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The International Institution Degree Database (IIDD)

With the launch of the *From Consideration to Integration* project (FC2I), CCPE and its constituent members (CMs) have been coordinating the efforts to facilitate the settlement and integration of international engineering graduates (IEGs).

A three-phased project, FC2I is currently moving into its final stage, where the 17 approved recommendations from Phase II will begin being implemented.

One of the recommendations developed in Phase II, and where work is now beginning, is the creation of a database that will be used by CCPE's CMs to ensure consistency in the assessment of academic credentials for IEGs.

The International Institution Degree Database, or IIDD as it is branded, is an

important initiative to improve settlement and integration, since determining an applicant's educational experience is the first step towards licensure. As such, the database will ensure equal and consistent recognition of academic credentials by all jurisdictions within Canada, and will simultaneously streamline and reduce processing time, thereby providing additional value for both IEGs and the CMs.

Developing the database will be a significant challenge and will rely on input from all of the CMs and CCPE. At present, CCPE has a list with basic information on approximately 3,500 institutions representing more than 140 countries. Many licensing bodies within Canada have also developed their own independent databases of foreign engineering institutions and programs based on their experiences with applicants. The tasks now

are to combine and expand the body of knowledge accumulated in CCPE's and the CMs' databases to create a comprehensive, common database and to develop the protocols by which the CMs will use the database to come to consistent admissions decisions regarding applicants' academic qualifications.

Currently, CCPE has received funding from HRSDC for the first part of the study which involves developing the criteria for the use of the database. This phase of the project will be done in close consultation with the CMs.

Under the proposed timeline, work on the IIDD is expected to be completed by October 2005.

CCPE Proud Sponsor of CEC 2005

CCPE was proud to be a Gold sponsor of the 21st annual Canadian Engineering Competition (CEC), which took place this year in Calgary, Alberta.

Showcasing over 150 of the best and brightest engineering students from across Canada, CEC promotes communication, design, presentation, and ingenuity.

The three-day event was jam-packed with corporate, entre-

preneurial and team design competitions, editorial and explanatory competitions, and an extemporaneous debate competition. CCPE's Manager of Strategic Development John Kizas, P.Eng. acted as a judge for the explanatory communication competition.

Communications Officer, Deborah O'Malley, and EIEAP Officer, Doris Yee, EIT, represented CCPE during the CEC career fair.

2005 Canadian Engineers' Awards Recipients Selected

The CCPE Awards Committee recently met to select the recipients of the 2005 Canadian Engineers' Awards. These awards are presented annually by CCPE to recognize outstanding Canadian engineers, engineering projects, and engineering students.

This year's award recipients will be announced through a multi-media presentation during the Awards Gala, held on May 14, 2005 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Calendar of Events

- ❑ April 6, Finance Committee Meeting, Calgary
- ❑ April 9-10, Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board Meeting, Ottawa

