



## Information and Announcements

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### Third International Earth Science Olympiad

The International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO) adopted the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) as one of its major activities at its Council Meeting held in Calgary, Canada, during August 2003. The objective of IESO is to promote Earth Science Education worldwide and forge friendship among students from different parts of the globe. The launch of the International Earth Science Olympiad is in line with the United Nations' Declaration of 2008 as the International Year of Planet Earth ([www.yearofplanetearth.org](http://www.yearofplanetearth.org)). The first IESO was organized in South Korea in 2007 (<http://2007ieso.or.kr/>). The second would be organized in the Philippines during August 2008 and the third at the Science Education Centre, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan, during September 6-15, 2009 (<http://www.ieso2009.sec.ntnu.edu.tw>). The Olympiad consists of a theory and a practical test that would count for the award of gold, silver or bronze medals to the participants. There will also be a field tour to expose the participants to some exciting geological features of the region.

Participants are selected through a National Earth Science Olympiad conducted by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, V.N. Purav Marg, Mankhurd, Mumbai 400 088 (Email: [arvindk@hbcse.tifr.res.in](mailto:arvindk@hbcse.tifr.res.in), [vsingh@hbcse.tifr.res.in](mailto:vsingh@hbcse.tifr.res.in); Phone: 022-25562132; Fax: 25566635), which is the nodal agency for the conduct of all national level science Olympiads. Participants should not be college/university students and should not be older than 18 years on July 1st 2009. Each country can send up to four participants and up to two mentors. Mentors should be capable of serving as members of the International Jury, able to speak the official language of IESO (English) and are expected to translate the test items/tasks and related materials from English to the participants' native language.

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