First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology
September 3-8, 2006 - Geneva, Switzerland

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Welcome message

Dear Colleague,

The European Association of Earthquake Engineering (EAEE) and the European Seismological Commission (ESC) have long traditions of periodic conferences: the European Conference on Earthquake Engineering (ECEE) takes place every four years, and the General Assembly of the ESC every second year, respectively. In 2006, the EAEE and the ESC will join the 13th ECEE and the 30th ESC General Assembly to hold for the first time in common the First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (1st ECEES). The future will show whether common conferences become a new tradition!

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the 1st ECEES in Geneva on September 3-8, 2006. Do not miss this excellent opportunity for exchanges between seismologists and earthquake engineers. We will provide a stimulating forum for your discussions and a convivial atmosphere in which to make acquaintances and renew old friendships. A comprehensive grant program, financed by the Swiss Government, will support the participation of students and young researchers from economically weak countries.

We work hard to deliver a conference of the highest technical standards in an outstanding venue, the Centre International de Conférences de Genève (CICG), with an imaginative and varied programme. The conference will include all the elements you are used to find in the ECEE and ESC Assembly, as well as a number of new events fostering the interaction between earthquake engineers and seismologists, including common sessions, common keynote speakers and sessions discussing issues with opposite viewpoints of experts. In addition, a training course in engineering seismology will be hosted by the Swiss Seismological Service at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich in the week following the 1st ECEES.

A varied program for participants and accompanying persons will allow you to take full advantage of the conference location in Geneva, one of the important cultural cities of Europe, located at the foot of the majestic Alps. The conference dinner will take place on 100-year old steam ships cruising on the world famous lake of Geneva.

We are confident that you will find participation in this first common conference to be both professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable. We warmly invite you to register for the 1st ECEES and look forward to meeting you in Geneva in September 2006.

Martin Koller and Domenico Giardini
Co-Chairmen of the 1st ECEES

Robin Spence
President of the EAEE

Claudio Eva
President of the ESC
General Information

Important dates to remember
You are encouraged to submit a full paper to the conference. If you intend to do so, you are expected to submit an abstract of the paper until:

31 January 2006

Deadline for Grants:
31 January 2006

Notification of acceptance or rejection of the abstract:
28 February 2006

Submission of the full paper:
30 April 2006

If you do not intend to write a full paper, you can submit a stand alone abstract until:
30 April 2006

Congress dates
September 4 to 8, 2006

Congress venue
Centre International des Conférences de Genève (CICG)
15, rue Varembé
CH - 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

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Registration
Registration fees : Prices are in Swiss Francs

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The following items are included in the registration fee:
for participants : scientific sessions, abstract book, CD -Rom with extended abstracts/full papers, ice breaker reception, coffee breaks, and a pass for public transportation.
Meals are not included and a surcharge of CHF 20.- for the congress dinner is added.
Common Keynote Speakers

SEISMOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR DISPLACEMENT-BASED DESIGN
-A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER’S WISH LIST

Nigel Priestley
Principal, Priestley Structural Engineering
"Rose School" c/- EUCENTRE, Via Ferrata, 1-27100 Pavia, Italy

EARTHQUAKE DYNAMICS AND THE PREDICTION
OF STRONG GROUND MOTION

Raul Madariaga
Laboratoire de Géologie, Ecole Normale Supérieure
Paris, France

SITE EFFECT EVALUATION IN AREAS OF LOW SEISMICITY

Donat Fäh
Swiss Seismological Service ETH-Hoenggerberg
8093 Zurich, Switzerland

NEW STRATEGY FOR EARTHQUAKE RISK MANAGEMENT

Kenji Okazaki
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) Roppongi, Minato-ku,
Tokyo, 106-8677 Japan

Engineer Keynote Speakers

NEW GENERATION OF STRUCTURAL CONCRETE SYSTEMS
FOR SEISMIC RESISTANCE

José I. Restrepo
Professor in Structural Engineering - University of California
San Diego

STRENGTHENING MONUMENTS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS: THE CASE OF
THE BASILICA OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Giorgio Croci
Ordinario di tecnica delle costruzioni nella Facoltà di Ingegneria
di Roma

ON SEISMIC DESIGN OF FOUNDATIONS

George Gazetas
Professor of Soil Mechanics / Dynamics Department of Civil Engineering National
Technical University Athens, Greece

MASONRY BUILDING DESIGN IN SEISMIC AREAS: RECENT EXPERIENCES
AND PROSPECTS FROM A EUROPEAN STANDPOINT

Guido Magenes
Associate Professor of Structural Engineering Department of Structural Mechanics
Faculty of Engineering University of Pavia via Ferrata 1
27100 Pavia - Italy

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY OF EXISTING DAMS

Martin Wieland
Electrowatt-Ekono Ltd. Hardturmstrasse 161
CH-8037 Zurich Switzerland
Grant Application

The Organizing Committee of the First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (1st ECEES, Geneva 2006) will provide a number of Conference Grants for scientists and engineers from economically weak countries. The **deadline is January 31 2006**.

Basic Information

[1] General conditions for applications: Approximately 60 scientists from economically weak countries will be financed with ECEES 2006 support (conference grants). Preference is given to **younger scientists and engineers** below 35 years who provide a valuable contribution to the conference (presentation of a paper, participation in poster session, etc.). The Pre- and Post-Conference Fieldtrips are not included in the Conference Grants.

Applications must be submitted in English to the Organizing Committee of the 1st European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, Federal Office for Water and Geology, Dr. Olivier Lateltin, Ländtestrasse 20, CH-2501 Biel, Switzerland (E-mail: olivier.lateltin@bwg.admin.ch). **Incomplete applications are not eligible for funding and will be returned to the sender. Electronic submissions will also be accepted.**

[2] Two types of application for conference grants are possible:

1) A large grant that includes the registration fees for the ECEES Conference, a contribution to the travel costs and the accommodation at the University dormitory.
2) A partial support contribution that includes the registration fees for the ECEES Conference.

Requested documents for application

[3] CV of beneficiaries:

Each applicant has to submit a short **Curriculum Vitae**.

The CV must provide the following information:

- Administrative data:
- Surname, first name, academic degree, position, sex, date of birth, nationality
- Place of work (institution), street, street no., postal code, city, country
- Phone number (direct line and secretariat), fax number, e-mail
- Data on the academic career, the membership in societies and other bodies, the current position, and publication activities (list of publications over the past three years).

[4] Letter of recommendation:

Each applicant has to send a letter of recommendation signed by the hosting University/Organization.

[5] Abstract or paper submitted to the ECEES 2006:

Each applicant has to send a copy of his/her Abstract or paper submitted to the ECEES 2006 Conference.