Michigan CEE faculty and students attend the NSF conference in Hawaii

Faculty and students from Michigan hiked Diamond Head Crater just outside of Honolulu, Hawaii. Left to right in the picture: Prof. Radoslaw Michalowski, Prof. Will Hansen, Grad Student Remy Lequesne, Prof. Vineet Kamat, Grad Student Chung Chan Hung, Prof. Sherif El-tawil. (Not Pictured Prof. Jerry Lynch).

Faculty and students from U-Michigan CEE Department attended the 2009 CMMI NSF-Grantees Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference showcased research sponsored by the Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation Division at NSF, and it drew about 1,500 CMMI Grantees from all over the country. Professor Michalowski represented the geotechnical group from Michigan, and he presented a lecture titled: “Damage detection of segmental concrete pipeline intersecting a ground fault.” In addition to attending conference sessions and activities, attendees also found time to get together and hike up Diamond Head (pictured). According to locals, early seafaring visitors saw the hill glinting in the sun, as if studded with numerous diamonds. Eager explorers were disappointed to find that the scintillations were caused by reflections off a worthless mineral, nevertheless the name stuck.