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1. Inter-School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips 2011-12

The preliminary rounds of the quiz have been completed successfully. The winners, (as per the list in the following table) will participate in the final round of the quiz which is scheduled to be held at Kanpur on February 07, 2012. A brief about the previous competitions can be viewed at <http://www.nicee.org/Quiz/> .

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Winner</u>
October 19	Kanpur	Dr. Virendra Swarup, Avadhpuri, Kanpur
November 02	Delhi	Green Fields School, Safdarjung, New Delhi
November 03	Lucknow	City Montessori School, Station Road, Lucknow
November 03	Delhi	ITL Public School, Dwarka, New Delhi
November 08	Ambala	Mukund Lal Public School, Yamuna Nagar
November 09	Chandigarh	Mount Carmel School, Chandigarh
November 12	Indore	Sainik School, Rewa
November 15	Nagpur	Bhavan's Bhagwandas Purohit Vidya Mandir, Nagpur
November 16	Delhi	Rishi Public School, Gurgaon
November 24	Shimla	Dayanand Public School, Shimla
November 29	Jabalpur	Christ Church Girls Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur
December 08	Pune	City Pride School, Pune

December 16	Mumbai	Pawar Public School, Mumbai
December 19	Ahmedabad	Smt. Sandraben Shroff Gyandham School, Vapi

The quiz at Delhi, Ambala, Chandigarh and Shimla was conducted by Geo Hazards, New Delhi; whilst at Indore, Nagpur and Pune was conducted by Prof. Rakesh Khare, Prof. OR Jaiswal and Mr. Narayan Y. Kochak, respectively. NICEE takes pride in the efforts put in by them and their support teams, and acknowledges with gratitude their unstinted support to NICEE activities.

2. Workshop for Under Graduate Architecture Students in Third Year

A workshop for Architecture students is being held at IIT Kanpur during July 02-07, 2012. The aim of this workshop is to draw the attention of Architecture students towards keeping the earthquake engineering aspects in view while designing their structures. The invitation letters along with nomination forms have been sent to all colleges in India and Nepal. The last date for receipt of completed nomination form is 15 March 2012. The nomination form can also be downloaded from http://www.nicee.org/Architecture_Workshop/ . For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

3. Literature Review Workshop for Post Graduate Students

The Annual Workshop for post graduate students pursuing their masters or doctorate degree with thesis in earthquake engineering is scheduled during June 14-23, 2012 at IIT Kanpur. The aim of this workshop is to provide an access to the students to quality research material so that they can do a thorough literature review for their thesis. The announcement with the nomination form has been sent to all colleges in India. The last date of receipt of completed application form is February 15, 2012. The form can also be downloaded from http://www.nicee.org/MTech_Workshop/ . For further details or any queries please contact : Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 - 259 7749, Fax - 0512 - 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

4. SAP/ETABS Software Distribution for Institutes

SAP/ETABS software is available for distribution from Computers & Structures Inc. India for use in the institutes, free of cost, through NICEE. Processing fee of Rs. 5000/- is charged by NICEE for the purpose. For further details and downloading of application form please visit <http://www.nicee.org/npeee/CSIEducationalSoftware.pdf> . For individual requirements please contact CSI India directly at info@csi-india.com

5. Publication - Confined Masonry, A guidebook for technicians and artisans

National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) has recently published the revised edition of "Confined Masonry, A guidebook for technicians and

artisans" which is authored by Ar. Tom Schacher. This manual is meant for artisans, masons and homeowners engaged in construction of one- and two- storey dwellings in a low- tech environment. It provides clear guidance on the construction aspects as well as the do's and don'ts. The monograph has been nominally priced at Rs. 100/- (overseas order to add Rs. 500/- to cover air-mail postage and handling). We have had an excellent response from NICEE fraternity to the previous version of the monograph. To view the contents of the book and/or order please visit http://www.nicee.org/New_Releases.htm

6. Short Course on Geotechnical Aspects of Earthquake Engineering, Feb 27-Mar 01, 2012, Ahmedabad, India

Four days course for Engineers on Geotechnical Aspects of Earthquake Engineering is scheduled to be conducted at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, during Feb 27-Mar 01, 2012. For further details please visit <http://www.iitgn.ac.in/web-GEE/>

7. 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, September 24 - 28, 2012, Lisbon, Portugal

15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering is scheduled to be held at Lisbon, Portugal during September 24 - 28, 2012. For further details please visit <http://www.15wcee.org/>

8. UKIERI Concrete Congress on Innovations in Concrete Construction, March 05-08, 2013, Jalandhar, India

An International Congress on Innovations in Concrete Construction is scheduled to be held during March 05-08, 2013 at Jalandhar, India. Authors are welcome to submit a 250 word abstract of their proposed paper by March 31, 2012. For further details please visit www.ukiericoncretecongress.com

9. 7th International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering, April 29-May 4, 2013, Chicago

7th International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering is scheduled to be held at Chicago during April 29-May 4, 2013. For further details please visit <http://7icchge.mst.edu/>

10. Nominations for 2012 Shamsheer Prakash Research Award

Nominations are invited for 2012 Shamsheer Prakash Research Award for young engineers, scientists and researchers from all over the world. For further details please visit www.yoga10.org

11. Newsletter of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), USA

The January 2012 issue of the *EERI Newsletter* is now available online at:

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