HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm’s experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let’s continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.
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LOUISIANA POST MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.

POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: UNO, TRAINING, RESOURCE & ASSISTIVE-TECHNOLOGY CTR
OLIVER ST. PE CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM 101
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
2000 LAKESHORE DRIVE
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70148

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GUEST SPEAKER: EMIR JOSE MACARI, PhD, DEAN AND PROFESSOR & INTERIM
DIR. OF RESEARCH & ECONOMIC DEV., UNO COLLEGE OF ENG.

TOPIC: ENERGY EFFICIENCY & COASTAL PROTECTION: FOR A
PLANET AT RISK

MENU: BOX LUNCH (SANDWICH, CHIPS, COOKIE, DRINK)

COST: $25.00 MEMBERS; $30.00 NON-MEMBERS; $5.00 STUDENTS
RESERVATIONS: FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:
RICHARD.C.ENTWISLE@USACE.ARMY.MIL
YOU MAY ALSO CALL RICHARD AT (504) 862-1377

OR MAIL PAYMENT TO: SAME, LOUISIANA POST
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KENNER, LA 70065-2345

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 15th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON’T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.
Six days after Emir José Macari was born in Mexico City, a huge earthquake rocked the megalopolis (July 1957). His parents waited until the baby was born to move into a larger apartment complex……and this was a good thing, as that building collapsed as a result of the powerful seismic waves from the temblor. That event may have presaged his pursuit of an engineering career. In 2010, Dr. Macari was appointed as Commissioner of the California Seismic Safety Commission by Gov. Schwarzenegger, re-appointed in 2011 by Gov. Brown and confirmed by the California Senate that same year and again in 2014. Dr. Macari is a geotechnical engineer who works on the mitigation and prevention of losses of life and infrastructure as a result of man made and natural disasters. He studies the natural mechanisms involved in events such as earthquakes, hurricanes and other torrential rains that have led to landslides of natural slopes and failures of man-made levees, dikes and dams. His latest research efforts look at the characteristics of soils in dry and saturated conditions; the assessment of rain-induced landsliding of natural hillslopes and man-made levees and dikes; and the development of a computer-based “virtual reality” geotechnical engineering laboratory.

Dr. Macari started his academic career in 1989 at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, months after Hurricane Hugo devastated several Caribbean islands and caused tremendous damage in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1992, President Bush awarded Dr. Macari the White House/NSF Presidential Faculty Fellowship. This award and the experience that followed convinced him of the need for engineers to more fully participate in national and local public policy as it relates to science and technology. In 1993, Dr. Macari joined the faculty at the Georgia Institute of Technology as Associate Professor where he held a joint appointment between the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the School of Public Policy. His first opportunity to influence a national public policy debate occurred in 1994 when he was invited to help draft President Clinton’s science policy document “Science in the National Interest” in which he was quoted as saying: “In conjunction with developing international partnerships, the United States must lead the way in training engineers and scientists to meet the challenges of economic development in a global marketplace. We must begin to produce a new breed of engineers and scientists with a broadened view of technology and service to society”.

In 1999, Dr. Macari moved to Louisiana State University (his parents Alma Mater) as Chairman and Bingham Stewart Distinguished Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. One of his first tasks was to lead an LSU delegation to Honduras to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, which had devastated that country and the entire region that summer. Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Macari and other colleagues from LSU formed the LSU Hurricane Center……not knowing what a significant impact this center would have in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which resulted in the most devastating engineering failure in the history of this country.

In 2001, Dr. Macari accepted a science policy position in Washington, D.C. as director of the Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) program at the National Science Foundation. In 2004, Dr. Macari was honored with a commendation by the Louisiana Legislature and presented by Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco for “outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Louisiana State University.” Later that year he became Dean of the College of Science and Technology at the University of Texas at Brownsville. That same year, Dr. Macari was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering of Mexico and has provided testimony to the government oversight committee on funding and direction of ecological research in Mexico in 2004-2007. In 2006, he was inducted into the Mexican Academy of Science, named Distinguished Alum of Engineering at Virginia Tech in 2008 and Commissioner of the California Seismic Safety Commission in 2010, Sr. Fellow of the California Council on Science and Technology in 2012.

Dr. Macari is Dean and Professor of the College of Engineering at the University of New Orleans. He was Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University, Sacramento 2006-2014 and Director and Professor of the California Smart Grid Center from 2008-2015. Dr. Macari serves or has served in many Advisory of Boards including the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, the California Engineering Education Council, the Sacramento Area Region Technology Alliance, the McClelland Technology Incubator, the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Mexican Institute of Ecology. Since May 2013, Dr. Macari has been a member of the Bilateral Forum for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (US-Mexico) as set forward by President Obama and Peña-Nieto.