

## Technology Professionals Canada

### Poised to Incorporate



Presidents (left to right) from Alberta, BC, Saskatchewan and Ontario sign filing documents for the incorporation of Technology Professionals Canada. Pictured are Norm Kyle, P.L.(Eng), P.Tech.(Eng); Keith Trulson, AScT, Eng.L.; Mike Sazynski, AScT; and Bob van den Berg, C.E.T.

The Presidents of the technology associations for BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario met in Ottawa to put their signatures to documents leading to incorporation of Technology Professionals Canada (TPC). "This was an historic meeting for our four provinces as we take our alliance to the next logical step in our growing relationship and commitment to work together in service to our professional associations," said ASTTBC President Keith Trulson, AScT, Eng.L. "Incorporation sends a strong message to our 55,000 members and their employers as well as education, industry and government partners that TPC is here to assist the four professional associations as they strive to meet their mandate to serve the public as self-governing professional associations."

TPC, representing technology associations who combined have over 85% of the registered technologists and technicians in Canada, has been at work for the past four years building professional regulatory resources, notably [Technology Accreditation Canada](#), a national corporation that accredits technology programs against a national standard. Accreditation of a technology program assures students, employers and the profession that graduates meet the minimum education standards for professional certification and registration. The national standard, Canadian Technology Accreditation Criteria (CTAC), has been approved and posted to the TAC web site.

"ASTTBC helped provide the financial and people resources needed to establish the TAC accreditation program," said Trulson. "An estimated \$1M was invested in the last four years to develop and launch TAC." The formation of TAC started with a full review by the Canadian Standards Association of the model provided by another accreditation body and reviewing models in other parts of the world. CSA, a highly regarded standards setting and quality assurance body, has been contracted by TPC and TAC to carry out other projects leading to tools and resources that enhance the professional regulatory framework in the four provinces and nationally. TPC will be headquartered in Ottawa.