

Students from the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca win the third place in the Seismic Design Competition from Seattle, Washington!

The annual competition of Seismic Design hosted by Earthquake Engineering Research Institute of the USA took place between February 12th and 15th 2013, in Seattle, Washington. This was the tenth edition of the research competition. **The team of our university won the third prize and place.** The competition is part of the conference related to seismic design. Students from universities throughout the USA, Canada, Eastern Europe and Asia participate in this competition. The representatives of our university take part for the third consecutive academic year in the competition as the only civil engineering faculty from Romania and Europe. The projects to be presented concern the design of scaled balsa wood structures (tall buildings) that are tested to three earthquakes on a shake table. Our students are familiar with the test table which from the laboratory in Cluj. The projects pass through a selection stage, where specialists in earthquakes and damage mitigation, engineers, architects, sociologists attentively analyse the proposals. The final ranking placed our 11 students (9 in Civil Engineering, 2 in Architecture) and their teaching assistants on the third place as a team, third place for communication (presentation and poster) and fourth place for structural performance.