ESD NEWS

Professor Yossi Sheffi has been selected to receive the Salzberg Lifetime Award from the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. The Salzberg Medallion has come to be recognized as one of the most prestigious awards in the field of transportation and supply chain management. In a letter to Sheffi on behalf of the Whitman School, Dr. Melvin Smith (Whitman School Dean) remarked, "As a respected scholar, educator, innovator, and entrepreneur, your contributions have made and will have a lasting legacy in this discipline." Professor Sheffi will accept the award at the Harry E. Salzberg Memorial program on October 6, 2011, and will present the talk "Risk and Resilience—a Look into the Future." Read news item on the ESD website: http://esd.mit.edu/staging/headline/sheffi052311.html.

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Robin Lemp, Assistant Director, MIT Portugal Program at MIT, received a School of Engineering Infinite Mile Award in the category of Excellence. Lemp’s award citation included extensive praise from many colleagues, noting his outstanding abilities in handling the large and complex MIT Portugal Program. More details and photos will be available soon on the ESD and School of Engineering websites.

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Rhonda Jordan pitched EGG-energy in the Wharton School’s Innovation Tournament—describing its customer-centric energy services in the developing world—and won the Grand Prize of $20,000. (She co-founded EGG-energy with Blandine Antoine; they are both PhD candidates in ESD.) See more at: http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/events/innovationtournament2011/index.cfm?pageid=9.

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Pearl Donohoo, David Keith, Vivek Sakhrani, and Nidhi Santen have been selected to receive fellowships from the Martin Family Society of Fellows for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Society supports and connects MIT's top graduate students in environmental studies and fosters opportunities for multidisciplinary cooperation.

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Sahar Hashmi received the Hugh Hampton Young Memorial Fund Fellowship for the 2011-2012 academic year. This fellowship aims “to foster the development of outstanding individuals with great breadth of vision and interests, and the capacity for technical leadership as exemplified by Hugh Hampton Young,” and places particular emphasis on innovative, interdisciplinary work.

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Anna Delgado and Mauricio Gomez, TPP ’12, were awarded a fellowship by the Dell Social Innovation Competition for Project Yele, an initiative that seeks to spark social and economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa. Out of more than 1,400 proposals, Project Yele was one of 5 teams to reach the final
round in Austin, TX. The fellowship awarded more than $7,000 in cash and prizes, as well as a course at Brown University to refine and further develop their proposal. Members of Project Yele will use these resources to travel to Sierra Leone this summer and conduct a pilot of their concept.

IN THE MEDIA

Bryan Reimer and Joe Coughlin participated in recent MIT symposium on science of integrating computers and communications gear into cars
“Looking down the road”
The Boston Globe - May 21, 2011
http://www.boston.com/cars/news/articles/2011/05/21/keeping_up_with_the_smartest_cars/?p1=Well_Cars_Center_links

ESD PhD student Jameson Toole presents Twitter adoption and dynamic land use projects at TEDxUofM
“Big Data for Tomorrow”
TEDx – University of Michigan - April 8, 2011
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSVQ5RDBEJs&feature=player_embedded#at=56

EVENTS

Friday, May 27, 2011
CTL Distinguished Speaker Series
Topic: The CREATE Program – Decongesting Rail Traffic in Chicago
Jeff Srver, CREATE program director
Time: 12:30pm–1:30pm
Location: 1-131
Complimentary lunch served at 12:15 pm; Lecture begins at 12:30 pm
Contact: vhannan@mit.edu
http://ctl.mit.edu/distinguished-speakers

Tuesday, May 31, 2011
ESD Faculty Lunch
Time: 12pm-1:30pm
Location: E40-298

Monday, June 6, 2011
SDM Systems Thinking Webinar
“How to Manage a Profitability Turnaround"
Jonathan L.S. Byrnes, Senior Lecturer, MIT
Time: 12pm-1pm

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
SDM Information Evening
Time: 6pm-9pm
Location: Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA
Please join us at the MIT Faculty Club for an Information Evening on the System Design and Management (SDM) program. You will have the opportunity to learn more about this exciting program designed for future technology-based leaders, discuss career opportunities, and network with SDM alumni, faculty, students, and staff.
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