

Disciplines and Enforcement

The National Disciplines and Enforcement Officials held a meeting on June 24 and 25 in Victoria, British Columbia. At the meeting, activities included, but were not limited to, a review of the tabular results of the fifth annual survey of discipline and enforcement activities; a presentation of activities involved with the administration and enforcement of official marks on behalf of the constituent members; feedback regarding a draft update to the national code of ethics that will be going out for review by the constituent members; the presentation of a status report on the development of a new definition of engineering, with the intent to submit the finalized document to the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board for approval in September 2008; and the renewal of Chris Wimmer, P.Eng., Director Professional Standards, APEGS, as the chair of the National Discipline and Enforcement Officials for the next year. For more information, contact Marie Carter, P.Eng., Director, Professional and International Affairs, at marie.carter@engineerscanada.ca

New Accreditation Criteria Approved

At the Engineers Canada annual general meeting in May, the organization's Board of Directors approved the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board's new accreditation criteria and modifications to the terms of reference. In the newly approved system, outcome assessment (what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of graduation, and evaluating achievement of these desired outcomes) will be tied together with input evaluation (evaluating the curriculum, environment, etc.) to ensure that graduates meet the academic requirements for licensure. As the Accreditation Board develops this alternative method of assessment, they will continue to consult with the constituent members, the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science and others. For more information, contact Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., Director, Education, Outreach and Research, at deborah.wolfe@engineerscanada.ca

Adapting to a Changing Climate

The Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee has published *Canada's First National Engineering Vulnerability Assessment of Public Infrastructure*. The report presents work completed by the Vulnerability Committee from January 2007 to March 2008 on assessing the engineering vulnerability of Canada's infrastructure to climate change. A pivotal outcome of the report is the Engineering Vulnerability Assessment Protocol, consisting of five-steps that provide a procedure for developing relevant information on specific elements of the climate and characteristics of a given infrastructure, and then considering how this information might interact and result in the infrastructure being vulnerable or adaptive to climate change. To view the report, visit [www.pievc.ca/e/Adapting to climate Change Report Final.pdf](http://www.pievc.ca/e/Adapting_to_climate_Change_Report_Final.pdf)

International Engineering Alliance Workshop

The International Engineering Alliance works to advance benchmarking and mobility in the engineering profession. There are six international agreements governing mutual recognition of engineering qualifications and professional competence, some of which Canada is a member, and countries/economies who wish to participate in these agreements may apply for membership. An Alliance Workshop was held from June 23 to 26 in Singapore, whereby work was completed on topics such as managing changing standards, distance education, and a new model for bilateral agreements. This work will be continued over the rest of the year in preparation for the formal International Engineering Meetings to be held in Kyoto in June 2009. For more information, contact Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., Director, Education, Outreach and Research, at deborah.wolfe@engineerscanada.ca

Women in Engineering

The annual face-to-face meeting of the Women in Engineering Advisory Group took place on June 1, 2008, in Guelph, Ontario, immediately following the conference of the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades, and Technology. At the meeting, elections for the Advisory Group Executive Committee were held. The Advisory Group Executive Committee for 2008-2010 is Christine Plourde, P.Eng. (representing APEGNB) as chair, Natalie Plato, P.Eng. (representing NAPEG) as vice-chair, and Lorraine Marsolais, ing. (representing OIQ) as past-chair. The meeting also included a facilitated session to develop an action plan for the group, with a focus on establishing and prioritizing goals and objectives for the next two years. For more information, contact Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., Director, Education, Outreach and Research, at deborah.wolfe@engineerscanada.ca