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ESD NEWS

MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics (CTL) and Aragón government launch new 10-year agreement

CTL and the government of Aragón, Spain, have signed an agreement, extending their partnership—originally due to expire in 2013—for another 10 years. This extension aims to solidify the transformation of Zaragoza into a logistics hub for Europe, not only in terms of the physical movement of goods, but also in terms of education and research, through the MIT Zaragoza International Logistics Program developed at the Zaragoza Logistics Center (ZLC).

Read press release on ESD website: http://esd.mit.edu/Headline/ctl052810.html

LINC 2010 Conference sparks dialogue about technology-enabled learning worldwide

Approximately 200 participants from 40 different countries converged at the MIT Learning International Networks Consortium (LINC) 2010 Conference on May 23-26 to discuss on how universities worldwide can better provide distance education and e-learning resources to current and future students.

Read article on MIT News website: http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2010/linc-event-recap.html

Sanofi-aventis establishes strategic alliance with MIT’s Center for Biomedical Innovation (CBI)

Sanofi-aventis has announced a strategic alliance agreement with the Center for Biomedical Innovation, which will be known as the sanofi-aventis Biomedical Innovation Program (SABIP). The goal of the strategic alliance is to advance knowledge in the area of human health through basic and applied research and to promote scientific exchange between MIT and sanofi-aventis.

Read article on CBI website: http://web.mit.edu/cbi/headlines/sanofi-aventis052610.html

Nancy Leveson’s book to be reprinted in Japanese

Leveson’s book Safeware: System Safety and Computers, which was published in Japanese last November, has gone through its original print run and is now being reprinted. It was translated into Japanese by a group of volunteers (the leaders were from JAXA), who organized the effort.

IN THE MEDIA

John Hansman quoted in article about new aircraft designs

“To design a greener, fuel-stingy jet, MIT team throws out the traditional look”
The Boston Globe – May 24, 2010
http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/green/articles/2010/05/24/mit_team_designs_a_greener_fuel_stingy_jet/

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Thomas Kochan quoted in article on the future of worker benefits
“States Face Hurdles In Cutting Worker Benefits”
The New York Times - May 24, 2010
http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2010/05/24/business/business-us-usa-states-workers.html?_r=1&src=busIn

Jarrod Goentzel quoted in article about wind power study
“Energy answer: Blowing in the wind?”
MIT News Office – May 25, 2010

Addison Stark TPP '10 and Lara Pierpoint (ESD PhD student) quoted in article on the influence of the MIT Energy Conference on a new energy bill
“Student-run MIT Energy Conference influences national legislation”
MIT News – May 26, 2010

MIT Faculty newsletter article by Faculty Chair Thomas Kochan about MIT efforts in Haiti mentions Jarrod Goentzel and ESD PhD student Erica Gralla
“MIT in Action in Haiti”
MIT Faculty Newsletter – March/April/May 2010
http://web.mit.edu/fnl/volume/224/kochan.html

AgeLab research scientist Lisa D’Ambrosio quoted in Yahoo!Finance article
“Boost Wealth by Sharing Financial Chores”
Yahoo! Finance - May 26, 2010

Joseph Sussman’s talk, “Transportation in Contemporary Society: A Complex Systems Approach,” was the feature item in the most recent edition of the MIT World newsletter Details of the talk and video available on MIT World: http://mitworld.mit.edu/video/772.

EVENTS
Tuesday, June 1, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298

Tuesday, June 1, 2010
“The National Science, Technology and Innovation Plan for Saudi Arabia”
Dr. Turki bin Saud bin Mohammad Al Saud
Vice President for Research Institutes, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)
Time: 4-5:30pm
Location: 3-270
Co-sponsored by ESD and the MIT Arab Students’ Organization