ESD NEWS

Professor Yossi Sheffi was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Zaragoza and was presented with it by the Rector Manuel López on February 11th at the Paraninfo of the University. During his ceremony speech, Professor Sheffi presented his newest research (on logistics clusters), which was inspired by the success of PLAZA and the other logistics activities in Aragón. This event received significant press coverage by major media outlets of Aragón and throughout Spain, including ABC, ADN, El Economista, La Información, La Voz Libre, and many more. Read the full press release from the Zaragoza Logistics Center and view press coverage (scroll down to “Related links”) at: http://www.zlc.edu.es/default.aspx?info=00047D. You can view photos of the ceremony online at: http://web.mit.edu/sheffi/www/DoctorHonorisCausa.html.

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Edgar Blanco, along with team members Leo Bonanni and Ignacio Castro, won first place in the Web/IT track of the 100K Executive Summary Contest. Their venture, Sourcemap Inc., enables supply chain transparency. It is a cross-platform social networking system connecting suppliers at every level of a supply chain, so that they can share environmental information all the way to the retail customer. You can watch the 100K Executive Summary Contest online here: http://amps-web.amps.ms.mit.edu/public/100k/2011/feb10/ (The Sourcemap pitch happens at about 31 minutes into the video.)

IN THE MEDIA

Article on LGO leadership lecturer Don Davis, remembered with a special program on Jan. 26
"LGO community remembers Don Davis' life and leadership lessons"
MIT News - February 10, 2011

John Hansman is quoted in an article about the potential effects of projected long-term growth for the airline industry
“FAA forecasts 80% increase in fliers by 2031”
USA Today – February 16, 2011
EVENTS

Wednesday, February 23, 2011
Engineering Systems Research - Special Seminar Series
Speaker: Nikolaos Trichakis (PhD candidate, MIT Operations Research Center)
Title: Fairness in Operations: From Theory to Practice
Location: E40-298
Time: noon-1:30pm

Wednesday, February 23, 2011
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Joseph Sussman
“Views on Funding Transportation Improvements in the Current Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Round”
Location: E38-615
Time: 4:15-5:30pm

Friday, February 25, 2011
NECSI and ESD seminar
Speaker: William G. Glenney IV, Chief of Naval Operations in Strategic Studies Group (SSG)
“Military Innovation and Complex Systems”
Time: 12:30-2pm
Location: E51-376

Friday, March 4, 2011
NECSI and ESD Seminar
Speaker: Sandy Pentland (MIT Media Lab): “How Social Networks Shape Human Behavior”
Time: 12:30-1:00pm
Location: E51-376

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
LAI Research Seminar
Speaker: Eitan Naveh
“Quality of Care Improvement Efforts: A Behavioral Operations Research Approach”
Location: E38-615
Time: 4:15-5:30pm

FYI—
MIT Transportation Showcase
Thursday, February 24, 2011
(A number of ESD PhD students and post-docs will be participating.)
Time: 6-8:30pm
Location: MIT Museum
http://web.mit.edu/transportclub/showcase/Home.html

IDEAS2011 and MIT Global Challenge competition
Initial Proposal Deadline: March 5, 2011
All teams must enter at least one initial proposal to be eligible to enter a final proposal. This year’s teams will compete for $150,000 in implementation grants (up to $25,000 per team) for innovative service projects that improve the quality of life in under-served communities.
http://globalchallenge.mit.edu/competition/how-to-enter

Eighth International Conference on Complex Systems
June 26 - July 1, 2011; Location: Boston Marriott, Quincy, MA
Sponsored by New England Complex Systems Institute
http://necsi.edu/events/iccs2011/