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Dr. Joe Katz Professor of Aerospace Engineering has authored a textbook entitled Introductory Fluid Mechanics, that was published in August 2010 by the Cambridge University Press.

The textbook familiarizes students with the basic elements of fluid mechanics so they will know the terminology of the discipline and the expected results. The text also serves as a long-term reference for students who go on to study the subject in greater depth.

The textbook is different than others on fluid mechanics because it is shorter and has been simplified so it's more logical and easier for students to understand. Dr. Katz originally started teaching Introductory Fluid Mechanics about five years ago because he knew it was course students often struggled with. "I tried to make it easier to learn and also to teach," said Dr. Katz. Read More

Stig Johansson Received AIAA Award

Stig Johansson, retired Aerospace Engineering technician, has received the Outstanding Contribution to Aerospace Education Award from the San Diego section of AIAA.

The award is given annually to any individual or company that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of aerospace education. SDSU faculty members have received this award in the past, but Mr. Johansson is the first technician to receive it. Johansson attended the AIAA awards banquet in May. There he met with some past students who are now on of the AIAA nomination committee.

Associate Dean German Travels the Globe

Dr. Rand German, Associate Dean, says he's “travelled out.” That's because in 2010 he travelled extensively, in some months averaging a trip a week! He receives invitations from all corners of the world to speak and to consult – often many more than he could possibly accommodate. In the Spring 2010 semester he represented SDSU in Egypt on an NSF grant to collaborate on a project in Cairo, was awarded Honorary Membership in the Korean Powder Metallurgy Institute in Korea, and had a Chinese company pay for him to travel to and give a seminar in China. During the Fall semester he travelled to Florence, Italy to give a talk at an International Congress, to South Africa to lecture on sintering and witness sintering of diamond, and to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador for a personal vacation. Read More

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