



University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez - EERI Student Chapter The 2005 Friedman Family Visiting Professionals program.

On March 30, 2005, **Dr. Faiz I. Makdisi**, Vice-president and Principal Engineer of Geomatrix Consultants Inc., of Oakland, California, visited the UPR-M EERI Student Chapter. He presented a lecture entitled “**Seismic Stability and Deformation of Embankment Dams**” in the Auditorium of the Civil Engineering and Surveying Department.

The civil engineering academic community and the major geotechnical engineering companies of Puerto Rico were invited to the presentation. Over 60 faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students and practicing engineers attended the meeting.

The talk, which was very informative and lively, was enthusiastically received by the audience. In addition to chat with student members of the EERI chapter, Dr. Makdisi also met with consulting engineers and professors from the Structural and Geotechnical Engineering area and visited the facilities of the department.

The UPRM Student Chapter would like to convey its sincere appreciation for the support provided by the EERI through the Friedman Family Visiting Professionals program. Indeed, as stated in the goals of the program, this visit contributed to the “better understanding and communication between and among earthquake practitioners and academics”. We are looking forward to continue participating in this activity in the coming years.