Student Leadership Council Summer Meeting

On August 7-8, 2000, MCEER’s Student Leadership Council met at Cornell University. The event was co-sponsored by the EERI Student Chapters of Cornell University and the University at Buffalo.

The primary goal of the meeting was to provide a forum for student presentations of research results, and for students to meet colleagues from other universities involved in MCEER related research.

The meeting attracted students from four universities, including Cornell, Buffalo, RPI and Syracuse. Presentations were made by 11 students on topics ranging from the behavior of scissor-type dampers to dynamic sensitivity analysis. Prof. Thomas O’Rourke started the meeting with an engaging overview of ongoing research activities.

The two-day format allowed for a picnic dinner at Taughannock Falls State Park at the end of the first day of the meeting. The dinner was a great opportunity to exchange ideas for research and to interact with students from other universities. Other highlights included a tour of the Winter Laboratory for Structural Engineering Research, where a large-scale test on pipe joints subjected to permanent ground deformations was nearing the final preparation stages (see page 1). The meeting ended with a lunch, where future sites and events were discussed.

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