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ESD NEWS

Charles L. Miller Lecture and ESD Alumni Advisory Council meeting
Provost L. Rafael Reif presented the annual Charles L. Miller Lecture on April 29. Provost Reif’s lecture identified some of the current major trends and challenges facing MIT (as well as other universities), and considered ways MIT might respond to these while continuing to support its mission. Also on April 29, the ESD Alumni Advisory Council convened for its annual meeting, providing an opportunity for the Council to get updates on ESD and listen to research presentations from some of its junior faculty members.

Awards news:

Donald Rosenfield wins Martore Award
Don Rosenfield received the 2009 Joseph A. Martore (1975) Excellence in Teaching Award at the recent Charles L. Miller Lecture. The honor is given to a full-time member of the ESD faculty or teaching staff in recognition of outstanding contributions to an ESD academic program in the areas of education and program development.
http://esd.mit.edu/Headline/rosenfield033010.html

Three ESD staff members receive Infinite Mile Excellence Awards
Cheered on by their ESD colleagues, ESD staff members Patty Eames, Beth Milnes, and David Schultz received School of Engineering Infinite Mile Excellence Awards at a ceremony earlier this week, accounting for one-third of the individual Infinite Mile Excellence Awards given this year. (News items will be on the MIT and ESD websites soon.)

Olivier de Weck to receive Capers and Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Mentoring and Advising
Olivier de Weck has been selected to receive the annual Capers and Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Mentoring and Advising. This award is presented to a faculty member in the School of Engineering, who, “through tireless efforts to engage minds, elevate spirits and stimulate high quality work, has advanced the professional and personal development of students and colleagues.” (News items will be on the MIT and ESD websites soon.)

IN THE MEDIA

MIT News article on research of John Williams and colleagues
“Mastering multicore”
MIT News Office – April 26, 2010
(This was the spotlight item on MIT homepage earlier this week)

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Yossi Sheffi quoted in article about resiliency for supply chains
“A Matter of Resiliency”
Managing Automation Magazine – April 1, 2010

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Edgar Blanco interviewed about sustainable supply chains for Sloan Management Review
“The Four Point Supply Chain Checklist: How Sustainability Creates Opportunity”
MIT Sloan Management Review – April 20, 2010
http://sloanreview.mit.edu/the-magazine/articles/2010/summer/51401/the-four-point-supply-chain-checklist-how-sustainability-creates-opportunity/

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CTL senior research director Bruce Arntzen discusses initial findings from a risk management survey
“How Do You Prevent Volcano-Sized Risks? You Don't.”
Harvard Business Review blogs – April 27, 2010
http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2010/04/how_do_you_prevent_volcano.html#comments

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MIT Institute Professor Sheila Widnall named to Toyota North American Quality Advisory Panel
MIT News Office – April 29, 2010

“Toyota Completes U.S. Quality Panel, Resumes Lexus GX SUV Sales”
Bloomberg – April 30, 2010

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Next Lab’s SANA (formerly Moca) recognized at the Global Philanthropy Forum
Press release on CTL website – April 27, 2010
http://ctl.mit.edu/news/mit_based_sana_formerly_moca_recognized_global_philanthropy_forum_gpf

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MIT Portugal collaborators awarded a grant from the Volvo Research and Education Foundation (VREF) for a Center of Excellence on Bus Rapid Transit
“$3.5 million grant for bus rapid transit awarded to MIT, IST-Lisbon and global partners”
MIT News – April 28, 2010

“Multimillion Dollar Grant for Bus Rapid Transit for MIT, IST, and global partners”

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Video:

John Sterman speaks at IBM’s Almaden Institute 2010 conference
(Building a Smarter Planet blog – April 29, 2010)
Marta Gonzalez on Modeling Human Mobility
MIT News Office – April 29, 2010
(Presented by Transportation@MIT and MIT World)

EVENTS

Monday, May 3, 2010
ESD Dissertation Defense – Jianxi Luo
Title: “Hierarchy in Industry Architecture: Transaction Strategy under Technological Constraints”
Location: E38-467
Time: 1:00pm

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Speaker: Frank Serna from Draper Lab
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298

Wednesday, May 5, 2010
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Jorge Oliveira
http://esd.mit.edu/people/students.html#oliveira
Topic: High Performing Hospital Enterprise Architectures
Time: 4:15-5:30pm
Location: 33-206

Tuesday, May 11, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Speaker: Maria Yang will provide a research update
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Leyla Abdimomunova:
Topic: Organizational Assessment for Lean Enterprise Transformation
Time: 4:15-5:30pm
Location: 33-206

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