, and Member and Contributor Services. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2000. Contact: CCGO, Attn: Executive Director Search Committee, 1275 W. 14th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731, Web site: [www.ccco.org](http://www.ccco.org); or CCGO President Betsy Mathieson, phone: 650/688-6755; e-mail: [emathieson@exponent.com](mailto:emathieson@exponent.com).

### CRSI Scholarships Available for Civil and Architectural Engineering Students

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) Foundation has announced its scholarships programs for the 2000-2001 academic year. Their aim is to foster the development of practicing engineers in the field of site-cast reinforced concrete construction.

CRSI plans to award the following scholarships: \$2,500 each to senior students who are majoring in civil or architectural engineering; \$3,000 each to incoming graduate students (master's degree) in civil, structural, or architectural engineering. The total number of awards will be based on the amount of funds available in the fall of this year. Preference will be given to applicants who have shown an interest, either through their educational program or by work experience, in some phase of the reinforced concrete industry.

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 26, 2000. Additional information and application forms for the 2000-2001 scholarships programs are available from David P. Gustafson, Assistant Secretary, CRSI Foundation, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, 933 N. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173; phone: 847/517-1200 ext. 13; fax: 847/517-1206; Web site: [www.crsi.org](http://www.crsi.org).

### Call for Abstracts

### Symposium on Performance of Walls

Papers are invited for a Symposium on Performance of Exterior Building Walls, sponsored by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The symposium will be held March 31-April 1, 2001 in Phoenix, Arizona. The primary goals of this symposium are to provide current information on existing wall construction technologies, to provide a forum for discussion of information on new wall technologies and materials, and to encourage the sharing of information for improving the design and construction of exterior walls.

Prospective authors should submit a 250-300 word abstract and an ASTM paper submittal form by June 2, 2000 to Dorothy A. Fitzpatrick, Symposia Operations, ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Dr., P.O. Box C700, W. Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 (phone: 610/832-9677). Paper submittal forms are available from Ms. Fitzpatrick or from the Symposium Chairman, Paul G. Johnson, SmithGroup Inc., phone: 313/442-8183, fax: 313/442-8196, e-mail: [pjohnson@dt.smithgroup.com](mailto:pjohnson@dt.smithgroup.com). Abstracts will not be accepted by fax or e-mail. A Special Technical Publication based on the symposium peer-reviewed papers is anticipated by ASTM.

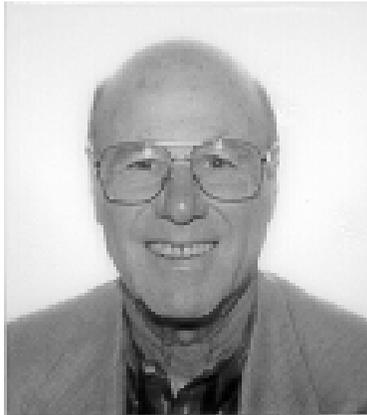
## News of the Membership

### Daniel Shapiro Elected Chairman of CSSC

The California Seismic Safety Commission (CSSC) recently elected EERI member Daniel Shapiro as its Chairman shortly after his re-appointment to the Commission in September 1999 by California Governor Gray Davis.

He was initially appointed as Commissioner in August 1995 by then-Governor Wilson. Mr. Shapiro was and remains the only structural engineer on the California Seismic Safety Commission, which is an interdisciplinary commission with the responsibility of investigating earthquakes, researching earthquake-related issues, and recommending to the Governor and Legislature policies and programs needed to reduce and mitigate earthquake risk.

In 1965 Mr. Shapiro founded SOHA Engineers, a firm whose principal activity is the structural design of new buildings and the seismic rehabilitation of existing buildings. He advises on many of the firm's major projects and establishes quality control for projects managed by his partners and associates. Mr. Shapiro has been a California registered engineer for 48 years and has practiced in San Francisco for his entire career. He



**Daniel Shapiro**

is a registered Civil and Structural Engineer in California and several other western states.

In addition to being the Chairman of CSSC, Mr. Shapiro is an Honorary Member of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California, a Fellow of the Structural Engineers Association of California, and has served as president of the Applied Technology Council. He is nationally recognized for his interest in the seismic rehabilitation of existing buildings, and for the past six years has been heavily involved in the FEMA-sponsored project to develop Guidelines for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings.

## Announcements

### Geodynamic Applications of GPS

A special session on "Geodynamic Applications of GPS" will be held at the IAG (International Association of Geodesy) Symposium on Gravity, Geoid and Geodynamics, to be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada July 31-August 4, 2000. This session focuses on the application of GPS observations to problems such as plate motions, dynamics of plate boundaries, tectonic deformation, earthquake processes, and earth structure. The deadline for submittal of abstracts for the IAG Symposium has passed; however, those interested in participating in this special session should contact Jeff Freymueller ([jeff@giseis.alaska.edu](mailto:jeff@giseis.alaska.edu)) or Frank Webb ([fhw@sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:fhw@sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov)). For more information on the IAG Symposium see the web site [www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~sideris/GGG2000/GGG2000.html](http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~sideris/GGG2000/GGG2000.html).

## News of the Profession

### ASTM Standardization News Online

*Standardization News* magazine, one of the premier publications covering standards development, is now online at [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org). *Standardization News* is the official publication of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

In addition to featuring ASTM technical committee standards development activities, the magazine includes news about national and global standards activities.

Sections featured in the new online version include Feature Articles, Commentary, Global Notebook, Tech News, and People.

## Publications

### Report on Hector Mine Earthquake

The Caltrans Engineering Service Center has published a post-earthquake investigation team report on the Hector Mine Earthquake.

*Performance of Bridges During the Hector Mine Earthquake of October 16, 1999* is written by Jaro Simek and Ganapathy Murugesu, with contributions by EERI member Laliana Mualchin, Ben Vorobieff, and Charles Sikorsky. The report is edited by EERI member Mark Yashinsky and Craig Whitten. It contains general information on the earthquake and its seismological features, an area bridge maintenance engineer report, and detailed post-earthquake inspection team reports for four bridges.

For more information on the 54-page report and its availability, contact Mark Yashinsky at Caltrans (phone: 916/227-8719; fax: 916/227-8898; e-mail: [myash@jps.net](mailto:myash@jps.net)).

## News of the Institute

# Summary Minutes of the December 3, 1999 Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Preliminaries:** The meeting was called to order by President C. Arnold at 9:20 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 1999. Directors present included N. Abrahamson, T. Anagnos, Secretary/Treasurer C. Comartin, J. Jirsa, Past President J. Nigg, and P. Somerville. Also present were Great Lakes President S. K. Ghosh, R. Mayes, Executive Director S. Tubbesing, and Administrative Secretary X. van de Walle. Vice President R. Hamburger arrived at 11:00 a.m. Comartin departed at 3:00 p.m. Director T. O'Rourke was absent.

**President's Report:** President Arnold summarized the recommendations from EERI's Nominating Committee on vacancies in the California Seismic Safety Commission. He will contact the nominees prior to sending the proposed slate to the Governor.

He also reported that I. Buckle has enthusiastically accepted the position of Experimental Research Chair.

### **Executive Committee Update:**

**Learning from Earthquakes Program and Budget:** Executive Director Tubbesing will incorporate recommendations from the LFE Committee and the Board and will submit the proposal to NSF by the end of 1999. Existing funds have been depleted by the Taiwan and Turkey earthquakes.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** The combined balance sheet as of October 31, 1999 shows the Institute's opening fund balance of \$177,580 increased by excess revenue over expenses of \$195,188. EERI's total liabilities balance of \$52,955 combined with the total fund balance equaled \$425,723. The Endowment Program's opening fund balance of \$699,809 increased by excess reve-

nue over expenses of \$33,557. The Endowment Program's total liabilities balance of \$71,964 combined with the total fund balance equaled \$805,329. All programs combined, including association, technical, and endowment, totaled \$1,231,052.

The Investment Funds Report showed \$140,683 in the General Administrative Short-Term Fund, \$84,937 in the General Administrative Long-Term Fund, and \$733,362 in the Endowment Fund. The Grants Status Summary showed that of \$2,288,805 in active grants, \$2,066,265 had been expended as of October 31, 1999.

**2000 Budget:** Comartin reviewed the proposed 2000 budget. It projects a \$55,000 loss for 2000. EERI will end 1999 with a surplus. Comartin feels that the income figures are very conservative, and the expenses are realistic. His recommendations were to adopt this budget and hold 1999's excess in reserve to offset the projected deficit. The Board adopted the budget as presented.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

**Office Database Conversion:** Tubbesing reported that the conversion of the Membership database from Filepro to Access continues. Managing Editor N. Sutherland has begun to use Access to track the manuscripts for *Spectra*.

**Publications Report:** Tubbesing reviewed the report prepared by Publications Manager E. Gilland. Total sales appear to be similar to last year; the sale of slide sets and videos dropped, and CD ROM sales increased. Special promotions are being conducted regularly and have increased sales.

**12WCEE travel grant review:** Tubbesing reported that the 12WCEE travel grant committee composed of D. Alesch, D. Bonneville, A. Kiremidjian, N. Hawkins, and S. Dickinson completed their review of the travel grant applications. Fifty grants were

awarded, and nine alternates selected, out of about ninety applications received.

**Regional Chapters Report:** S. K. Ghosh reported on the activities of the Great Lakes Chapter. It is facing internal organizational challenges. The chapter appreciates the visit by the Distinguished Lecturer; it also would be interested in holding earthquake briefings and hosting relevant technical seminars. He suggested that it would be helpful for the chapter presidents to receive minutes of the Board Meetings, and the Board agreed.

### **Endowment Committee:**

**Annual Report:** Special Projects Manager M. Greene is working on the 1999 Annual Report. (It was an insert in the March *Newsletter*.) Endowment contributions for 1999 have been the highest since the inception of the fund in 1994. A final 1999 contribution campaign will be mailed in early December.

**Year 2000 Proposed Projects:** Updated summaries for two projects, which the Endowment Committee recommends funding in 2000, were provided to the Board. The first project is on the Seismic Vulnerability of the World's Housing. The second is Earthquake Risk for Local Governments, a joint effort between EERI and the Public Agency Risk Managers Association (PARMA). EERI's contribution to this project will be \$20,000, which will be matched by PARMA, for a total project budget of \$40,000. W. Petak will chair this project and F. Krimgold will represent the Endowment Committee. The Board approved funding for the 2000 Endowment Projects as presented.

**2000 Annual Meeting:** The Board reviewed the November 24, 1999 agenda draft for the Annual Meeting and expressed satisfaction with the program and social functions planned by the local committee.

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**EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**2000-2001 EERI/FEMA  
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN  
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION**

EERI is pleased to announce the availability of a Graduate Fellowship for the 2000-2001 academic year to support one full-time student in a discipline contributing to the science and practice of earthquake hazard mitigation.

The one-year fellowship, underwritten with funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is designed to foster the participation of capable individuals in working toward goals and activities of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

**AWARD**

The EERI/FEMA fellowship provides a nine-month stipend of \$12,000, and an additional \$8,000 for tuition, fees and research expenses.

**CRITERIA**

Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university and must hold U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status. All applications must include an academic transcript and a statement of educational and career goals.

Applications shall be submitted by a faculty sponsor at the host institution, together with a letter of nomination. Two additional reference letters should be submitted directly to EERI. They should evaluate the applicant's recent academic performance and the candidate's potential to contribute to the field.

**TO APPLY**

Candidates may obtain application forms from their college or university departments, from EERI's web site (<http://www.eeri.org>), or upon request from:

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499 14th Street, Suite 320  
Oakland, California 94612-1934  
(510) 451-0905 fax: (510) 451-5411 e-mail: [eeeri@eeeri.org](mailto:eeeri@eeeri.org)

**Deadline for receipt of all application materials at EERI is MAY 15, 2000.  
Announcement of the award will be made on June 16, 2000.**

## Board Meeting Minutes

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**7NCEE:** The Board reviewed a recent e-mail from M. Bruneau, Chair of the 7NCEE Organizing Committee. Plans for the July 21–25, 2002 meeting to be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston appear to be moving along smoothly. Tubbesing will talk to A. Dargush regarding the budget and provide her with examples from previous national conferences.

**LFE Advisory Committee Meeting:** The LFE committee recently met in EERI's offices and made a number of suggestions for changes to the LFE program. These include: applying the California clearinghouse model to foreign earthquakes, elimination of the Project Manager position, expanding the LFE Advisory Committee role, and adding a team member in charge of technology. These changes will be reflected in the grant proposal.

**6ICSZ:** Organization of this conference to be held in November 2000 continues to progress. An International Advisory Committee has been formed, and its members will be sent the PDF file and hard copies of the second call for abstracts to distribute.

**Workshop on Research Needs:** A workshop was held October 25-26, 1999 in San Francisco. Director Jirsa commended M. Greene on the report she produced, noting that she was handed "hodge-podge" notes from the working groups and has compiled the conclusions in a logical and coherent manner.

**ANSS Committee:** USGS is forming a new committee, the Advanced National Seismic System network. N. Abrahamson and P. Somerville were approved as EERI's representative and alternate, respectively.

**Finalities:** President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 1999.

## News of the Institute

### Endowment Fund Contributions

EERI has received the following contributions to the Endowment Fund.

#### \$100-199

John Egan  
Brandon Erickson  
Juan Esquivel  
Thomas McLane  
Yoshinori Owasa  
Akira Wada

#### Other Amounts

Nesrin Basoz  
Patricia Bolton  
Roger Borchardt  
Lori Dengler  
Hossein Hosseinian  
Ryosuke Inoue

Ali Memari  
Joseph Nicoletti  
Alvin Rodriguez  
Roger Sharpe

### Subscribing Members Encouraged to Exhibit and Sponsor at Annual Meeting

One of the benefits of Subscribing Membership in EERI is the opportunity to exhibit at all EERI Annual Meetings without paying an exhibit fee. Because this year's Annual Meeting will be held in the Midwest (see page 1), exhibitors will have an opportunity to reach an entirely new audience of engineers and other design professionals, insurance representatives, transportation engineers, and planners in a region of serious but infrequent seismic risk.

EERI is also offering Subscribing Members an opportunity to play a more visible role by serving as sponsors for various events. Support from sponsors helps us keep the registration fee affordable so more people can participate, and will bring sponsors new visibility in the Midwest as major players in the earthquake field. The names of all sponsors will be prominently acknowledged in all participants' materials and highlighted at the sponsored event. Individual sponsors are being sought for receptions and coffee breaks, but several sponsors may wish to join together to contribute to larger events. This is an opportunity to increase the professional community's awareness of sponsoring organizations' commitment to EERI and the profession. Subscribing members and prospective sponsors should contact Sonya Hollenbeck ([sonya@eeri.org](mailto:sonya@eeri.org)), EERI's Member Services Coordinator, as soon as possible, indicating interest in exhibiting or sponsoring.

## Publications

### Dam Safety 1999 Proceedings Available

Proceedings are available of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials' Dam Safety (ASDSO) 1999 Conference, held October 10-13, in St. Louis, Missouri. They are a compendium of over 60 technical papers addressing the topics of design, construction, rehabilitation, erosion issues, state regulatory programs, techniques for dam safety evaluations, seismic behavior and analysis, hydrologic parameter selection, management of gates, new developments in roller-compacted concrete, risk assessment, geotechnical issues, emergency preparedness, and more. They can be ordered from ASDSO, 450 Old Vine St., 2nd Floor, Lexington, KY 40507-1544; phone: 606/257-5140; fax: 606/323-1958; e-mail: [info@damsafety.org](mailto:info@damsafety.org); Web site: [www.damsafety.org](http://www.damsafety.org). The cost is \$60 for soft cover and \$30 for the CD-ROM. Member discounts are available.

## CALENDAR

Items that have appeared previously are severely abbreviated. The issue containing the first, or most informative, appearance is indicated at the entry's end. Items listed for the first time are shown in **bold**.

### 2000

#### APRIL

9-12. Seismological Society of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. Info: **www.seismosoc.org** (8/99)

10-11. Structural Damage ID Short Course, Washington, DC. Info: **www.la-dynamics.com** (2/00)

26-29. Third Int. Conf. on GDIN, Ankara, Turkey. Info: **www.meetu.edu.tr/home/wwwdmc** (2/00)

#### MAY

5-6. 5th Conference on Tall Buildings in Seismic Regions, Los Angeles, CA. Info: Marshall Lew, **mlew@lawco.com** (11/99)

8-10. Structures Congress 2000, Philadelphia, PA. Info: **www.asce.org/conferences/structures2000** (9/99)

15-17. ASDSO Western Region Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. Info: **djsd461@ecy.wa.gov** (2/00)

21-24. Engineering Mechanics 2000 Conference, Austin, TX. Info: **www.ce.utexas.edu/em2000** (9/99)

21-24. ASCE Forensics 2000 Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Info: **www.asce.org/conferences/forensics** (12/99)

28-June 2. Composite Construction in Steel and Concrete IV, Banff, Alberta, Canada. Info: **www.uefoundation.org** (7/99)

31-June 3. EERI Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. Info: **www.eeri.org** (2/99, 3/00, 4/00)

#### JUNE

5-6. Structural Damage ID Short Course, Madrid, Spain. Info: **www.**

**la-dynamics.com** (2/00)

18-21. International Conference on Monte Carlo Simulation, Monte Carlo, Monaco. Info: **www.uibk.ac.at/c/c8/c810/conf/mcs\_2000.html** (10/99)

19-22. Conference on Vibration Theory and Applications, Xi'an, China. Info: fax +86-29-3237910 (4/99)

#### JULY

24-26. ASCE Probabilistic Mechanics and Structural Reliability Conference, Notre Dame, IN. Info: **www.nd.edu/~pmc2000** (6/99)

24-26. Structural Stability Research Council Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN. Info: **www.ce.ufl.edu/~inssrc/ssrc.html** (8/99)

**31-August 4. IAG Symposium, Banff, Alberta, Canada. See page 3. (4/00)**

#### AUGUST

16-19. SEAOC 2000 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia. Info: **www.seaonc.org/2000convention.html** (2/00)

17-21. 5th Int. Symp. on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Info: **www.5iseggsd.eng.ufmg.br** (2/99)

21-24. STESSA 2000 Conference, Montreal, Canada. Info: **tremblay@struc.polymtl.ca** (3/99)

#### SEPTEMBER

17-22. WSSPC Natural Hazards Conference, Seattle, WA. Info: **www.wsspc.org** (2/00)

18-21. 16th Congress of the Int'l Ass'n of Bridge and Structural Engineering, Lucerne, Switzerland. Info: **www.iabse.ethz.ch** (1/99)

21-24. 43rd Association of Engineering Geologists Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. Info: **www.aegweb.org** (3/00)

25-26. 3rd International Conference on Ground Improvement Techniques, Singapore. Info: fax +65-235-3530, **cipremie@signet.com.sg** (7/99)

#### OCTOBER

5-7. Deep Foundations Institute International Conference and Exposition, New York, NY. Info: **www.dfi.org** (11/99)

11-13. Risk 2000 Conference, Bologna, Italy. Info: **www.wessex.ac.uk** (1/00)

#### NOVEMBER

7. Kobori Symposium, Kyoto, Japan. Info: **suzuki@zeisei.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp** or **wdiwan@caltech.edu** (3/00)

7-9. 5th International Conference on Corporate Earthquake Programs, San Jose, CA. Info: Steven Vukazich, **vukazich@email.sjsu.edu** (11/99)

12-15. 6th International Conf. on Seismic Zonation, Palm Springs, CA. Info: EERI office, **eeri@eeri.org**, **www.eeri.org** (6/98, 12/99)

#### DECEMBER

13-15. ASD 2000, Hong Kong. Info: **ceylxu@polyu.edu.hk** (3/00)

### 2001

#### JANUARY

7-12. Conference on Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics, Tucson, AZ. Info: **intermix.engr.arizona.edu/~epd/#IACMAG** (11/99)

#### FEBRUARY

7-10. 2001 EERI Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA. Info: **www.eeri.org** (2/00)

#### MARCH

**31-April 1. ASTM Symposium on Performance of Exterior Walls, Phoenix, AZ. See page 2. (4/00)**

### 2002

#### JULY

21-25. 7th National Conference on Earthquake Engineering, Boston, MA. Info: **www.eeri.org** (9/99)

## News of the Institute

### EERI Urges Congress to Support ANSRMS

As chair of EERI's Strong Motion Committee, Marcia McLaren recently sent letters to members of the Appropriation Committees of the Subcommittees on the Interior of both houses of Congress. She strongly urged them to fund the Advanced National Seismic Research and Monitoring System (ANSRMS) as part of **H.R. 1184**, which appropriates funds to carry out the Earthquake Hazard Reduction Act of 1977. The letters included the following statements:

*EERI is committed to the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) and to the development, expansion, and the maintenance of strong motion instruments as a critical element in this Program. Seismic monitoring will*

*contribute to our understanding of the effects of earthquakes on the urban environment and will provide information that will enable the development of better building codes, policies, and practices.*

*The EERI Strong Motion Committee believes that ANSRMS is fundamental to establishing a modern and effective national seismic monitoring system that will enhance earthquake research and warning capabilities, benefit engineering practice, and advance earthquake safety. We urge you to support this appropriation.*

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## News of the Profession

### CUREe Becoming National

The Board of Directors of the California Universities for Research in

Earthquake Engineering (CUREe) recently set a goal for this year of becoming a national organization, rather than limited to California. Its new name will be "Consortium of Universities for Research in Earthquake Engineering." This change is intended to provide a focus and voice for university-based earthquake engineering in the United States. As it has done up to now, the new CUREe will collaborate with other organizations, will include practicing engineers on its governing board, and will envision opportunities to develop new areas of research and loss reduction.

CUREe recently issued a new poster, "Earthquake Engineering in the 20th Century," celebrating accomplishments in this field. Some of the developments shown on the poster are expanded upon in the 2000 CUREe Calendar. Ordering information for both can be found on their web site at [www.curee.org](http://www.curee.org).



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