

Between

June - July 2005



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION DEGREE DATABASE (IIDD) PROJECT

The FC2I Phase II report called for the development of a database of international engineering degrees that could be used consistently across Canada. Following this recommendation, CCPE received funding from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) for the first phase of the International Institution Degree Database (IIDD) project.

The Steering Committee for this project comprises the CEQB Foreign Engineering Qualifications Committee with support from KTA consultants and CCPE staff. The Steering Committee held the first of three two-day meetings to establish criteria for categorizing international degrees and to determine the protocols for the use of the categories.

Consultation with the constituent members will be ongoing throughout the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of October. The second phase of the project will be to develop the program for the database and to begin populating it with pre-existing information available from the constituent members and CCPE.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS APPROVE 2006 - 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN

On May 13, 2005, the annual meeting of the CCPE board of directors was held in Regina, Saskatchewan, followed by the Annual Meeting of Members held May 14, 2005.

One highlight from the meetings was the approval, by the board and the members, of the 2006 - 2008 Strategic Plan. The plan was developed through consultation with CCPE directors, the chairs of the CCPE standing committees, representatives of the constituent members and the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students, as well as other stakeholders. The development of the renewed strategic plan began in June 2004 with a workshop for the board of directors, during which broad strategic directions were established. A survey was developed, to gather stakeholders' input on the issues that the plan should address, and the survey results were reviewed and discussed during a special workshop held during the October board meeting. The 2006-2008 Strategic Plan was developed from the input of the workshop, and was sent to the constituent members for their final review prior to the May meeting.

We would like to thank all those who contributed their ideas and comments to the development of this plan, which will guide CCPE's operations over the next three years.

CEAB MEETING REPORT

In early June, the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) held its 120th meeting.

The most recent meeting of the CEAB focused on a number of key items including updates regarding new engineering programs across the country, accreditation visits and decisions, a review of the CEAB workplan, and an update of CEAB's international activities.

To mark CEAB's 40th anniversary, the September 2005 meeting will feature a special workshop, which will focus on the "inclusion of outcomes assessment elements" in CEAB's evaluation criteria.

CEAB is responsible for many activities including accrediting undergraduate engineering programs in Canada, its primary mandate, as well as assessing the equivalency of the accreditation systems used in other nations relative to the Canadian system.

NRCAN CONFERENCE - ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN CANADA 2005: UNDERSTANDING RISKS AND BUILDING CAPACITY

In early May CCPE past-president Darrel Danyluk, P.Eng. and three members of the CEQB Environment and Sustainability Committee attended this three day conference in Montréal. Natural Resources Canada's (NRCAN) Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Program (CCIAP) and the Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network (C-CIARN) organized the conference. Over 325 people attended, including representatives from the federal and provincial governments, researchers, policymakers, municipal officials, non-governmental organizations and international climate change stakeholders.

For its part, CCPE organized and chaired a special session on engineering issues. Four presentations, including one from past-president Danyluk, covered a range of topics, including engineers and their role in climate change adaptation. One of the highlights of the event featured the executive director for the NRCAN CCIAP praising the efforts of CCPE through its actions on the Climate Change Action Plan and its stewardship of the Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC).

Further information on the conference is available from CCPE at david.lapp@ccpe.ca and the web site www.adaptation2005.ca

CALL FOR PHOTOS - 2006 COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR CELEBRATING ENGINEERING THAT TRANSFORMS CANADA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

CCPE is inviting engineers, as well as amateur and professional photographers to submit photos of great, Canadian engineering achievements, past, present and future for a 2006 calendar!

Help us highlight Canada's engineering achievements by sending us your photos of modern day or historic landmarks such as buildings, bridges, highways or canals; biomedical and telecommunications advancements that impact on our collective well-being; innovations or inventions in transportation that help propel Canada into the future; improvements in mechanization and production found in factories or efficient energy resources such as our power plants, dams, wind farms and oil refineries, recognized around the world.

Deadline

Photo(s) must be submitted to the appropriate provincial/territorial licensing body before September 1, 2005, with the completed release forms.

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