



## Bridging Government and Engineers

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) is excited to announce that we have officially launched the *Bridging Government and Engineers* project.

*Bridging Government and Engineers* is a grassroots initiative that will link Canadian engineers with their local members of Parliament.

While a pilot version of the project was initiated in 2004, this October, CCPE's Board of Directors gave approval to proceed with the full implementation of the project.

As a result, CCPE is currently working with the provincial and territorial licensing bodies to identify suitable

candidates to take part in the project. We are looking for volunteers who are good communicators and passionate about the engineering profession.

If you are interested in representing the profession and participating in this exciting project, please contact CCPE's Manager of Government Relations, Clarke Cross at [clarke.cross@ccpe.ca](mailto:clarke.cross@ccpe.ca) (Please send your contact information, including your home postal code, as this information will be needed to identify your local MP.)

The *Bridging Government and Engineers* project will be further discussed during the upcoming February board meeting.

## Canadian Engineers for Tomorrow - Trends 2000-2004

The most recent edition of the annual *Canadian Engineers for Tomorrow - Trends in Engineering Enrolment and Degrees Awarded 2000-2004* report, which depicts trends in engineering enrolment and degrees awarded over a five-year period, examines the importance of "soft-skills" or non-technical content in engineering education.

According to the report, employers are increasingly requesting engineering graduates who not only possess solid engineering knowledge, but who also demonstrate strong non-technical skills such as communication and project management abilities.

Within the next few weeks, the enrolment report will be distributed to our CMs, the deans of Canada's engineering faculties, members of CCPE's Board of Directors and various other stakeholders.

This annual report explores issues such as enrolment trends by discipline, gender, and institution, and determines the number of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees awarded each year.

If you would like to view a copy the enrolment report, please visit:  
[http://www.ccpe.ca/e/files/report\\_enrolment\\_eng.pdf](http://www.ccpe.ca/e/files/report_enrolment_eng.pdf)

To obtain a hardcopy of the report, contact Randi Stowe [research@ccpe.ca](mailto:research@ccpe.ca)

## Board of Directors' Meeting

On February 11, CCPE's Board of Directors will be attending a daylong meeting in Ottawa, at the Château Laurier Hotel.

The Board will participate in sessions on setting direction for the 2007 budget and providing input to the Value Task Force Working Group. The Board will also receive reports from the chief executive officer as well as from CCPE's various boards and committees.

## Calendar of Events

- ❑ February 1, Staff Liaison Group (SLG) meeting, Ottawa
- ❑ February 4-6, Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) meeting, Ottawa
- ❑ February 11, CCPE Board of Directors meeting, Ottawa

## CFES Congress 2006

This year marked the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) congress, an annual event that brings together representatives from the universities' engineering student bodies from across the country to discuss important issues affecting education.

CCPE was once again a proud sponsor of the event, which was held this year in Windsor, Ontario, from January 2 to 6. Over 215 students, representing 45 engineering schools across Canada attended the congress.

CCPE's David Lapp, P.Eng., Manager, Professional Practice gave students a presentation on professionalism and ethics. Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., CCPE's Director, Education, Outreach and Research and Professor Phil Alexander, P.Eng., member of the CEAB and Associate Dean at the University of Windsor, talked to students about accreditation. Also, D. Wolfe informed delegates about CCPE's important initiative, *From Consideration to Integration* (FC2I).

Next year's congress is scheduled to be held in Montreal, Quebec.

