

Engineers Canada Implements Green Meetings

In May 2008, Engineers Canada implemented the following green meetings policy:

Engineers Canada will consider and implement, where possible, environmentally preferable features and practices at every stage of planning and delivery of its meetings, events and activities, including selection processes, acquisition of meeting supplies and services.

Further study on the environmental impact of the organization's meetings was then conducted and the following are some of the initiatives being put into place: electronic agenda books; on-line meeting registration; recycled name badges and lanyards; and using hotels that offer eco-friendly services and which are Green Key rated. The October Board meeting was the first meeting where recycling and waste avoidance (waste/organics/recyclable waste) was measured in order to provide a baseline regarding meeting footprints. Going forward, meetings will be measured to reduce waste and to see how Engineers Canada can reduce its meeting footprint.

Agreement in principle with the Assembly of First Nations

As part of, and a step toward, increasing participation by persons of indigenous origin in engineering education and in the professional engineering workforce, Engineers Canada and its constituent members have developed an agreement in principle with the Assembly of First Nations. The agreement has been approved by the Engineers Canada Board of Directors, and declares the organizations' voluntary collaboration in setting up an environment that will foster the awareness among First Nations people of career and educational opportunities in the Canadian engineering sector. Engineers Canada and the Assembly of First Nations will explore initiatives and options to increase aboriginal representation in engineering education and the workforce. It is Engineers Canada's belief that First Nations youth will enrich the quality of engineering and geosciences services and provide fresh perspectives on the resolution of engineering problems.

Washington Accord Reviews ABET's Accreditation System

As reported on in the July 2009 issue of Between Us, representatives of the signatory countries of the Washington Accord met in Kyoto, Japan from June 15 to 19, 2009, where the monitoring of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board was successfully completed and Engineers Canada's accreditation system was approved for six more years. Similarly, representatives of the signatory countries that participated in the Washington Accord special teleconference that took place on October 15, 2009, have confirmed that the review of ABET's accreditation / recognition system had been satisfactorily completed and that the system has also been approved for a further six years. ABET is the accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology in the United States. More information can be found on the members' area of the International Engineering Alliance website, at www.ieagrements.org

2009 Scholarships: Rewarding Excellence

On October 6, Engineers Canada, with Manulife Financial and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, awarded seven Canadian engineers with scholarships in support of their advanced studies and research. The recipients are:

- Fraser C. Kent, P.Eng.** (PEO) – pursuing a PhD in environmental engineering and specializing in water reclamation at the University of Guelph
- William M. Johnstone, P.Eng.** (APEGBC) – pursuing a PhD in civil engineering and specializing in reliability and risk management at the University of British Columbia
- Joel N. Hilderman, P.Eng.** (APEGGA) – pursuing a Master of Science in engineering and specializing in geoenvironmental engineering at the University of Saskatchewan
- Robert C. Brown, P.Eng.** (PEGNL) – pursuing a PhD in ship evacuation simulation at the University of Greenwich
- Simon J. Rose, P.Eng.** (APEGBC) – pursuing a Doctor of Medicine at the University of British Columbia
- Victoria Young, P.Eng.** (PEO) – pursuing a PhD in rehabilitation science, biomaterials and biomedical engineering at the University of Toronto
- Jason McCullough, P.Eng.** (APEGBC) – pursuing a Master of Applied Science in environmental engineering at the University of Guelph

More information about the scholarship program and the 2009 recipients is available at www.engineerscanada.ca/e/pr_awards_2.cfm

Staff Service Awards

In 2009, the following Engineers Canada staff members reached the following levels of service:

- Lucy Lefebvre, Assistant, Communications – **20 years**
- Lynn Tremblay, Assistant, Professional and International Affairs – **20 years**
- Lisa Dennis, Receptionist – **10 years**
- Laurie Macpherson, Director, Corporate Services – **5 years**
- Brett Stoner, Websites and Production Coordinator – **5 years**

We thank them for their hard work and dedication.