ESD NEWS

Professor Ernest Moniz was confirmed, in a unanimous vote, as Secretary of Energy by the U.S. Senate, 97-0. (Moniz was nominated on March 4.) Read more details in the Associated Press story, “Senate Confirms Physicist Moniz as Energy Chief.” (This story has been picked up by many major media outlets.) MIT announced that Robert C. Armstrong will be the new director of the MIT Energy Initiative.

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U.S. Ambassador to Portugal Allan J. Katz led a Business Development Road Show. The MIT Portugal Program participated as a partner in this six-day event (April 28-May 3, 2013) bringing 24 Portuguese companies and institutions to Boston as well as to Kansas City, Missouri. While in Boston on May 1st, the ambassador and the companies visited the Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC) and MIT Media Lab. Read more here. You can read more MIT Portugal news in the latest MPP newsletter.

WORKING PAPER

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

Making Infrastructure Procurement Processes More Flexible under Uncertainty
Vivek Sakhrani, Engineering Systems Division, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Corresponding author, sakhrani@mit.edu
Richard de Neufville, Engineering Systems Division, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

IN THE MEDIA

Supply Chain Management Review article written by Edgar Blanco and Jason Mathers (Senior Manager at the Environmental Defense Fund)
“Talent Strategies: To Succeed at Sustainability, First Learn to Communicate”
Supply Chain Management Review - May 14, 2013

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Article about human mobility study led by Marta González
“Study shows that people organize daily travel efficiently”
MIT News – May 8, 2013

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MIT News article about final competition for 2.007 mentions lead instructor Dan Frey
“In 2.007, slow and steady wins the race”
MIT News - May 10, 2013
Bryan Reimer demonstrates how MIT AgeLab researches how drivers cope with today's distracted roadway (video)
“Older Drivers in Future Cars”
The Weather Channel – May 15, 2013

MIT Sloan Experts blog post by Thomas Kochan
“Making good = profitable — Managing Sustainable Businesses” (includes video)
MIT Sloan Experts blog – May 9, 2013

Missy Cummings quoted in article on study of drone operators
“Video gamers make ideal drone operators but only when there's action: study”
The Huffington Post Canada – May 9, 2013

Joseph Coughlin quoted in article about college grads planning for careers and retirement
“Tips for college grads: How to retire rich”

Article on consumer-developed innovations mentions research paper by Eric von Hippel
“Federal government looks for next great invention”
The Canadian Press – May 5, 2013

Michael Cusumano quoted in Financial Times article about Microsoft
“Microsoft has just blown its oldest trick”
Financial Times – May 9, 2013

EVENTS

Monday, May 20, 2013
SDM Systems Thinking Webinar Series
Software Systems Architecture in the World of Cloud Computing
Christine Miyachi - Principal systems engineer and architect, Xerox Corporation, and SDM alumna
Time: 12-1pm

Wednesday, June 5, 2013
SDM Information Evening
Time: 6-9pm
Location: MIT Faculty Club

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