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## Dear all IISEE readers

By Dr. Tatsuya Azuhata, Director of IISEE

I hope that you, your family, and your colleagues have a happy and prosperous new year. All IISEE staff and all IISEE training course participants already have started this year's activity and now tackle their projects. The covid-19 have still been rumpus worldwide. It is seriously affecting the IISEE training also. This year, 15 young researchers and engineers are participating in the One-year Course.

However, four participants remain in their country even now. They are taking distance lectures from their home country. Now, all participants start to prepare for their individual study to get their master's degree. I believe that all of them will acquire fruitful results and reach the goal by supporting each other despite today's difficult situation.

We had to postpone the most recent short-term courses, namely the Global Seismological Observation Course and the Latin American Earthquake Engineering Course. Currently, we are planning to implement these courses together with this postponed course and the next course. If possible, we would like to implement these courses in Japan. Even if travel to Japan is restricted, we will manage to hold these courses by using the distance lecture method, etc., this time.

I think that remote conference systems like Zoom have globally become common during the corona-virus crisis. These internet tools enable us to contact any person worldwide. The IISEE conducted the IISEE web-seminar on Tsunami disaster mitigation using this remote system last December. Both current and past IISEE participants attended this seminar. I think they could obtain the newest knowledge, exchange information, and communicate with each other during the seminar. It is the first challenge of the web-seminar for us. We will hold this type of



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## Call for Papers

IISEE Bulletin is now accepting submissions of papers for the seismology, earthquake engineering, and tsunami. Developing countries are targeted, but are not limited. Your original papers will be reviewed by the editorial members and some experts.

NO submission fee is needed.

Try to challenge!

## Contact Us

The IISEE Newsletter is intended to act as a go-between for IISEE and ex-participants.

We encourage you to contribute a report and an article to this newsletter. Please let us know your current activities in your countries.

We also welcome your co-workers and friends to register our mailing list.

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IISEE seminar in February for seismology and in March for earthquake engineering.

We hear that the next One-year Course's target countries are Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Tonga, El Salvador, Colombia, Peru, Algeria, and Ghana. JICA and these countries' organizations will probably distribute the General Information (GI) in each country in February. If you get the GI, please encourage young researchers or engineers around you to apply for the next course.

In this Autumn, 17WCEE, which was postponed last year, will be held in Sendai, Japan. I would be happy to meet you at an international conference like this 17WCEE. I hope we have such opportunities more this year.

We would like to ask you for the same support as the last year. Please send any inquiry or request to [iisee@kenken.go.jp](mailto:iisee@kenken.go.jp).

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## On ASC and IASPEI (2021)

By Dr. Toshiaki Yokoi, Senior Fellow, IISEE

To all the readers of IISEE News Letter, I'd like to remind the opening of the abstract submission of the meeting of Asian Seismological Commission within the framework of the Joint Scientific Assembly IAGA-IASPEI2021 (On-line) Aug. 20-27, 2021. This is a chance for you to add a presentation at an international conference without paying a huge travel fee. The deadline is set at Apr.15, 2021.

Title of Abstract Text must be shorter than 75 words, and Abstract Text must be shorter than 250 words.

Please find more detailed information in the followings:

URL for IAGA-IASPEI: <http://iaga-iaspei-india2021.in/>

URL for 2nd Circular: [http://iaga-iaspei-india2021.in/IAGA\\_2\\_circular.pdf](http://iaga-iaspei-india2021.in/IAGA_2_circular.pdf)

The abstract submission: from Jan. 15 to Apr. 15, 2021.

Early bird registration: from Jan.15 to Jun. 30, 2021.

We don't need travel fee. As a IASPEI meeting, abstracts not only from Asia but from all over the world can be accepted.

Please consider participating it and adding one more presentation on your carrier.

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## Online IISEE Seminar by Prof. Yagi (Feb. 3rd)

By Dr. Bunichiro Shibazaki, Chief Research Scientist, IISEE

We will have an online IISEE seminar on February 3rd.

This time Prof. Yagi (Tsukuba Univ.) will introduce new research on earthquake source process and fault geometry.

Date and Time: February 3rd (Wed.) 15:00-16:40 (Japan Time)

Content:

High-Degree-of-Freedom Finite-Fault Inversion Method (Zoom) 15:00-16:00

Lecturer: Prof. Yuji Yagi (Tsukuba Univ.)

Introduction of recent IISEE activity 16:00-16:10

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Discussion using Spatial Chat 16:10-16:40

Lecturer: Prof. Yuji Yagi (Tsukuba Univ.)

Host: International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, Building Research Institute

If you can attend the seminar, please fill the following application form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHfe1hYHSqNdzIz-1\\_HBxbl7FKfZ3n5INhkiNT3pdsjk0SQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHfe1hYHSqNdzIz-1_HBxbl7FKfZ3n5INhkiNT3pdsjk0SQ/viewform)

It is necessary to have a computer or laptop with speakers, a microphone, and a video camera to attend the seminar.

If you have no experience in using Zoom, please refer to "Joining a meeting."

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>

If you cannot attend the real-time seminar, you will be able to watch the on-demand recorded seminar.

If you want to watch the on-demand recorded seminar, please request it.

Later we will inform you of the link and password of the on-demand seminar.