

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **The Great Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 December 2004 and 28 March 2005**

This special issue (v.22) of the Journal Earthquake Spectra should be of interest to scientists, engineers, planners and sociologists. This is the reconnaissance report of the Great Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 and 28 March 2005. The first event was an earthquake of movement magnitude 9.1-9.3, leading to a tsunami in the Indian Ocean that remains the worst in recorded

history. The second event was also a great earthquake of magnitude 8.7 off the coast of Sumatra. This generated a small tsunami but the death toll was nearly 1000.

The volume consists of 44 learned articles on the two events. The papers are grouped under seven heads, namely Seismology, Geology and Geophysics, Tsunami field surveys, Performance of Structures and Lifelines, Preparedness,

Social impacts, Recovery and Reconstruction. This special issue of the Earthquake Spectra is a definitive reference volume on the topic of earthquake-induced tsunamis.

The two volumes are available at the library of the Society for consultation. The Geological Society of India is grateful to EERI for these special gifts.