

# between us



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## Canada-Wide Science Fair 2009

Held in Winnipeg the week of May 9 to 17, the Canada-Wide Science Fair brings 500 bright young minds from across the country to compete in divisions such as engineering and health sciences. Engineers Canada is a gold sponsor of the event, which provides grade 7 – 12 students with an excellent opportunity to stimulate their creative interests and promote their development of communication, decision making and critical thinking skills. For more information, visit [www.cwsf2009.ca](http://www.cwsf2009.ca)

## Engineers Canada Appoints New Staff

The team at Engineers Canada is very pleased to announce that, after a diligent search of candidates for the positions of Director, Education, and Director, Professional and International Affairs, two talented individuals will be joining the organization's senior management by June 15.

Leading the education group will be Gordon Griffith, P.Eng., ing. Since 2003, Gordon has been a great contributor to Engineers Canada as Manager, Qualifications, and will now be supported in his work by a great team of dedicated, competent and knowledgeable people.

Ken McMartin, P.Eng., will be leading the Professional and International Affairs group. A past-president of Engineers Canada, Ken has more than 26 years of experience with the University of Carleton and two decades of volunteer involvement with both Professional Engineers Ontario and Engineers Canada.

Their experience will be of great addition to the already good breadth of talent at Engineers Canada, and the organization's staff looks forward to personally welcoming Gordon and Ken to their new roles.

## Accreditation Board Meeting

On February 22 and 23, the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board met in Ottawa to receive reports on various Engineers Canada committees, and to review accreditation activities and receive reports on international activities. Accomplishments of the meeting include:

- Reviewing the status of the 2008-2009 accreditation visits.
- Reviewing the member assignments for the June 2009 Accreditation Board meeting to verify they will be present during the sessions for which they have an assigned task.
- Reviewing the requests for Accreditation Visits for fall/winter 2009-2010, and approving the list of team chairs for these visits.
- Making accreditation decisions for 37 programs at 12 institutions.

Immediately prior to the meeting, the Accreditation Board also held a workshop regarding the new accreditation questionnaire and the new Accreditation Board criteria. The workshop was well attended, with all institutions being visited during the upcoming accreditation visit cycle having been invited to participate. A video of the workshop presentation was produced for distribution to those who were not able to attend. For more information, contact Lynn Villeneuve at [lynn.villeneuve@engineerscanada.ca](mailto:lynn.villeneuve@engineerscanada.ca)

## Qualifications Board Meeting

On April 4, the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board met in Ottawa to report on its activities and to move forward on key action items. Accomplishments of the meeting include:

- Approving the final draft of the *Guideline on the Assessment of Engineering Work Experience*.
- Approving the Industry Liaison Committee's revised terms of reference.
- Approving the *Model Guide for Constituent Members – Authentication of Engineering Documents – February 2009*.
- Endorsing the Continuing Competence Committee's recommendation to conduct a simple formal inquiry of the constituent members regarding whether there is any interest in a national certification process for firms for continuing competence conducted under the auspices of Engineers Canada.
- Receiving the reports on the activities of the various Qualifications Board sub-committees; and updates on the Inter-Association Mobility Agreement annual survey and the From Consideration to Integration projects.



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