

ICRI CERTIFICATION PROGRAM A SUCCESS AT WOC

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Applicant performing ASTM F1869



Judge Lee Eliseian tests one of the applicants on their knowledge of ASTM F1869



The hardworking judges (from left to right): Bill Lepito, Peter Craig, Monica Rourke, Lee Eliseian, Kelly Mortensen, Scott Tarr, and Roland Vierra

ICRI held a Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technician Certification program on January 25 and 26, 2012, at World of Concrete (WOC). This was the third year ICRI ran this program at WOC, and it proved to be very successful. There were four Tier 1 and 42 Tier 2 applicants, making it one of ICRI's largest programs to date. With the large number of attendees, the judges all worked very hard, and ICRI thanks them for their efforts.

Tier 1 applicants are those who are not regularly engaged in moisture testing yet have an active interest in learning more about moisture testing, what the tests mean, and how the tests are to be performed. Tier 1 consists of 3 hours of training and a written exam **only**, and those who pass the exam are issued a Letter of Achievement.

Tier 2 consists of 3 hours of training, the written exam, and a field performance exam. For Tier 2, those who have applied for full certification are required not only to take the instructional course and pass the written exam but also to perform the tests under the watchful eye of a qualified judge, who does not provide any level of coaching. Prequalification for acceptance into full certification of Tier 2 is previous testing experience. By passing both the written and performance exams, a Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technician – Grade I is certified by ICRI as an individual who has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to properly perform and record the results of four basic field moisture tests on hardened concrete. People who pass both the written and field exams receive a certificate and wallet card, and this certification is valid for 5 years.

This program has strong appeal to both ICRI members and those involved more heavily in the flooring industry. There are two upcoming classes set for 2012, and another may be announced later. The remaining 2012 schedule is:

- Chicago—May 15-16
- Baltimore—October 9-10

For more specific information on the program and to register, please go to www.icri.org and click on the Certification tab.