ASTT e-News, December 2010

ASTT e-News is broadcast to ASTTBC members and registrants, Honourary Members and our many partners and colleagues. ASTT e-NEWS contains the latest information about ASTTBC’s role as a self-governing professional association of technology professionals and the many services provided by the association. Each issue is posted to the ASTTBC web site.

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Holiday Wishes from ASTTBC Staff!

Thank you to our many Members, Volunteers and Colleagues, for your support in making 2010 a successful year. As we look ahead to the many exciting ventures for ASTTBC, 2011 promises to be another busy year. We look forward to your continued support, and send you our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2011! Please view our holiday video message.

Premier Campbell Congratulates ASTTBC Award Recipients

A video message from Premier Gordon Campbell was played at the ASTTBC 2010 Technology Awards and Recognition Celebration (TARC) on November 6, 2010. The Premier extended
congratulations to all award winners and to the 9,500 members of ASTTBC for their considerable contribution to the growth and development of British Columbia. View the video

**TechPROfile: Ken Mayo, CHI**

Ken Mayo, CHI, is an enthusiastic and contributing member of ASTTBC providing mentoring and assessment reviews for applicants to the ASTTBC House Inspector Certification Program. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the BC Institute of Property Inspectors (BCIPI). Ken considers himself fortunate to be where he is and contributes to ASTTBC because as he says, "Only by giving back can I truly be successful."

Ken Mayo, CHI has lived his whole life in North Vancouver. After graduating from North Vancouver High School in 1970 and attending UBC for 2 years, he pursued a career as a commercial pilot. He took private pilot training and also began working for the District of North Vancouver Engineering Department as a surveyor’s assistant in 1975. This sparked his interest in technology and he began studying at BCIT in 1976 to learn surveying computations. With this skill set behind him, he was promoted to crew chief and continued to work for the District of North Vancouver until 2007.

Upon retirement from the District of North Vancouver, Ken completed the BCIT House Inspection program and was certified in 2008 as a house inspector. He founded Ken Mayo House Inspections shortly after that. He continues to develop the residential inspection business as an independent licensed home inspector. Ken says that working for the District of North Vancouver prepared him well for serving the public. He cares a lot about his clients, mostly individuals who are purchasing or selling real estate. He enjoys the one on one relationships as well as the challenges that each inspection brings.

Ken sees each new phone call or email as a potential opportunity. One such opportunity was a phone call he received earlier this year which resulted in Ken accepting a part-time faculty position at Ashton College. He is finding the chance to share his knowledge a rewarding experience.

In addition to his second career and his volunteer work, Ken is an avid badminton player and he has played guitar and composed songs for over 30 years.

Please join Ken in posting your career story at [www.techprofile.ca](http://www.techprofile.ca). In addition to providing valuable career information to others, TechPRO listings allow you to ‘catch up’ with former colleagues and find out who is working in your community. Posting your profile provides another way for self-employed practitioners to get their names in front of 10,000 ASTTBC members and to the many visitors to the ASTTBC website.

**BCWiT’s TechPRO Challenge**

This fall BCWiT (ASTTBC Women in Technology group) challenged the women of ASTTBC to post their TechPROfiles and draw prizes were offered as an incentive. At the same time, BCWiT challenged the men to post their TechPROfiles. (no prizes - just bragging rights!) A total of 32 TechPROfiles have been posted since and the score is Women: 18 to Men: 14.

Congratulations to each of the 32 whose Profiles are now posted to provide valuable career information to others.

Draw Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st **Place Moira Berg, AScT** Moira gets 32 Gig iPod Touch engraved

2nd **Michelle Gill, AScT** Michelle won 8Gig RED iPod nano, engraved.

**ASTTBC House & Property Inspectors Host First WEBINAR**

Through the BC Institute of Property Inspectors (BCIPI), an institute within ASTTBC, ASTTBC
registered house and property inspectors convened a Webinar to look at the new web site designed for BCPI. Dennis Gall, CTech, CPI, said, **Webinars will revolutionize communication within BCPI and they will certainly improve our Continuing Professional Development program. ASTTBC and BCPI should be congratulated, not only for the improved communication and education potential but for the elimination of so much travel, which has the added bonus of being “Green”. Personally when I travel to the Lower Mainland from Golden for a seminar I will log 1500km round trip.**

Dennis continued by commenting on the BCPI web site ([www.bcipi.com](http://www.bcipi.com)), "The new Website is much improved over our old one. It has so much more information and is designed for the consumer. As Peter Link pointed out during the webinar we can refer our clients to the website and the website can be used to expand our business. Thanks to all who were involved in the Webinar and Website Launch.”

**Need to Hire a House Inspector?**

ASTTBC members are encouraged to consider engaging the services of an ASTTBC-registered house or property inspector when doing a pre-purchase house inspection. ASTTBC members can be identified by their Certified House Inspector (CHI) or Certified Property Inspector (CPI) titles. To find an inspector: [www.bcipi.com](http://www.bcipi.com)

**ASTTBC Code of Ethics: Principle 3**

**Provide an opinion on a professional subject only when it is founded upon adequate knowledge and honest conviction.**

**Amplification:**

a. Members shall clearly distinguish between facts, assumptions, and opinions in reference to applied science technology in the preparation of reports, in conversation with clients and colleagues, in statements to the media, in the publication of papers and articles, and in discussion in a public forum.

b. Members shall not make statements, criticisms, or arguments generated or paid for by private interests on matters relating to public policy, unless they indicate on whose behalf the statements are being made.

c. Members shall ensure, to the best of their ability, that statements attributed to them properly reflect their professional opinion.

d. Members shall not misrepresent their qualifications to their clients or their employers.

e. Members shall engage or provide advice on engaging, experts or specialists when, in their judgment, such services are in the best interests of their client or employer.

**Commentary:** It is the responsibility of the members to clearly and accurately express the results of their work, and avoid bias due to political, economic or other non-technical factors. When called upon, members shall do their best to ensure that their professional opinions are accurately represented. When presenting complex issues to a non-technical audience, in order to avoid misinterpretation, members must simplify their discussions without losing the critical elements. Members shall separate their personal views from their professional activities and be impartial and factual when expressing professional opinions.

Download the complete [Code of Ethics](#).

**'Tis the Season for Giving and Appreciation**

This year, the Foundation for Education & Advancement in Technology (FEAT) provided $23,000 in bursaries for technology students across the province. Helping today's youth become tomorrow's technology professionals is FEAT's mission, and the Foundation has been fulfilling this purpose for two decades.
ASTTBC and FEAT wish to thank all our members and friends for their generous support of FEAT in 2010 and in previous years. Every gift, no matter the amount, matters to FEAT.

If you are not yet a FEAT donor, then please consider FEAT in your charitable giving at this time of year. Your gift is income tax deductible, and your support is truly appreciated. As a donor, your name will appear on the annual FEAT Donor Recognition listing on our website.

You can use the FEAT Ignite the Spark! donation form inside your most recent issue of ASTT News or you can donate online www.asttbc.org/donate ... and thank you, again, for making a difference!

**Canadian Women in Engineering, Science, Trades & Technology**

ASTTBC’s Sarah Campden, CTech and current chairperson of BCWiT was a speaker at the Conference 2010. Women represent approximately 10% of Canada’s and British Columbia’s technology professionals. They are at once under represented and a rich potential pool of talent for the future of the technology professionals. Sarah travelled to Winnipeg to learn more and to share the BC experience. She found it to be a rewarding and enlightening experience which you can read about on the website.

**Early Dues Payment Winners**

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their annual dues payment. Two Early Bird draws have been made and the winners are: Bernard Arthurs, CTech, Civil - Comox and Sunil Thakur, AScT(P), Electronics - Nanaimo. Each will receive an 8 Gig RED square iPod Nano.

**Construction Safety Officers Certification Panel Welcomes New Member**

Aron Laxton, Program Coordinator for the newly established BC Construction Safety Alliance has been appointed to the CSO Certification Panel by ASTTBC Council. CSO Program Manager, Bruce Stevens, AScT says "Aron brings a wealth of experience and energy to the CSO Panel and is very welcome addition as we strive to raise the profile of the role of construction safety professionals in the Province". The CSO Certification Panel is made up of eight volunteers who are safety professionals from the construction and safety industries.

**TECC Records Progress in Promoting Technology Education and Careers**

The Technology Education and Careers Council (TECC) was established by ASTTBC to help promote technology education and careers. The many industry and regulatory authority representatives have been working for over two years to draw greater attention to tech careers and to ensure BC has contemporary labour market information to help guide decision-making. TECC Chair Sandy Innes (Vice President, Telus) and Vice-Chair Jan Marston (Vice President, Terasen) reported many achievements in a recent update to the TECC Board:

- Ministry of Advanced Education added “and Labour Market Development” to its name, something TECC was promoting. This change was made prior to the recent Cabinet changes.
- Ministry has developed and now regularly updates and informs regarding Labour Market Information (LMI)
- Assistant Deputy Minister provided LMI info to TECC Board
- Business Council of BC provided TECC Board with their LMI and 2020 forecasts
- BC Technology Industries Association provided their perspective re LMI
- TECC met with Ministers Black, Stilwell and MacDiarmid (March 2010)
- Minister Stilwell talked with TECC in March about possible Year of Science. TECC gave it two thumbs up
- TECC met with 30 MLAs in Victoria
- Premier and Minister Stilwell launch YEAR OF SCIENCE (Sept 2010)
- TECC is featured in ASTT NEWS, fall 2010
TECC continues in its work to encourage policy-makers to provide the needed resources for technology education throughout BC.

**Minister Yamamoto (Building Code Renewal) Chats with ASTTBC’s John Leech**

The Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Building Code Renewal and ASTTBC’s Executive Director, John Leech were among 100 attendees at a recent conference on Housing Affordability hosted by the CHBA (BC). John was able to talk to Yamamoto about issues relating to Government’s plans to work on the BC Code, and in particular, as understood by ASTTBC, the processes and systems relating to the application of the Building Code. “I said to the Minister that while the Code is a great technical document, we have a somewhat ‘fractured’ system at the moment and that much work is needed to make it ‘whole’. The Minister was listening intently to the offerings of all those in attendance at the conference and appreciated the comments and suggestions I put forward,” Naomi Yamamoto is MLA for North Vancouver - Lonsdale.

**George Abbott MLA Meets First Nations Careers Council**

Then Minister of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation, George Abbott (MLA for Shuswap), joined Bill Baglo, Chair of the First Nations Careers Council and ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech. The three talked about the work of the FNCC (an ASTTBC initiative), noting many great strides forward in FNCC’s work to engage others in offering up bursaries for First Nations students studying in technology programs. Bill noted the strong support with bursaries offered by BC Hydro, Terasen and ASTTBC’s charitable foundation, FEAT. John and Bill also noted that FNCC and ASTTBC will sign a MoU in 2011 with the First Nations Technology Council, a provincial body working to engage communities through the internet. Bill invited then Minister Abbott to join the launch. George graciously accepted the invitation signaling he would be honoured to attend.

**Upcoming First Nations Science & Technology Events**

FNCC will be represented at the following upcoming events:

- Building a Healthy Future - Aboriginal Employment & Career Fair, Friday February 4 in Chilliwack
- Community Science Celebration Saturday February 19 in Port Alberni

**National Technology Week**

ASTTBC helped celebrate National Technology Week (NTW) this past month from November 1-5, 2010. NTW is an annual event celebrated in Canada, with the support of many educational, human resources and technology promotion organizations. It is Canada’s opportunity to showcase the many exciting career choices that are available today in applied science and engineering technology.

Some highlights of this week-long celebration included ASTTBC’s NTW promotional advertising and online campaign in Youthink Magazine, a publication distributed throughout highschools in BC and available for readers at community centres, libraries, 7-Eleven Stores, Mac’s stores and Safeway stores in the province.

As well, a number of presentations were made to students at Camosun, Okanagan College, Selkirk, and BCIT including BCIT’s Big Info Night.

**ASTTBC Members Meet in Ft St John**

ASTTBC members gathered for breakfast in Ft St John to get an update from ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech. The meeting was organized by Community Representative Dean Zimmer, AScT, RTMgr. Dean commented, "It was great to have John come up to FSJ, it has been a long time
since his last visit. While our numbers are not large, we are a dedicated group of members in the north. And it is good to hear first-hand what is happening within ASTTBC”.

Also joining the meeting was Lori Ackerman, Executive Director with Sci-Tech, the regional science and technology council. Lori spoke about the role of Sci-Tech and linkages with ASTTBC, including CPD offerings which are passed along to ASTTBC members and other professional associations in the area. John spoke about ASTTBC’s key initiatives and plans to be more active in all regions of the province. John promised he would return to the area again in 2011.

Kamloops Members’ Meeting

On November 2nd, ASTTBC’s Jason Jung, AScT, Manager, Technology Careers met with a great group of members in the Kamloops area. Topics of discussion included a high level overview of the PTech(Eng) Alberta Legislation and Model, Licensing of House Inspectors and other Licensing Recognition, Registered Technology Manager, Technology Education and Careers Promotion, Marketing and PR Initiatives, as well as updates on Technical Specialist Programs.

A highlight of the meeting was the awarding of Top in Technology Awards to Lyle Killough, AScT and Jason Dorey, AScT, RPBio recognizing them as ASTTBC members who represent a model technology professional. Congratulations!

Richard Nygren, AScT, Contributions earn ASTTBC Award

(adapted from an item in the Okanagan College INSIDE e-Newsletter)

Richard Nygren, AScT was presented with an ASTTBC Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership and dedication to promoting the advancement of Technology Careers. Bruce Stevens, AScT, Regional Manager, ASTTBC made the presentation at the recent Civil Engineering Technology PAC meeting Nov. 24.

Richard has always spoken very highly of the Association and helped advance its membership with students of Okanagan College. Richard has returned to work from retirement until Okanagan College can fill a vacancy in the Civil Engineering Technology Lab.

ASTTBC Council Nomination Process

At the September 2010 Council meeting, the nomination committee for the 2011-2012 Council was approved. The committee is now requesting nominations for election to the Council of ASTTBC. Each nomination must be supported by the signatures of 10 certified members, as well as the consent and signature of the nominee. Nominations properly endorsed must be received by the Nominating Committee Chair by Saturday, February 26, 2011. Nomination submissions should be addressed to:

Darrin Heisler, AScT, Chair, Nominating Committee,
10767 - 148 Street, Surrey, BC V3R 0S4
Fax 604.585.2790 or email techinfo@asttbc.org

ASTTBC Seeks Public Representative for Governing Council

ASTTBC is currently accepting expressions of interest from non-members who are interested in actively engaging in the important supporting role of a Public Representative position on its governing Council. This is an excellent opportunity to make a positive contribution and influence how ASTTBC considers the impact it has on the public as it regulates technology professionals and advances technology careers.

The ASTTBC Council appointed two Public Representatives for the first time in 2006 and has now changed the ASTT Regulations to add a third Public Representative to augment and broaden the
perspective of the Public Representatives’ role in supporting Council on matters relating to the public interest.

Public Representatives are appointed by the ASTTBC Council on a recommendation from the ASTTBC Nominating Committee. Information on ASTTBC and the role of the Council and Public representative as well as a copy of the reports of the Public Representatives are on the website.

If this is of interest we ask that you send to ASTTBC a statement as to your reason for making application to serve as a Public Representative and provide background information on your education, career and community interests and involvement. Expressions of interest should be sent in confidence to techinfo@asttbc.org to the attention of the Executive Director by the end of business day January 31, 2011.

**Bruce Sutherland Awarded Honourary Member of ASTTBC**

The President of Wolfteck Industries and Chair of the Board at the College of New Caledonia, Bruce Sutherland was awarded Honourary Membership in ASTTBC at the Association’s Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration on November 6, 2010. “Honorary Membership in ASTTBC was created to honour non-members of the professional association who are highly esteemed in their field, and who have demonstrated exceptionally meritorious service to the Association,” John Leech states. “Bruce has long been active in promoting technological education opportunities for students and graduates of the College of New Caledonia.”

**YTech Event**

"What do you want to do when you finish high school?" was the question that over a 100 Kootenay high school students were asked at the Ytech event at Selkirk College. The students from across the Kootenays were brought together for a 4 hour session where they were presented with science and technology career options. ASTTBC was a sponsor of this event.

**Contraption Contest**

ASTTBC was also a sponsor for the Kootenay Association for Science and Technology’s (KAST) annual Kootenay Contraption Contest for students from grades three through twelve. Three grade eight girls won the overall prize for their DVD presentation of a new energy efficient car named the Kodah-Oh that mimics the sun to energy process used by plants.

**North Salt Spring Water Works**

Trevor Hutton, AScT, General Manager for North Salt Spring Waterworks District reports that they have launched their new website. More pages will be added later with info and documents.

If you visit this website you will note that Marsh Heinekey, MBA AScT, an ASTTBC past president is an elected trustee on the Board of North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

**BC’s Economy Predicted to Grow**

A recent RBC report suggests that BC’s economy will experience significant growth over the decline of 2.4% experienced in 2009. A predicted 3.3% in 2010 and 3.1% in 2011 is due largely to public infrastructure spending and a growing Asian demand for BC’s commodities.

**British Columbia’s Green Economy/Securing the Work force of Tomorrow**

A year long study by Globe Foundation, published this September made some interesting findings including:
The green components of the economy are growing faster than the economy as a whole
BC’s six key “green” sectors contributed 10.2% of the province’s total GDP in 2008
Green elements of BC’s economy were responsible for nearly 166,000 FTE jobs in 2008 or 7.2% of the total provincial employment
Supply of green workers may be one of the largest constraints to greening our economy
Demand is growing for more training and skill development
BC is suffering from a shortage of experienced engineers, skilled technologists and workers certified to install and service many of the systems required for renewable energy and water quality management
In looking to the future, the report states:
The good news is that BC has all that is needed to make the transitions (to a lower carbon future) without undue hardship and dislocation, given the right policy framework and clarity of vision. And the sooner BC embraces this shift in full, the stronger its position will be in the global greener economy.

See the full report and also an accompanying report, Careers for a Sustainable Future Reference Guide to Green Jobs in BC (September 2010)

**Green News: Shore Power for Prince Rupert**

On September 14, Stockwell Day, Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, committed $2.5 million to develop a shore power system at the Port of Prince Rupert by 2011. This will enable container ships to connect to a shore powered electrical grid while docked at Fairview terminal. By shutting down their engines, greenhouse gas emissions savings will be equivalent to taking 800 cars a year off the road.

Port Metro Vancouver has already provided shore power to visiting cruise ships and is looking to extend this service to container vessels.

**Subsidies for Energy Related Companies**

The Electricity Sector Council (ESC) offers a subsidy of up to $10,000.00, to small and medium sized energy-related companies through its Career Focus Initiative program. At this time, there is still funding available for the 2010-2011 fiscal and more to come in April 2011.

Planning on hiring technicians, technologists and/or engineers? Contact the ESC to see if you are eligible to receive funding.

**Technology is Everywhere:**

Even in the Saskatchewan legislature where a recent 15 page throne speech was read by Lt.Gov. Barnhart using an iPad tablet.

**Congratulations to:**

Catherine Roome, PEng, on her recent selection as President and Chief Executive Officer for BC Safety Authority. Currently the BCSA’s Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Roome will formally assume her new responsibilities April 1, 2011.

**Thanks from:**

Paul LaBranche Executive Vice President, BOMA BC and Recipient of TechGREEN (Individual) Award

Just a quick note to say thanks for the excellent awards dinner and the recognition received for the Tech GREEN award. Please pass on my thanks to your Board and judges as well for this very special award.
Dave Baspaly, CMC, DBA, MA, BA, Executive Director BC Common Ground Alliance
Just thought I would drop you a quick note to congratulate you and your organization on a successful event! It is clear from the breadth and spectrum of awards that were handed out that ASTTBC is engaged in a wide variety of exciting projects. Thanks again for the invite we had a lot of fun.

Helen Koch - National Account Manager, Blackpress
I would like to say what a great job and awards night you organized. It was a pleasure to have been able to attend as my first time meeting you. I sincerely look forward to working with you in the near future and trust that Black Press can be useful in promoting ASTTBC again and again.

Mike Larock, RPF, Honourary Member ASTTBC
Thank you for this acknowledgment as an Honourary member in the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC). I am very appreciative of the recognition and fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute to the practice of technology professionals in BC.

Ted Nodwell, BComm, Dipl T, ASTTBC News editor and former Deputy Executive Director
Congrats to all the gang at ASTTBC for another job well done - as always. After helping to produce these events for the past 15 years or so, it was a treat for me to have time during the evening to visit with many of the members I have gotten to know over the years.

TechEVENTS
BCIC-New Ventures Competition: Regional Seminar Series
January 11 & 13, Victoria, Kelowna and via webcast
2011 Northern BC Natural Resource Forum & Economic Summit,
Jan 12-13, Prince George,
Commissioning, Testing & Maintenance of Electrical Systems
January 13-14, Vancouver,
Angel Capital Overview Workshop
Jan 18, Vancouver
Professional Certificate for Public Sector & Non-Profit Marketing
starts January 19, Sprott
Bulk Electrical System Technology 1
Jan 25-27, Winnipeg
Roads to Change Transportation Conference
Jan 26, Vancouver
Structural Design Step by Step Workshop
January 27, Vancouver
Earthworks Design, Construction & Inspection,
January 31-February 1, Vancouver
Municipal Design Workshop
February 2-4, Vancouver,
Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Symposium
February 8-9, Vancouver
FCM Sustainable Communities Conference & Trade Show
February 8-10, Victoria
BCIC-Entrepreneurship & Technology Commercialization Workshop
February 11, 18 & 25
BCIC ProductCamp Vancouver
February 12, Vancouver
Zero Flow: A Workshop on Intermittent Streams  
February 23-25, Drumheller, AB
Wood is Good, ABCFP conference  
February 23-25, Vancouver
FORREX Webinar - Getting Ahead of Climate Change - Guiding the Adaptation of Forest-based Communities in Canada  
11 am February 24
FORREX Webinar - Carbon Management in British Columbia’s Forests  
11 am March 3
Canadian Home Builders Association Georgie Award  
March 5, Vancouver
Consulting Engineers of BC Awards Gala  
March 5, Vancouver
7th Annual BC Wood Design Awards  
March 14, Vancouver
Geotechnical Design Workshop  
March 14-16, Vancouver
Piping System Fundamentals - Design, Operation and Maintenance,  
March 31-April 1, Vancouver
Bulk Electrical System Technology 1  
April 5-7, Winnipeg
Sanitary Sewer & Stormwater Drainage Systems Design Workshop  
April 14-15, Vancouver
Engineering Asset Maintenance Management  
April 28-29, Vancouver
Canadian Home Builder’s Home Show 2011  
Apr 29-May 1, Prince George
3rd International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology & Ecology  
May 2-5, Vienna, Austria
2nd International Marine Conservation Congress - Making Marine Science Matter  
May 14-18, Victoria, BC.
5th Canadian Conference on Geotechnique & Natural Hazards  
May 15-17, Kelowna
Electricity Sector Council 2011 Bright Futures in Canada Conference  
May 24-26, Toronto,
34th Canadian Medical & Biological Engineering Conference  
June 5-8, Toronto
Bulk Electrical System Technology 1  
June 14-16, Winnipeg
Earth on the Edge: Science for a Sustainable Planet  
June 28 - July 7, Melbourne, Australia
World Future 2011  
July 8-10, Vancouver
Canadian Quaternary Association and International Association of Hydrogeologists  
Aug 28-31, Quebec City
BC Water Symposium: Creating a Water Science Strategy  
Aug 30-Sept 1, Victoria, Kelowna, Prince George
Fourth Interagency Conference on Research in Watersheds: Observing, Studying and Managing for Change  
September 26-30, 2011, Fairbanks, Alaska

Note: More information on events and seminars is available on the ASTTBC web site.

Courses of Potential Interest to Members
Electrical Code Course at Douglas College
50 hour course Tuesday & Thursdays January 18-March 24
Register by phoning 604-527-5472 (CRN 11122)

Principles of Hydrology Short Course
February 28 - March 11, 2011. Kananaskis Valley, AB
More Info

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Drafting / CADD Technologies - Professional Upgrading and Training
AutoCAD Revit Architecture
Customized online training for professionals in CAD-related professions

January through June 2011 at the Kwantlen Cloverdale Campus. Courses are held Tuesdays from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. and online distance training can be provided in appropriate situations. Contact CADD Department Chair Joanne Massey by email: or phone: (604) 598-6123.

The Centre for Advanced Wood Processing and the Wood Manufacturing Council has developed a set of 8 on-line management skills training courses. Each course is designed to be completed entirely online over a 6 week period.

UBC Award of Achievement in Sustainability Management
The Winter 2011 term for the UBC Award of Achievement in Sustainability Management is now open for registration featuring new courses in tourism, LEED and sustainable food systems. Courses may be taken individually or as part of the program.

Part-time Studies at BCIT - Registration for Winter Term is now Open
BCIT provides continuing education through a variety of Part-time Studies courses and programs in many sectors including: Business, Computing, Engineering, Applied and Natural Sciences, Health Sciences, Trades, and Academic Studies. Learn from industry experts. Earn BCIT credentials, including certificates, diplomas or degrees. Choose from a variety of delivery options and locations - evenings, weekends or online.
Go to BCIT's Part Time Studies

Editor's note: Occasionally we are sent information on courses/ professional development that could potentially be of interest to members. However, there are undoubtedly many others and far too many to include here. A partial list of possible sources for courses/ professional development follows:

AIBC
APEGBC
Associated Environmental Site Assessors of Canada Inc. offers environmental training courses across Canada
British Columbia Water and Waste Association offers BCWWA Operator Education
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology
FORREX
Selkirk Management Services
Seminars for Small businesses involved in international trading