

FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Welcome

**to the Joint American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr)
and Computer Association of Nepal-USA (CAN-USA) Annual
Conference**

(2015 Joint ASNEngr/CAN-USA Annual Conference)

*(8th ASNEngr Annual Conference and General Membership Meeting and 8th CAN-USA
Annual Development Conference)*

“Engineering, Science and Technology for the Future”

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Venue

Hotel Clarion Inn
999 U.S. Route 1 South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, U.S.A.

Date

Saturday, August 29- Sunday, August 30, 2015

Conference Websites

www.ASNEngr.org and www.can-usa.org

WELCOME FROM CONFERENCE CHAIRS

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee of the American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) and the Computer Association of Nepal-USA (CAN-USA), we would like to extend our greetings and warm welcome to you to the 2015 Joint ASNEngr/CAN-USA Conference being held at the Hotel Clarion Inn, North Brunswick, New Jersey on 29th and 30th of August 2015. This conference, eighth in the series for each organization, and fifth joint endeavor, is thankfully hosted by American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) and Nepalese engineering, scientific, and professional community of Greater New York Area.

This joint conference has a fitting theme of *“Engineering, Science and Technology for the Future”* with the principal objective of bringing the engineers, scientists, students and professionals in related areas together on a common platform for sharing and disseminating knowledge and experience with each other and with broader scientific and engineering communities.

The technical program includes five sessions, including *“Plenary Keynote/Invited Lectures;” “Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, and Infrastructure Safety in Nepal-I”*; *“Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, and Infrastructure Safety in Nepal-II”*; *“Environment, Water Resources and Related Science and Technologies”*; and *“Recent Advances in Engineering and Sciences.”* Each of these sessions will feature individual presentations and question-answer forum to facilitate sharing of knowledge and experience among fellow engineers, scientists and professionals. This year we are proud to have a plenary session consisting of lectures on very timely and important topics related to the conference theme presented by three distinguished individuals, His Excellency Dr. Arjun K. Karki, Nepalese Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of Nepal, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, U.N. Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Land Locked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations, NY; and Mr. Dhruva R. Thapa, President, Nepal Engineers’ Association, Lalitpur, Nepal. The presenters and participants in the 4 regular technical sessions are engineers, scientists, and professionals who come from a broad base, including academia, government agencies, and private and multinational industries. The program covers a wide variety of scientific areas ranging from disaster preparedness to earthquake safety and emergency communication, to bio-sciences, energy and environmental issues to recent advances in engineering and education.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the authors/presenters who submitted their abstracts and are willing to share their research results and knowledge to the conference attendees. We believe that the presentations and forum for discussion at the conference will give all the participants ample opportunities to share their knowledge of research and development in the pertinent areas and create a common discussion ground for further enhancement of such research and knowledge.

We would like to thank the conference attendees for taking their valuable time in participating and supporting the conference. Our sincere thanks are due to all Conference Organizing Committee members, in particular the Local Organizing Committee members for their tireless effort and countless hours of voluntary service and to the members of the Board of Directors of ASNEngr and CAN-USA for their valuable suggestions and support.

Last but not least, we would like to express our deep appreciations to each and every distinguished invited guest in attendance, and all sponsors/donors for their generous support contributing to the success of this conference. We wish you have an enriching and memorable time at the conference and are committed to making that happen.

With warm regards,



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-- Overall Program Schedule at-a-Glance --

Saturday, August 29, 2015

7:30AM – 8:15 AM	Light Breakfast	(Lower level conference Lobby)
7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	On-Site Registration	(Lower level conference Lobby)
8:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Conference Opening	(Lower level conference Room))
8:45 AM – 9:35 AM	Plenary Session: Invited/Guest Speakers	(Lower level conference Room)
9:45 AM – 11:05 AM	Session I	(Lower level conference Room)
Session Title: <i>Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, Infrastructure Safety in Nepal – I</i>		(4 Presentations; 20 minutes each)
11:10 AM – 12:30 PM	Session II	(Lower level conference Room)
Session Title: <i>Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, Infrastructure Safety in Nepal –II</i>		(4 Presentations; 20 minutes each)
12:30 PM- 1:40 PM	Luncheon	(Lower level conference Room)
1:50 PM –3:30 PM	Session III	(Lower level conference Room))
Session Title: <i>Environment, Water Resources and Related Science and Technologies</i>		(5 Presentations; 20 minutes each)
3:40 PM –5:40 PM	Technical Session IV	(Lower level conference Room)
Session Title: <i>Recent Advances in Engineering and Sciences</i>		(6 Presentations; 20 minutes each)
5:50 PM – 7:00 PM	Sponsors/Industry Forum	(Lower level conference Room)
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Networking Dinner and Cultural Program	(Lower level conference Room)

Sunday, August 30, 2015

8:45 AM - 10:30 AM	ASNEngr Annual General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting	(Lower level conference Room)
	<i>All attendees are welcome to attend.</i>	
10:30 AM	Conference Closure.	
11:00 AM	Sight-seeing New York and/or Philadelphia (for those interested)	

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Conference Welcome and Organization Introduction –

by **Rajendra K. Shrestha, Ph.D.**, Conference General Co-Chair and President, American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr); and **Pradeep Khanal**, Conference General Co-Chair and President, Computer Association of Nepal-USA (CAN-USA).

Conference Program Overview –

by **Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D.**, Conference Technical Chair and Founding President, ASNEngr.

Local Organizing Committee Welcome –

by **Upendra L Karna, D.Eng., P.E.**, Chair, Conference Local Organizing Committee and General Secretary, ASNEngr.

Vote of Thanks –

by **Thakur P. Dhakal, P.E.**, Conference Technical Co-Chair and Joint Secretary, ASNEngr

Invited/Guest Speaker Session 8:45 AM – 9:35 AM (Lower level conference Room)

Session Title: *Plenary Session (Keynote and Invited Guest Speakers)*

Session Chairs: *Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D.*, Founding President, ASNEngr; University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT; and *Thakur P. Dhakal, P.E.*, Joint Secretary, ASNEngr, Herndon, VA.

8:45AM - 8:55AM

Invited Guest Speaker:

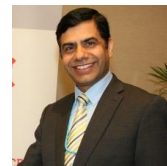
His Excellency Arjun K. Karki, Ph.D.; *Nepalese* Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of Nepal, Washington DC.
“Inaugural Welcome Remark”



8:55AM - 9:15AM

Keynote Speaker:

Honorable Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, U.N. Under-General Secretary and High Representative for the Least Developed, Land Locked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations, NY.
“2015 Earthquake in Nepal: Building Back Better with Global Partnership”



9:15AM - 9:35AM

Invited Speaker:

Mr. Dhruva R. Thapa, President, Nepal Engineers’ Association, Kathmandu, Nepal.
“Post-Earthquake scenario of Nepal and NEA's Role towards Build Better Nepal”



Break

9:35 AM -9:45 AM

Session I

9:45 AM – 11:05 AM (Lower level conference Room)

Session Title: *Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, and Infrastructure Safety in Nepal-I*

Session Chairs: *Pradeep Khanal*, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA and *Gopi Upreti, Ph.D.*, Booz Allen Hamilton, Fairfax, VA.

9:45 AM – 10:05 AM

“On Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Relief in Nepal: A Position Paper - A Joint Initiative of ASNEngr, ANMF, and CAN-USA” by *Ramesh B. Malla, Ph.D.*, Chair, Committee on Joint ANMF/ASNEngr/ CAN-USA Initiative on Earthquake Preparedness and Disaster Relief in Nepal, and Founding President, ASNEngr; University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

10:05 AM – 10:25 AM

“Response Activities and Lessons after April 25, 2015 Gorkha Earthquake, Nepal” by *Surya N. Shrestha and Amod M. Dixit, Dr. Eng.*, NSET, Kathmandu, Nepal.

10:25 AM – 10:45 AM

“Disaster Risk Reduction and Improving Community Resilience: Field Perspective” by *Dhruva R. Ghimire*, World Vision International, Kathmandu, Nepal.

10:45 AM – 11:05 AM

“Radio Mala, an Example of Telecommunication Collaborations before, during and after the Earthquake” by **Suresh P. Ojha**, Santa Clara, CA.

Break

11:05 PM -11:10 PM (Lower level conference Room)

Technical Session II

11:10 AM – 12:30 AM (Lower level conference Room)

Session Title: *Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Relief, and Infrastructure Safety in Nepal-II*

Session Chairs: **Ananta Baidya, P.E.**, San Diego, CA and **Pujan Joshi**, University of Connecticut, CT.

11:10 AM – 11:30 AM

“Post 2015 Nepal Earthquakes: Time to Practice Participatory Engineering” by **Kul M Acharya**, President, BANA, Baltimore, MD.

11:30 AM – 11:50 PM

“Understanding of Nepal Earthquake Damage and Engineering Challenges for Rehabilitation and Design of Infrastructures” by **Upendra L. Karna, D.Eng., P.E.**, and **Sujan Shrestha**, U & S Engineers, P.C., Lambertville, NJ.

11:50 PM – 12:10 PM

“Involvement in Nepal: Earthquake Damage Observation and ASNEngr Involvement” by **Ananta Ram Baidya, P.E.**, San Diego, CA.

12:10 PM – 12:30 PM

“Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Structures after the Earthquake in Nepal” by **Sunita Amatya, P.E.**, Silver Spring, MD.

Lunch Break (provided)

12:30 PM -1:40 PM (Lower level conference Room)

1:10 PM – 1:30 PM

“A Teenager’s Take on Earthquake Relief in Nepal” by **Uditi Karna**, Lambertville, NJ.

Break

1:40 PM -1:50 PM

Technical Session III

1:50 PM – 3:30 PM (Lower level conference Room)

Session Title: *Environment, Water Resources and Related Science and Technologies*

Session Chairs: **Rajendra Bhattarai, P.E., BCEE**, Austin Water, Austin, TX and **Shree P. Shaha, P.E.**, West Windsor, NJ.

1:50 PM – 2:10 PM

“Unexpected Pathway of Phosphorus Cycling in the Chesapeake Bay: Potential Impacts and Opportunities” by **Deb P. Jaisi, Ph.D.**; University of Delaware, DE.

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM

“Water Resource Recovery: Challenges and Opportunities for Nepal” by *Rajendra Bhattarai, P.E., BCEE*, Austin Water, Austin, TX.

2:30 PM – 2:50 PM

“Nutrient Recovery from Wastewater: A Global Perspective” by *Pusker Regmi, Ph.D.*; Brown and Caldwell, Alexandria, VA.

2:50 PM – 3:10 PM

“Waste to Energy: A Win-win Proposition” by *Bipin Pathak Ph.D., P.E.*; DC Water, Washington, DC.

3:10 PM – 3:30 PM

“Impacts of Small Stormwater Runoff: Urban Development Stormwater Policy Review” by *Thakur Dhakal, P.E.*, Herndon, VA.

Break

3:30 PM -3:40 PM

Technical Session IV

3:40 PM – 5:40 PM

(Lower level conference Room)

Session Title: *Recent Advances in Engineering and Sciences*

Session Chairs: *Ram C. Poudel*, Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Nepal and *Deependra Pokharel*, Orbital ATK, Herndon, VA.

3:40 PM – 4:00 PM

“A Bitwise Encoding Scheme Designed to Improve the Speed of Large Scale Gene Set Comparison” by *Tham H. Hoang, Pujan Joshi, Seung-Hyun Hong, Ph.D.*, and *Dong-Guk Shin, Ph.D.*, University of Connecticut, CT.

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM

“A Quest for Development Metrology” by *Ram C. Poudel*, Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Nepal (Currently, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA); *David Wood*, University of Calgary, Canada; and *Jon G. McGowan*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

4:20 PM – 4:40 PM

“Space Technology and Satellites in Nepal” by *Deependra Pokharel*, Orbital ATK, Herndon, VA.

4:40 PM –5:00 PM

“Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Systems: Technology, Costs and Benefits” by *Mangal D. Maharjan*, Solar Energy World, MD; and *Dilli R. Neupane, P.E.*; County of Fairfax, VA.

5:00 PM –5:20 PM

“Use of Multivariate Analysis, Predictive Modeling and Machine Learning Algorithms to Detect Anomalous Transactional Data” by *Gopi Upreti, Ph.D.*; Booz Allen Hamilton, Fairfax, VA.

5:20 PM – 5:40 PM

"Displacement Response of a Railroad Truss Bridge under Various Train Speeds" by **Ramesh B. Mala, Ph.D.; Surendra Baniya; Suvash Dhakal; and David Jacobs**; University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Break

5:40 PM –5:50 PM

5:50 PM – 6:50 PM

Sponsors/Industry Forum

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Moderators: Surya Lamsal, Ozone Park, NY and Biswa Baral, Marlboro, N.Y

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Networking Dinner and Cultural Program

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Moderators (Cultural Program): Sashi Shrestha, Old Bridge, NJ and Pradeep Gajurel, Avenel, NJ

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8:30 AM - 10:30 ***ASNEngr Annual General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting, all attendees welcome.*** *(Lower level conference Room)*

10:30-10:45

Conference Closure

Site Seeing Tour

Departure time: 11:00 AM

Locations: New York (for those interested).

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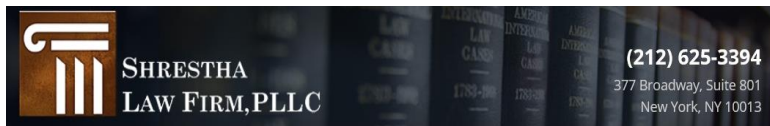
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www.ASNEngr.org (“Annual Conferences and Meetings”) and
www.CAN-USA.org (“2015 Joint Conference”)*

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