

# MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report

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2024 MIT Chile Symposium

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April 2, 2024 - April 4, 2024

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Av. Angamos N° 01455, 1272037, Antofagasta, Región de Antofagasta, Chile

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Registration

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Eduardo Garrido

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## Santiago | April 4, 2024

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