ESD NEWS

The first-ever ESD PhD Alumni Symposium today celebrated ESD’s “first 100 doctors”—bringing together ESD PhD alumni, current students, and faculty. Alumni discussed their careers in academia, industry, and government, as well as the role ESD has played in their careers. There will be a news item about the event (with photos) on the MIT website next week, and video of this event will be available on TechTV. Thanks to all alumni who came back to ESD for this exciting event!

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The Lean Advancement Initiative (http://lean.mit.edu/) and MIT Collaborative Initiatives updated Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon last week on progress on the Post-Traumatic Stress Innovations project. Read more here.

Other news from LAI:

Wiljeana Glover, Postdoctoral Associate with the Lean Advancement Initiative (LAI), was recently elected to IIE's Society of Engineering and Management Systems Board. Dr. Glover will oversee Graduate and Undergraduate Student Initiatives, including academic and practitioner career development opportunities.

Register now for the LEAN Educators Conference, co-sponsored by LAI's Educational Network, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, Huntsville, AL.

LAI seeks three healthcare enterprise researchers.

WORKING PAPER

A new working paper has been added to the ESD Working Paper Series:

An approximate dynamic programming framework for modeling global climate policy under decision-dependent uncertainty
Mort Webster, Engineering Systems Division, MIT
Nidhi Santen, Engineering Systems Division, MIT
Panos Parpas, Department of Computing, Imperial College London

View this and other ESD working papers here.
IN THE MEDIA

MIT News article about research of John Hansman and colleagues
“In plane view: New tool analyzes black-box data for flight anomalies”
MIT News Office – September 12, 2011 (homepage spotlight)
Also picked up by numerous media outlets, including R&D Magazine, Wired, Scientific American, and RedOrbit

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AgeLab’s Bryan Reimer quoted in article about new research with Toyota
“Toyota partners with MIT, others on safety programs”
Detroit News (AP) – September 14, 2011

EVENTS

Monday, September 19, 2011
SDM Systems Thinking Webinar Series
“Optimizing the Supply Chain of Medical Devices: A Shared SaaS Platform for Suppliers and Providers”
(Part 1 of a two-part series)
Jean–Claude Saghbini, SDM '03 CTO, WaveMark Inc.
Time: 12-1pm

Monday, September 26, 2011
SDM Systems Thinking Webinar Series
Delivering a Distributed SaaS Supply Chain Solution in a Regulated Healthcare Environment: Challenges and Realities
(Part 2 of a two-part series)
Jean-Claude Saghbini, SDM '03 CTO, WaveMark Inc.

Wednesday, September 28, 2011
LAI Research Seminar
Lean Culture at IBM
Time: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Location: E38-615

See the ESD online calendar for additional event listings.

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