



Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board Meeting and Workshop

The Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) has had a busy year. In September, CEAB held a meeting to, among other objectives, discuss accreditation activities and decisions. Stemming from the meeting, the CEAB:

- ❑ Agreed on member assignments for the June 2006 CEAB meeting and reviewed the status of the 2005-2006 accreditation visits.
- ❑ Made accreditation decisions for 11 programs at five institutions.
- ❑ Judged one program at one institution as substantially equivalent to a CEAB-accredited program.
- ❑ Received updates regarding a number of significant international activities, including Japan's acceptance as a signatory to the Washington Accord. The CEAB subsequently passed a motion recommending that the CCPE board of directors recommend that the constituent members grant the same recognition to 2005 and later graduates of Japan Accreditation Board of Engineering Education (JABEE) accredited programs as to CEAB graduates.
- ❑ Held a roundtable during which members described unusual situations during accreditation visits and how they were resolved.
- ❑ Passed a motion endorsing the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board guideline that teaching courses containing engineering science and engineering design content is the practice of professional engineering, due to increasing concern over the licensure status of professors teaching such content.

CEAB also held a special workshop to, among other things, review proposed revisions to CEAB criteria. Feedback from this workshop will help the CEAB move forward in its work.

Colin Smith, P.Eng. Honoured with APEGBC President's Award for Professional Service

On behalf of the 12 provincial and territorial associations/ordre, CCPE would like to extend our most sincere congratulations to Colin Smith, P.Eng., who was awarded the 2005 APEGBC President's Award for Professional Service. This award celebrates sustained contributions to professional and technical engineering bodies in the province of British Columbia. Mr. Smith, who is the president of CCPE, is also president and project director of the award-winning Millennium Line Rapid Transit project and corporate secretary and chief financial operator of the Vancouver Convention Centre expansion project.

EIT/Student/University Program Managers Meeting

The 1st meeting of engineers-in-training (EITs), students and university program managers was held in conjunction with the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board (CEQB) meeting in late September. This meeting was facilitated by CCPE staff.

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included current EIT program practices within the provincial and territorial licensing bodies and student/university liaisons.

Ultimately, the group plans to work towards documenting the *current* practices with the overall goal of developing documents on *best* practices.

CCPE Parliamentary Reception a Success

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) held its 5th annual parliamentary reception on Parliament Hill in October.

The event was a success. Eighty members of Parliament (MPs) attended the reception, giving the CCPE board of directors and the CM executive directors the opportunity to meet face-to-face with some of Canada's key political decision makers.

CCPE anticipates that by continuing to establish direct relationships with MPs, we can work with the government on important issues such as climate change adaptation, infrastructure renewal, and foreign credential recognition; all of which facilitate enhanced quality of life for Canadians.

Scholarship Reception and Ceremony

From researching the effects of potentially harmful by-products found in soaps and detergents, to developing hydrogen and fuel cell-related technologies, CCPE's 2005 scholarship recipients are working in a variety of disciplines to improve the lives of all Canadians. This year's recipients are also researching bioremediation technologies for the petroleum industry, developing ways to enhance our communications technologies, and applying the principles of engineering and medicine to develop advanced health-related technologies.

If you would like to obtain photographs of the scholarship recipients for use in your newsletters or other publications, please contact Deborah O'Malley at deborah.omalley@ccpe.ca

CCPE would like to once again extend congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients and express sincere appreciation for our sponsors, Manulife Financial and Meloche Monnex.

Of special note, Meloche Monnex representative Jean Lachance, Executive Chairman, Affinity Market Group, announced that Meloche Monnex will be providing a third scholarship worth \$7,500 in 2006.

To find out more about CCPE's scholarship program, visit the awards and scholarships page of our website at http://www.ccpe.ca/e/prog_awards_2.cfm

Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board Meeting

The Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board (CEQB) recently met in Halifax. The meeting resulted in the approval of several motions, including to:

- Consult with the constituent members (CMs) on a pilot project to develop national practice guidelines. The CMs' interest in this pilot project will be gauged later this year.
- Consult with the CMs regarding updates to the Admissions Guideline to reflect current circumstances.
- Accept the terms of reference for the engineer-in-training committee.

