EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Founded in 1948, EERI's mission is to reduce earthquake risk by (1) advancing the science and practice of earthquake engineering, (2) improving understanding of the impact of earthquakes on the physical, social, economic, political, and cultural environment, and (3) advocating comprehensive and realistic measures for reducing the harmful effects of earthquakes.

NEWS OF THE INSTITUTE

Farzad Naeim to be Awarded the 2017 Bruce A. Bolt Medal

Farzad Naeim (M, EERI, 1983), President of Farzad Naeim, Inc., and Adjunct Professor of Engineering at University of California, Irvine, has been named the 2017 recipient of the Bruce A. Bolt Medal. The Bruce Bolt Medal is awarded jointly by the Consortium of Strong Motion Observation Systems (COSMOS), the Seismological Society of America (SSA), and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) to recognize individuals worldwide whose accomplishments involve the promotion and use of strong-motion earthquake data and whose leadership in the transfer of scientific and engineering knowledge into practice or policy has led to improved seismic safety.

For more than three decades, Dr. Naeim has been making significant contributions to earthquake engineering, technology and public policy. He consistently demonstrates extraordinary leadership transferring knowledge into practice to improve seismic safety. A prime example is his ongoing work with the City of Los Angeles to develop regulations for the design and construction of very tall buildings. His input and perseverance has resulted in significant seismic safety improvements in Los Angeles and other major cities.

Dr. Naeim has tirelessly served in leadership roles, including President of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), Editor-in-Chief of Earthquake Spectra, Chair of the Governance Board of the U.S. Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES), and Chair of the 10th U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering. He currently serves on the Seismic Advisory Board of the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) and is the Chair of the California Strong Motion Instrumentation Advisory Committee of the California Geological Survey.
Before founding his own firm, as Technical Director and General Counsel at John A. Martin & Associates (JAMA), Dr. Naeim established a mission to take the best technology publicly available and develop it into tailor-made design methodologies, analysis software, and earthquake-resistant design technologies that improve seismic safety. Over the years, he has developed 48 software systems for earthquake engineering design and education.

Dr. Naeim has often been recognized for excellence in his field. He received the Fazlur Khan Medal for lifetime achievement from the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat and has been awarded six Outstanding Journal Paper Awards from the Los Angeles Tall Buildings Structure and Design Council. He has authored four textbooks, 14 textbook chapters, more than 120 journal papers, and is the recipient of grants from such diverse agencies as EERI, FEMA, the County of Los Angeles, the California Strong Motion Instrumentation Program, Applied Technology Council (ATC), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), for studying various damage characteristics of earthquakes and their impact on seismic design practice. Not one to rest on his laurels, 20 years after receiving his Ph.D., Farzad obtained a Juris Doctor degree. In addition to being a licensed Civil and Structural Engineer, he is a licensed Patent Attorney.

Dr. Naeim will receive the Bruce Bolt Medal at the EERI Annual Meeting on March 7-10, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. More information can be found at EERI.org.

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Don't be Left Behind! Renew your EERI Membership for 2017

If you have not already renewed your EERI membership for 2017, please don't wait.

Whether you've read an Earthquake Spectra article; followed news pertinent to our profession in The Pulse of Earthquake Engineering e-newsletter; searched for and found colleagues in our online Membership Directory; browsed our online Earthquake Photo Galleries; participated in an EERI project; attended an EERI meeting, workshop, seminar; or plan to attend the 69th Annual Conference in Portland this year, we hope you continue to find value in your EERI membership.

Every year since 1948, EERI has strived to fulfill its mission — to gather and disseminate information about earthquake risk reduction and to advocate for realistic measures to reduce the harmful effects of earthquakes. In the face of natural disasters, multidisciplinary collaborations are critical to our earthquake risk reduction mission — and so is your continued membership and support.

On January 10, all EERI members (except student and honorary members) were sent via email a renewal notice for 2017. Following the renewal link in your email will direct you to a personal renewal page showing contact information with options for selecting chapter membership and making a voluntary contribution to the EERI Endowment Fund. If you can't locate the email, don't fret. You can simply click here to login and renew your membership.
For questions about membership, please contact Juliane Lane at Juliane@eeri.org.

Register for the EERI 69th Annual Meeting

EERI 69th Annual Meeting
“The Really Big One: The Road to Resilience”
March 7-10, 2017
Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront

New workshops added:
Post Earthquake Reconnaissance Workshop (PERW)
Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage (FEMA E-74)

Sign up now to receive the best discounts - rates increase February 8th.

Meet, network with, and learn from hundreds of fellow professionals in practice and research. Attend lectures, special sessions, breakouts, the EERI seismic design competition and team auction. Need more reasons to attend? Portland's unexpected attractions range from gardens and museums to breweries, artisan markets, hand roasted coffee, doughnuts to die for, the longest running farmers market in the nation and the largest independent bookstore in the world.

Check out the complete list of Things to do in Portland on our 2017 Annual Conference website.

EERI NYNE Chapter to hold 1-Day Symposium on New Zealand Earthquakes February 2, 2017
The EERI-NYNE Chapter is sponsoring a 1-day symposium and panel discussion:


The event will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 3:30 - 7:30 PM at The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen, 20 W. 44th Street, New York, NY.

Attendance is free but pre-registration is required due to space limitations. Please email nyne@eeri.org to register.

PDH units are offered at no cost to EERI members and $25 to non-members.


A panel discussion will follow featuring **Andrew Whittaker, David Wald** (M.EERI,1988), **Ramon Gilsanz** (M.EERI,2011), **Sissy Nikolaou** (M.EERI,2004), President of the EERI NYNE Chapter, **Mary Comerio** (M.EERI,1988) EERI President.

More information on the symposium can be found on the promotional PDF here.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members

EERI welcomes members who have recently joined the Institute. If you wish to connect with your fellow members, you can locate their contact information in the EERI online membership directory, which requires logging in to the Member Resources Area of the EERI website.

REGULAR
JunHee Kim, Yonsei University
Taiki Saito, Toyohashi University of Technology

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
Panagiota (Yota) Kokkali, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff, Geotechnical

STUDENT
Ahmed Al-Kashri, UCLA, Civil
Bryan Wen Xi Ong, UCLA, Civil

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

PSU Forms New Student Chapter of EERI

EERI is pleased to welcome the new student chapter established at Portland State University.

The chapter's faculty advisor is Arash Khosravifar (M.EERI,2016), Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
The EERI contact member is **Yumei Wang** (M.EERI, 1989), Geohazards Engineer with the Oregon Department of Geology and Minerals Industries.

Founding student members are **Kathleen Mitchell** (M.EERI, 2016), **Erin Chew** (M.EERI, 2016), **Ke Liilah Slingluff** (M.EERI, 2016), **Quasay Aqooly** (M.EERI, 2016), **Tamae Spruell** (M.EERI, 2016), **Tsun-Ming Jonathon Sze** (M.EERI, 2016) and **Joseph Hill** (M.EERI, 2016).

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New Report on the New Zealand Earthquake and Tsunami Released

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) has issued a new report: **EERI Preliminary Notes on Tsunami Damage and Response: Tsunami Generated by M7.8 Kaikoura, New Zealand, Earthquake on November 14, 2016.**

This report is a product of EERI's Learning From Earthquakes (LFE) program, prepared by Rick Wilson (M. EERI, 2010), Senior Engineering Geologist with the California Geological Survey, and Laurie Johnson (M. EERI, 1990), Laurie Johnson Consulting/Research.

The report summarizes the damage and response outcomes of the tsunami generated by the M7.8 Kaikoura, New Zealand, earthquake on November 14, 2016. Although an LFE field team was not deployed to investigate tsunami impacts, the report relies of the professional experience of the authors, and provides information compiled from numerous references, input from colleagues, and primary data collected during and after the event. Laurie Johnson was a member of the Geotechnical Extreme Event Reconnaissance team supported by the National Science Foundation to investigate geotechnical effects of the earthquake.

A PDF of the report is available as a free download. [Read and download report](#)
Natural Hazards of 2016 (USGS Press Release) The U.S. Geological Survey works with partners to monitor, assess and conduct research on a wide range of natural hazards so that policymakers and the public have the understanding they need to enhance preparedness, response and resilience. Read More

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1. Open Google Calendar
2. On the left, above “My Calendars,” click Add + and then From URL.
3. Enter the EERI calendar's address in the field provided. EERI Calendar ics link

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Monday, April 27, 2020 - April 30
**SSA 2020 Annual Meeting**
SSA 2020 Annual Meeting
27-30 April 2020 — Albuquerque, New Mexico
The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Check back later for more information.

Friday, May 15 2020 5:00 PM - May 16 2:00 AM
**2020 Los Angeles Tall Buildings Conference**
The 2020 Los Angeles Tall Buildings Structural Design Council conference will cover a variety of topics related to recent advances in structural design of tall and special buildings. Learn more: www.latallbuildings.org

Monday, September 14, 2020 - September 18
**17th WCEE**
The 17th WCEE will be hosted in Sendai, Japan, from September 14th to 18th 2020. Check http://www.iaee.or.jp/ for more information.

Sunday, February 07, 2021 - February 10
**ASCE/UCLA San Fernando Earthquake Conference**
For more information: http://lifelines2021.ucla.edu/

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 - March 19
**EERI Annual Meeting**