

Dear all:

I want to let you know that the Earthen Architecture Initiative website ([http://www.getty.edu/conservation/field\\_projects/earthen/](http://www.getty.edu/conservation/field_projects/earthen/)) at the Getty Conservation Institute has been recently updated to better explain the work we have been doing in the last couple of years and to include the new colleagues working on this initiative at the GCI.

We would like you to take a look at our new components: Seismic Stabilization and Structural Grouting. On the Seismic Stabilization page you will be able to download the publications related to the Getty Seismic Adobe Project (GSAP) -the most recent of which was translated into Spanish- and watch a video that explains this research. Next year we will post the proceedings of the GSAP 2006 Colloquium which was organized at the Getty Center in Los Angeles, California. On the Structural Grouting page, you will find information on our recent work with Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú regarding testing of earthen grouts to repair structural cracks on mud-brick buildings in seismic areas. On this component page you will soon be able to watch a video that explains the injection grouting technique, as well as download the final report of this research and a summary of the experts meeting organized in 2007 in Lima, Peru.

We plan to use the GCI website to disseminate our work and will keep you informed of any new posting. We will also use the new GCI e-bulletin-to which I hope you all have already subscribed-to deliver news regarding recent events. If you have not yet subscribed please sign up for the new GCI Bulletin at [http://www.getty.edu/subscribe/gci\\_bulletin/index.html](http://www.getty.edu/subscribe/gci_bulletin/index.html).

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