CSI Hosts Student Leadership Council (continued from page 1)

During their retreat, the students discussed projects for the coming year and reviewed the past year, which included the 2008 design competition at the EERI Annual Meeting in New Orleans as well as three business and industry partners’ seminars that encouraged interaction between students and industry.

The new SLC co-presidents are Lisa Star and Anne Lemnitzer (both from UCLA), and their faculty advisors are Scott Brandenberg (UCLA) and Scott Olson (UIUC). The transition to EERI creates a natural base from which to draw new representatives, allowing the SLC to fill open positions in the coming year with EERI student chapter presidents both nationally and internationally. The SLC is currently working to include more schools from around the country. Presidents of active EERI student chapters are encouraged to contact the SLC at eeri.slc@gmail.com.

For more information about the SLC and upcoming events (including the 2009 Seismic Design Competition in Salt Lake City — see the enclosed poster), visit www.eeri.org/slc. The SLC extends thanks to CSI for sponsoring the retreat and hosting them in Berkeley.

SLC members, CSI staff members, academic partners, and EERI board members at CSI in Berkeley, California.

Learning from Earthquakes

M6.4 Earthquakes Strike Pakistan

Two M6.4 earthquakes struck Pakistan about 12 hours apart on October 29, 2008 (local time). The epicenters were located in Baluchistan Province, about 60 km north of Quetta. Preliminary news reports have characterized the second event as an aftershock.

Earthquakes in Pakistan are the result of the northward movement of the Indian Plate into the Eurasian Plate. The city of Quetta was severely damaged in 1935 by a M7.6 earthquake on the Chaman fault. The October 29 earthquakes were located 80 km east of this fault, suggesting that other strike-slip faults are present beneath the fold-and-thrust belt of this region.

The first earthquake occurred early in the morning, collapsing thousands of mud-brick houses, causing massive landslides, and killing more than 300 people. Army planes began flying in emergency relief supplies, but some 40,000 people remain homeless in near-freezing temperatures. The earthquake and aftershocks are having devastating consequences to an area already in political and religious turmoil.

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