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# **Agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum on Soil Dynamics**

*Venue: Committee Room, James Thomason Building, IIT Roorkee, Roorkee*

*Date and Time: Dec. 20, 2017(Wednesday) @ 11:00 AM*

## **1. Confirmation of minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 2016 meeting**

**The minutes have been circulated and then posted on the forum's website.**

## **2. Progress on hiring SP Chair Professor**

**The position has been advertised for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Invitation emails have also been sent to various faculty working in Earthquake Engineering in India for wider publicity. However, no nomination has been received.**

**Director, IIT Roorkee has agreed to allow appointment of eligible persons from abroad to SP Chair Professorship on 3 to 5 year basis. He or she need not to be an Indian citizen.**

## **3. Preparations on organizing 7th International Conference on Soil Dynamics in year 2020**

**It is proposed to organize the conference at IISc, Bangalore during forum's last meeting. Prof. Sitharam has expressed his willingness to take up this task.**

**Note: Prof. Sitharam is requested to send a note in advance of the forum's meeting to Dr. Ravi Jakka on details of the conference. (e.g. conference dates, calendar of events for call for papers, review of papers, decision, etc. & tentative budget, list of state of the art speakers, list of special speakers, timewise schedule, appointment of organizing committee, etc.)**

## **4. Status on organizing short term course on Soil Dynamics**

**Dr. Priyanka Ghosh has agreed to run the short term course on behalf of the forum.**

**Note: Dr. Ghosh is requested to send a note to Dr. Ravi Jakka regarding dates of short term course, list of speakers, course fee, venue and other details.**

## **5. Status on organizing 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop/Conference on Liquefaction**

**It is proposed to organize in year 2019. Dr. Ravi Jakka will update on this.**

**Note: A note will be prepared and circulated by Dr. Ravi Jakka regarding dates of workshop, list of speakers, fee, venue and other details.**

**6. Status on organizing International workshop on Dynamic Soil Structure Interaction**

**Prof. Deepankar Choudhury will update on this.**

**Note: Prof. Choudhury is requested to send a note to Dr. Ravi Jakka regarding dates of workshop, list of speakers, registration fee, venue and other details.**

**7. To open a bank account for the forum in a bank on IITR campus**

- a. To receive the forum's share from the savings of 6th ICORAGEE, it is required to open a bank account immediately.**
- b. The revenue, which is to be collected from conferences/courses/workshops has to be fixed appropriately.**
- c. The above collection may be used for awarding prizes for Lifetime Achievement, Excellent Thesis as proposed in item no. 12, etc.**
- d. Peripheral support to run forum's office activities. However, these funds will not be used for travel. No permanent office staff will be recruited at this point of time.**

**8. To take resolution about registering society as a non-profit society named as Forum/Society for Promotion of Soil Dynamics in India (SPSD)**

**To discuss modalities for registering the society. Society registration is necessary even for opening the bank account.**

**9. To appoint a new working chairman and others**

**Prof. Shamsheer Prakash has requested for the appointment of new Working Chairman as he is not keeping good health.**

- a. As per the suggestions of Prof. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee 'Director of IIT Roorkee' will be nominated as patron of the forum to avoid interaction with management.**
- b. Chairman will be Prof. S. Prakash or a new chairman will be appointed.**
- c. Co-chairman will be the Head of Dept. of Earthquake Engineering, Ex-Officio.**

**10. To appoint new additional coordinators from various IITs & other institutes to look after the activities of Forum at their institutions/regions. Future meetings of the forum will be held at different places with the assistance of the corresponding coordinator.**

**The following coordinators' names are proposed:**

- (i) Dr. Priyanka Ghosh from IIT Kanpur**
- (ii) Prof. T.G Sitharam from IISc Bangalore**
- (iii) Prof. Boominathan from IIT Madras**

- (iv) Prof. Debasis Roy from IIT Kharagpur
- (v) Dr. Murali Krishna from IIT Guwahati
- (vi) Dr. R. Ayothiraman from IIT Delhi

The above nominees are requested to send their consent & ideas before the meeting.

**11. To appoint a Deputy Secretary for the forum**

Some financial support may be provided to the Secretary General to run forum's office.

**12. To consider institution of excellence awards in India for the best PhD & MTech dissertations in the area of Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering**

It is proposed to introduce excellence awards for PhD and M.Tech students to recognise young talent and promote research in the area of geotechnical earthquake engineering.

**Proposed procedure for the evaluation of thesis:**

- (i) Secretary General solicit nominations from the members. Nomination call will be listed in ISET & IGS journals/newsletters.
- (ii) A small committee will be appointed for the selection of best thesis  
This committee will consist of
  - (a) Chairman of the forum or his/her nominee
  - (b) President ISET or his/her nominee
  - (c) Eminent person from academia/industry/research organization
  - (d) Sponsor/Nomine of the sponsor if any

The award value will be Rs. 25000/- per PhD & Rs. 10,000/- for M.Tech/M.S

Only one PhD & M.Tech thesis will be selected in the beginning.

**13. Any other item with the permission of the chair**

- Shamsheer Prakash