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engineering Qualifications Recognition model moving forward

The engineering Qualifications Recognition model provides a roadmap on how to assist international engineering graduates pursue qualifications recognition. An initiative of Engineers Canada and funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada, the Recognition model is based on the Internationally-Educated Engineers Qualification project, which provides international engineering graduates with an alternative path to licensure through eight months of classes at the University of Manitoba and a four-month paid work-term. The Recognition model's steering committee is gathering information specific to engineering regulation and is in the process of developing a communications plan and other promotional material, a series of one-day information sessions to take place later this spring, and a website (www.eqrm.ca). For more information, contact Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., Director, Education, Outreach and Research, Engineers Canada, at deborah.wolfe@engineerscanada.ca

Qualifications Board meeting

On April 5 and 6, the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board met in Ottawa to report on its activities and move forward with its strategic objectives. Of the many accomplishments resulting from the meeting, the Qualifications Board:

- Received the review draft of the *Guideline on the Assessment of Engineering Work Experience* in preparation for formal consultation with the constituent members;
- Received the draft report, entitled *National Industry Association Conferences/Meetings: Aerospace industries Association of Canada, Oct. 1-3, 2007*, in preparation to forward it to the constituent members for information;
- Endorsed the recommendation that a discussion paper on mechatronics engineering be developed;
- Received the reports on the activities of the various Qualifications Board sub-committees; and
- Was provided updates on the Inter-Association Mobility Agreement annual survey and the From Consideration to Integration projects.

Meeting of the Engineering Summit Organizing Committee

On April 21, the Engineering Summit Organizing Committee met in Toronto to move forward on many items in preparation for the national summit to be held in Montréal from May 19 to 21, 2009, entitled *Leading a Canadian Future: The New Engineer in Society*. The summit will bring together many sectors to work with the engineering profession to identify potential engineering services that can lead us to a cleaner, safer, more sustainable and competitive Canada in a global society.

The summit's website, www.engineeringsummit.ca, will soon be operational.

Promoting our profession

The Engineers Canada Campaign Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting on April 30 in Ottawa to review the work plan and timelines. The campaign will promote the engineering profession by leveraging the opportunities presented by the business name change to Engineers Canada, while complimenting the messages and activities already being done by the constituent members. Scheduled to commence in the fall of this year, the campaign will initially focus on encouraging parents to make their children aware of engineering as a career option, and employers to hire licensed engineers. Over the long term, the campaign strives to target other audiences, including educators, government decision-makers, university engineering students and Canadian engineers themselves. The Advisory Committee will next be developing a research plan and a media plan for the campaign. For more information, contact Marc Bourgeois, Director, Communications, Engineers Canada at marc.bourgeois@engineerscanada.ca

Labour Market Study update

On April 28 and 29, the Engineering and Technology Labour Market Study Steering Committee met in Toronto, Ontario. The Committee received, among other items, the results from the employer survey; a presentation on the labour market supply and demand model and projections; a data report on licensure and certification; an update on the diversity research plan; and a draft student survey. For more information, contact Samantha Colasante, Manager, Research, at samantha.colasante@engineerscanada.ca

Canada-Wide Science Fair 2008

For the first time since 1962, the Canada-Wide Science Fair was held in Ottawa, Ontario. During the week of May 10 to 18, 2008 over 450 students from grades 7 to 12 convened to compete in several divisions, including engineering, health sciences and earth and environmental sciences. Engineers Canada was a gold sponsor of the science fair, and hosted the grand welcoming event on Saturday, May 10, where Engineers Canada staff and family members volunteered to welcome the students with food and entertainment, and to talk to students as they travelled the Rideau Canal by boat from Carleton University to the University of Ottawa. For more information, visit www.cwsf2008.ca

Calendar of events

- **May 23, 2008**, Engineers Canada Board of Directors annual meeting, Québec City
- **June 8 to 10, 2008**, Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board meeting, Ottawa
- **June 18 to 20, 2008**, Engineers Canada Board of Directors workshop, British Columbia



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