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Colima Earthquake, Mexico

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The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) has sent a three-member reconnaissance team to join forces with Mexican colleagues in a joint reconnaissance effort to investigate the effects of the 1992 Colima earthquake. Sergio Alcocer, EERI Board member and researcher at CENAPRED in Mexico City, traveled to Mexico with colleagues Francisco Sánchez-Sesma, President of the Sociedad Mexicana de Ingeniería Sísmica, and colleagues. Joining them from the U.S. with funding support from the National Science Foundation are Na Klingner, civil engineering professor at the University of Texas, Austin; Paul Flores, Director, AE and Anna Lang, a structural designer with Tipping Mar & Associates, Berkeley, California. EERI has a Technical Collaboration Agreement, and this reconnaissance investigation will be the first activity to coordinate with the NSF-sponsored geotechnical research team, under the leadership of Jose Adrian Rodriguez-Marek of Washington State University.

The group will be bringing back lessons regarding the impacts of the earthquake on the natural and economic impacts, and effects to the infrastructure. Preliminary reports indicate that the confined masonry buildings and older adobe structures. One hospital has been evacuated in Colima and some damage to the port of Manzanillo has been reported. The group's initial findings will be published as an insert to EERI's Newsletter. Further information is available from EERI's Learning Manager Marjorie Greene, at mgreene@eeri.org.
