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## Kudos

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- ★ **T.T. Soong**, Samuel P. Capen Professor of Engineering Science in the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, University at Buffalo, and co-principal investigator of the NSF center grant which established NCEER in 1986 and MCEER in 1997, is a recipient of the 1999 ASCE Norman Medal by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Dr. Soong was chosen to receive the distinguished medal in recognition of his paper "Structural Control: Past, Present, Future," which appeared in the *Journal of Engineering Mechanics* in September 1997. This award is given annually to an "author or co-author of a paper that shall be judged worthy of special commendation for its merit as a contribution to engineering science."
- ★ **Michael Constantinou** has been named Chair of the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering at the University at Buffalo beginning with the Fall 1999 semester. Professor Constantinou succeeds Professor Andrei Reinhorn as chair. Both are long time MCEER investigators.
- ★ **Anshel Schiff** of Precision Measurements Inc. and Stanford University received the 1999 C. Martin Duke Award, which was presented at ASCE's 5th U.S. Conference on Lifeline Earthquake Engineering, held in Seattle on August 12-14, 1999. The C. Martin Duke award "annually recognizes an individual who has made substantial contributions to the art, science and technology of lifeline earthquake engineering." Dr. Schiff is a long-time associate of MCEER.
- ★ **Maria Feng**, MCEER investigator and an associate professor in the department of civil and environmental engineering at the University of California, Irvine, has won the prestigious 1999 Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research prize from ASCE. The award is for "innovative, interdisciplinary and practical research on sensing, monitoring and controlling dynamic response of civil engineering systems subjected to earthquake and wind loads."
- ★ **Jane Stoye**, MCEER Publications Manager, and **William Johnson**, MCEER Business Manager, were recently recognized by University Services, University at Buffalo, for their efforts to produce MCEER technical reports using digital technology through Print and Mail Services. University Services recognizes employees who have completed projects that have improved the quality of service by increasing "efficiency or productivity; saving the university time or money; reducing bureaucracy; meeting a specific customer need; and/or improving staff morale, cooperation, and understanding."