

## Delegation from Dwight Look College of Engineering Visits Mexico

January 29-30, 2009, a delegation led by Dr. John M. Niedzwecki from Texas A&M's Dwight Look College of Engineering visited the Mexico Center and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Meetings at the Mexico Center included a tour of the new facilities as well as a presentation by Dr. Jennifer Brown on the services provided by the Center. Dr. Tomás Viveros, Director of Research Networks (Redes Temáticas) from CONACYT, provided the delegation a presentation on the organization and operations of CONACYT.



Meetings at UNAM resulted in plans for a joint graduate program between Texas A&M and UNAM as well as potential exchange programs for students and faculty that will allow them to jointly conduct research in civil, petroleum and chemical engineering. During the visit, letters of intent were signed between the two institutions in which the Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering, the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering and the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering plan to explore and develop projects in several areas of interest with the engineering faculty and students of UNAM.



Among the schools' immediate plans is the establishment of a memorandum of agreement to initiate a joint graduate program that will be centered on exploration and production of petroleum as well as construction of deep-sea platforms – areas where Texas A&M University is a world leader.

The Texas A&M delegation included Dr. John M. Niedzwecki, Executive Associate Dean and Regents Professor of the Dwight Look College of Engineering; Dr. Zenon Medina-Cetina, Assistant Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering; Dr. Daulat D. Mamora, Assistant Department Head for Graduate Programs and Rob L. Adams Endowed Professor of the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering; Dr. César O. Malavé, Assistant Dean for Recruitment and International Programs; Dr. Michael Pishko, Department Head of Chemical Engineering.

The Texas A&M delegation met with the following administrators from UNAM: Dr. Sergio M. Alcocer Martínez de Castro, Secretario General of UNAM; M.I. Octavio Estrada Castillo, Secretario General of Engineering Faculty; Dr. Adalberto Noyola, Director of the Institute of Engineering at UNAM; Dr. Ricardo José Padilla y Sánchez, Head of the Division of Engineering in Earth Sciences; Ing. Ricardo A. Vidal Valles, Coordinator of Vinculación Productiva y Social; Ing. Gonzalo Guerrero Zepeda, Director of Engineering Faculty; Dr- Eduardo Bárzana García, Director of Chemistry Faculty at UNAM.