

**1st Colloquium EERI-UNAM:
“Natural Hazards Management”**

Last may 9th and 10th we had the opportunity to develop an interesting Colloquium about Hazards Management in Mexico City discussing many types of multidisciplinary presentations such as: Seismic Engineering, Soil Mechanics, Geography, Social Consciousness, Economic Problems and Preparedness programs.

The colloquium was divided in 4 lectures for each day with the next list of speakers:

- **Ph. D. Luis Esteva Maraboto / Engineering Institute-UNAM**
- **M. E. Carlos Gutierrez/ National Center of Hazards Prevention-Interior Ministry**
- **Ph. D. Jorge Lopez Blanco / Geography Institute-UNAM**
- **Ph. D. Elizabeth Mansilla Menéndez/ UNAM-Independen Consultan**
- **Ph. D. Gabriel Auvinet / Engineering Institute-UNAM**
- **Ph. D. Carlos Valdes / Seismologic National Service-UNAM**
- **Ph. D. Richard Eisner / Earthquake Engineering Research Institute**
- **Ph. D. Ricardo Zapata Marti / Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLA)**

The main motivation of this event was the Richard Eisner's participation as a part of the Friedman Family Visiting Professional program of EERI. Professor Richard Eisner was working with the student chapter EERI-UNAM discussing about the main problems in Mexico City in the case of hazards. In the same idea, we can feel very lucky attending at professor Eisner's lecture and talking about his experience as expert in community preparedness.

About the experience in organizing this event, we feel satisfied because we had an average of 50 participants in every lecture and we could discuss about Mexico's problems with all the speakers. We want to mention that this event was free for all general public.

We will try to repeat this experience next year, and we are sure that we can continue working with the Friedman Family Visiting Program of EERI.

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President and Vice-president respectively**

