

Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board meeting

On February 17 and 18, 2008, the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board held a meeting in Ottawa to review accreditation activities and decisions, substantial equivalency evaluations, and policy items. Reports were received on Engineers Canada's various boards and committees, the Accreditation Board's liaison activities with the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science, updates regarding new engineering programs emerging across Canada, and international activities. Accreditation decisions were made for 43 programs at 13 institutions. The Accreditation Board also made a substantial equivalency decision for one program at one institution. For more information, contact Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., Director, Education, Outreach and Research, at deborah.wolfe@engineerscanada.ca

Calendar of Events

- ◆ April 5 and 6, 2008
Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board meeting, Ottawa
- ◆ May 23, 2008
Engineers Canada Board of Directors meeting, Québec
- ◆ May 19 to 21, 2009
National Summit – Leading a Canadian Future: The New Engineer in Society, Montréal

Chantal Guay, Eng., M.Env., appointed as Chief Executive Officer

Engineers Canada's president, Tony Dawe, P.Eng., is proud to announce that Chantal Guay, Eng., M.Env., has been selected to lead the organization as chief executive officer. A graduate of Université Laval's geological engineering program and the Université de Sherbrooke's master's of environment program, Ms. Guay brings strong municipal and office management skills to her new role. Prior to joining Engineers Canada, she was the office manager of a Conestoga-Rovers & Associates office in Quebec. She has also been the manager of the City of Montréal's Revi-Sols Grant Program and the City of Montréal's Brownfields Pilot Project. "I am a strong believer in the practice of sound engineering and giving back to my profession," said Ms. Guay. "Engineers have significantly contributed to the well-being and wealth of Canadian society, and will be even more important as we face additional issues related to infrastructure renewal and adapting to climate change. Engineers Canada has been a catalyst in bringing these and other issues to the forefront and will continue to work with all stakeholders to identify the best solutions." A member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, Ms. Guay has served as chair of the organization's enforcement committee. She is fluently bilingual and has served as a member of Engineers Canada's executive, government relations, awards and research committees.

Engineers Canada Task Force – Phase 1

On February 7, 2008, Engineers Canada's Board of Directors approved Phase 1 (for year 2008) of the Engineers Canada Task Force Communications and Advertising Framework. Created in June 2007, the Task Force is mandated to identify and further develop opportunities that can be leveraged by the new business name *Engineers Canada*. The first stage of the framework is scheduled to commence in the Fall of this year. It will focus on messaging that supports/compliments constituent members' communications activities, and the national brand of the P.Eng.

To be effective, the framework will require a multi-year and sustained approach, initially targeting parents and employers. For more information, contact Marc Bourgeois, Director, Communications, at marc.bourgeois@engineerscanada.ca

Labour Market Study update

The 2008 National Survey of Engineers and Engineering Technicians and Technologists is now accessible through www.engineerscanada.ca

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Canadian Engineering Competition 2008: Designing Global Change

The Canadian Federation of Engineering Students' Canadian Engineering Competition was held this year in Waterloo, Ontario, from March 6 to 9. The annual event brought together the most innovative and creative engineering undergraduate students from across the nation to compete against each other in categories such as debating and team design.

Engineers Canada has been a supporter of the student federation for many years, and was the patron sponsor and the sponsor of the extemporaneous debates category of the 2008 competition. John Kizas, P.Eng., Manager, Strategic Development, and Amy Oke, P.Eng., Officer, Professional and International Affairs, acted as competition judges, while William Meyer, Communications Officer, was Engineers Canada's official representative. Ms. Oke also addressed participants at the final awards banquet, and Mr. Meyer presented the awards for the debates category. For more information, visit www.cec2008.ca