



FC2I: Plan to Implement Recommendations

As Phase II of *From Consideration to Integration* (FC2I) winds down, it seems appropriate to reflect upon what has been accomplished, and to look forward to the work that lies ahead.

The goal of FC2I is to facilitate the timely licensure and employment of international engineering graduates (IEGs), without compromising public safety or lowering professional standards. The project is fully funded by *Human Resources and Skills Development Canada* (HRSDC).

One of the key results of Phase II was the development of 17 recommendations that reflected the comprehensive approach taken to solving the integration issue. The recommendations touched on every aspect of the IEG experience, from licensing and

employment to language and cultural issues. They were presented to CCPE's Board of Directors and members at the Annual General Meeting in May and passed unanimously.

Over this past summer and early fall, FC2I organizers held five roundtable sessions with immigrant-serving agencies in cities across the country to determine the role they saw for themselves in implementing the Phase II recommendations. In addition, a meeting was held with the engineering community and sector councils to determine their perspective on the same issue. The result is a comprehensive report entitled "*Plan to Implement the Recommendations*" that will be available on the FC2I Web site by mid-December. The plan details who will take the lead on imple-

menting each recommendation, possible funding sources, timelines and key players.

There are already a number of projects underway in support of the recommendations, including, but not limited to, provisional licensing being offered in three, soon four, jurisdictions and a comprehensive study/work program being offered in Manitoba. In addition, CCPE has submitted funding applications to HRSDC to develop a database of international engineering degrees/institutions, as well as to conduct a labour market study.

Interested parties can remain up-to-date on the work of FC2I by visiting the Web site <http://www.ccpe.ca/fc2i> where reports, links and news items are being posted regularly.

National Communications Meeting a Success

CCPE hosted the 2004 edition of the biennial meeting of the CM communications representatives in Ottawa on November 8, 2004. The meeting, attended by almost every provincial/territorial association/Ordre, proved to be very beneficial.

Key outcomes included:

- the suggestion that a central database for creative materials be created to facilitate the exchange and preparation of promotional materials.
- the creation of a national advertising campaign promoting one consistent message, to be identified.

Committee members were asked to develop formal proposals for further discussion by the committee and eventually, for consideration by CCPE's constituent members.

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CSI, NYPD - now P.Eng.?

A new programming trend is invading Canadian television shows - and engineering is taking centre stage!

Responding to recent polls on viewing habits on both sides of the border, specialty channels in Canada and the US have developed a number of television shows on engineering.

Using state of the art technology and CGI animation, specialty channels like Discovery Channel Canada is premiering shows like *Ultimate Tech*, *Extreme Engineering*, *How It's Made*, and *Building the Ultimate*.

Documentaries are not the only shows focusing on engineering. The Movie Network and *Movie Central* are currently developing an original series called *ReGenesis*, filmed in Toronto.

The weekly series follows a team of investigators as they probe questionable advances in biotechnologies and their ethical, legal and moral ramifications.

Check your local listing for days and time.

