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ESD NEWS
The Portuguese Science Foundation (FCT) has announced the six projects selected to receive funding totaling 1.2M Euros in the 2009 FCT open call for research and development projects in the framework of the MIT Portugal Program. Five of the six are from ESD faculty or research staff. Details: http://www.mitportugal.org/latest/fct-announces-six-winning-projects-in-2009-mpp-open-call.html

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The Discrete Element Scientific Committee has given Professor John Williams an award for "Pioneering Work and Outstanding Scientific Contributions in the Field of Mechanics of Discontinua."

IN THE MEDIA

Nancy Leveson quoted in coverage of gulf oil spill report and hearings
“BP report sets inquiry agenda - for now: Company gets out in front on the debate over causes of rig blowout”
Houston Chronicle – September 8, 2010

“Drilling Moratorium Discussed in Houston”
MSNBC.com (via Click2Houston.com) – September 8, 2010
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39046439

"Academics and Environmentalists Weigh in at Spill Hearings"
FuelFix – September 7, 2010

Prof. Leveson also recently gave a testimony for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement on Deepwater Horizon.

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Opinion piece by Thomas Kochan on creating jobs
“Making the economy work”
Los Angeles Times – September 6, 2010

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NASA airbag project of graduate student Sydney Do (Aero/Astro) and thesis advisor Olivier de Weck
“Space escape craft airbags designed like seed sacs: New technology mimics nature’s way of protecting seed embryos”
MSNBC.com – September 7, 2010
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39039102/ns/technology_and_science-space/

“For NASA astronauts, a new kind of airbag system”
SmartPlanet.com – September 3, 2010

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David Broniatowski’s ESD PhD dissertation “A Method for Analysis of Expert Committee Decision-Making Applied to FDA Medical Device Panels” described and linked in the IEEE inside Signal Processing eNewsletter:

EVENTS

FYI:
Thursday, September 23, 2010
“Humanitarian Logistics: The Challenges of the Relief Effort in Haiti”
Presented by the New England Roundtable & Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals
Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm
Location: Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA
Speakers: Jarrod Goentzel, Executive Director, MIT Supply Chain Management Program and Research, Director for Humanitarian Logistics
Kathryn Kempton, Director of Procurement, Partners in Health
For more information and to register, please go to:
http://www.newenglandroundtable.org/current_events.html

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
ESD Faculty Lunch
Time: noon-1pm
Location: E40-298

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