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UT Announces First Houston-based Forensics Engineering Conference

Two-day Conference Featuring Lectures and Topics in Structural Engineering, Held July 21-22, 2010

Houston, Texas -- August 3, 2010 -- The University of Texas today announced its first Houston-based Forensics Engineering Conference, a two-day long event focused on lessons learned from hurricanes, building envelopes, structural failures, foundation and other case studies. The conference was held on July 21-22, at the PETEX Training Center in Houston, Texas. Featuring many distinguished speakers from academia and the private sector, this event was open to anyone interested in Forensics engineering.

The two-day program featured noted speakers and researchers Professor David Fowler and Professor Steve Nichols, from the University of Texas at Austin. The conference also featured guest lectures by Narendra K. Gosain from Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc., Eric Green from Green Engineering Consulting, Jim Wiethorn from Haag Engineering, David Eastwood from Geotech Engineering & Testing, Karen White from Vinson & Elkins LLP and Matt Oestrike from Nelson Architectural Engineers.

According to Narendra K. Gosain, "Young engineers get inspired to pursue this interesting and professionally satisfying field of forensics engineering that challenges them to put to work their knowledge of structural behavior. More experienced engineers learn new approaches and benefit from other engineers experiences in tackling some tough and complex structural failure problems no matter whether these are caused by design, construction or environmental conditions."

About the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education

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