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MEDAT-1 Workshop Review



■ *Almost 60 researchers participated in the MEDAT-1 workshop in Los Angeles, California*

A workshop on *Mitigation of Earthquake Disaster by Advanced Technologies (MEDAT)* was held, under sponsorship of MCEER and the National Science Foundation (NSF), in Los Angeles at the Radisson Hotel Midtown, across from the University of Southern California campus on March 2-3, 2000. This workshop consisted of all-ple-nary two day sessions and is the first of a new series of MCEER-sponsored workshops involving advanced technologies. Workshop participants explored the state-of-the-art field applications of nondestructive inspection and health monitoring technology including remote sensing techniques for the purpose of mitigating urban earthquake disasters. Innovative applications of technology either actually implemented or with a high potential for implementation in civil infrastructure systems were emphasized.

Two discussion sessions of generous duration, led by Dr. Walter Hays, ASCE, provided a forum for critical review and exchange of ideas among all the participants for breakthrough applications of the technologies.

Future MEDATs will address additional applications of these and other advanced technologies. Workshop proceedings will be available this fall. ❖