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Summit in Tanzania focuses on safe water, sanitation

Water and sanitation challenges in the developing world were the topics of an international, three-day Safe Global Water and Sanitation Summit, held Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in Arusha, Tanzania. Organized by the new Safe Global Water Institute and led by its director, CEE Professor Benito Mariñas, the event brought together more than 120 participants from 34 organizations and 12 countries. Their shared goal: to help educate the next generation of professionals from a variety of fields who will work to improve the lives of millions of people worldwide without access to improved water and the billions who lack even basic sanitation. [More about the summit](#)

CEE graduate program ranked number one

U.S. News & World Report has once again named the civil engineering graduate program at Illinois number one in their Best Graduate Schools rankings in the category, Best Engineering Schools: Civil. The University of Illinois ranked third in the category, Best Engineering Schools: Environmental/Environmental Health. [More about the rankings](#)



Three new cross-disciplinary programs now launched

Three new cross-disciplinary programs are now fully launched in

the department. The programs are designed to integrate the traditional CEE sub-disciplines and give undergraduate and graduate students a broad, systems perspective on the world's complex civil and environmental engineering problems. The three programs are Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Systems, Energy-Water-Environment Sustainability and Societal Risk Management. [More about the new programs](#)



Academic Advisory Board holds inaugural meeting

Members of CEE's newly established Academic Advisory Board met on campus February 11-12 for the first time. The inaugural board is comprised of Linda Abriola, Dean of Engineering at Tufts University; Nicholas Jones, Dean of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University; David Daniel, President of the University of Texas at Dallas and former Head of CEE at Illinois; Andrew Whittle, Head of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Glen Daigger, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at CH2M Hill; and Robert Street, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University. [More about the board visit](#)



Alumni Award winners honored at Chicago dinner

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Alumni Association honored the 2013 winners of its Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award and Young Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award on March 6 at the CEE at Illinois Alumni Dinner in Chicago. The Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award recognizes professional accomplishments or unique contributions to society by alumni of the department. The Young Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award recognizes a recent graduate who has achieved distinction in his or her field and reached a level of accomplishment significantly greater than that of other recent graduates. [More about the award winners](#)



Innovation grants spark short-term, high-impact research

Five faculty members were the first recipients of CEE Innovation Grants, offered with department funds to encourage short-duration, high-impact research projects by CEE faculty. Applicants from among the faculty apply for the grants with proposals, and winning projects are funded at approximately \$30,000. [More about the Innovation Grants](#)



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