LSU Professors Present Research Papers Internationally

Dr. T. W. Liao (IMSE) was invited by the National Science Council of Taiwan to visit several universities in Taiwan during the week of February 4. The main purpose of the trip was to present past and current research work and to investigate possible future research collaborations.

Vijay P. Singh (CEE) has returned from his sabbatical at Nanayang Technological University in Singapore. He was invited to give a keynote paper on Entropy Theory and its Application in Environmental and Water Resources Modeling at the International Conferences on Advances in Civil Engineering held January 3-6, 2002, at Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur in India. He was one of the four keynote speakers from the U. S. and also chaired a session on Stochastic Hydrology at the conference.

Singh presented a keynote paper on Hydrologic Modeling at the International Conference on Civil Engineering held July 23-26, 2001, at Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India. He also gave a keynote paper on Uncertainty in Environmental Analysis and Modeling at the NATO-sponsored Advanced Research Workshop (ARW) on Integrated Technologies for Environmental Monitoring and Information Production held September 11-14, 2001 at Marmaris in Turkey. He was one of the two keynote speakers from the U. S. and he also chaired a session at the workshop.

Singh was invited to chair a session on Unsteady Flow and River Control at the 29th Congress of the International Association of Hydraulic Research held September 19-23, 2001, in Beijing, China. He also gave lectures on Hydraulic Geometry, Hydrologic Modeling and Sand Boils at Tsinghua University and at the Ministry of Water Resources and Flood Control in Beijing.

In November he lectured on Theory of Hydraulic Geometry in the Distinguished Lecture Series at Nanayang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore and he taught a short course on Risk and Reliability Analysis and gave lectures on Water Resources: Excess, Deficiency, Problems, and Management at NTU in December, 2001. Also in December, he made a presentation on Advances in Hydrologic Modeling at the Ministry of Irrigation and Drainage Hydrology and Water Resources Center for Humid Tropics in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

Important Dates

Tuesday, March 12—Open Forum with the Dean—3225 CEBA—12:00-1:30. All faculty and staff are encouraged to bring your lunch and come to discuss current news and events in the college to improve communication.

Thursday, March 21—3225 CEBA—1:30-2:30. Sexual Harassment Seminar: Sexual Harassment Recognition and Prevention, Issues and Answers conducted by HR representative, Kristen Grant. If you missed the session last month, plan to attend this one.
BAE Hosts Annual International Meeting

The Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department hosted the annual international meeting of the Institute of Biological Engineering (IBE) January 18-21, 2002.

Dr. Steven Hall (photo at website below) was co-chair and local arrangements chair. Dr. Marybeth Lima (BAE) hosted the emerging issues session, while Dr. Terry Walker hosted the student poster session. Contributing speakers included LSU faculty from Chemical, Mechanical and Biological Engineering, as well as national and world leaders in the field of Biological Engineering coming from as far as Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, as well as throughout North America. Engineering Dean Pius Egbelu and interim department head Dr. Richard Bengtson addressed the meeting participants, expressing their support for this emerging field.

More information on IBE may be found at www.ibeweb.org.

Martha Denova Retires from Engineering Services

Martha Denova, an accountant with Engineering Services since 1995, retired on February 22. Martha has been employed with the state of Louisiana for 25 years; working at the AG Center and the Agronomy and Athletic Departments. The Division of Engineering Services hosted a reception in her honor. Martha’s husband, children and grandchildren attended as well as former co-workers, friends and many from the College of Engineering.

COE Research Projects Online

A web site for the College of Engineering Research Projects has been established. The fine tuning of this site is still in progress and information is continually being entered. Data from 1998 to the present is available and will be kept current. The URL is http://www.coe.lsu.edu. To log in please enter:

ID: coe-user Password: lsu

New Professorships and Scholarships

CLECO has agreed to expand their professorship to the Distinguished Professorship level of $200,000 to create the F. Hugh Coughlin/CLECO Distinguished Professorship in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Fred H. Fenn Memorial Professorship has been created by Richard Fletcher Fenton and Betty Schneider Fenton for Dr. Fenn, former dean of the College of Engineering.

Stokes & Spiehler - J.R. Spiehler, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Petroleum Engineering has been established by Stokes & Spiehler in honor of Mr. J. R. Spiehler.

Gerald Cire Williams & Lean Grand Williams have pledged to expand their professorship to the distinguished level, thus creating the Gerald Cire Williams & Lean Grand Williams Distinguished Professorship in Mechanical Engineering.

Wooley Professorship in Engineering Mechanics has been established by Gary R. Wooley, an LSU mechanical engineering alumnus (BS 1969, MS 1970, PhD 1972) and Dean’s Industry Advisory Board member.