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**Chair's Message**

Carl Wong, EIT, *Chair*

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Dear Branch Members,

Winter is here and it's holiday season! Despite many of you taking time-off for vacation, I hope you will continue to support and check out our Burnaby/New West Branch events. Over the last two months we have been successful in holding an information booth at the BCIT Big Info open house and organizing a Professional Registration Seminar at BC Hydro. These events would not be such successes without the help of our branch executives and volunteers! Coordinating these branch events doesn't seem that difficult after all!

Being a branch representative definitely gave me the opportunity to attend some interesting APEGBC events and interact with the Chairs from other branches, such as the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in October and the Kwantlen Polytechnic Science Challenge sponsored by the Richmond/Delta branch in late November. It was fun participating in these events and we look forward to working with other branches to organize and deliver more interesting events to the APEGBC members. Please email us at [bn@apeg.bc.ca](mailto:bn@apeg.bc.ca) if you are interested in volunteering at our branch events and contributing to the future of our Engineering and Geoscience profession. Happy Holidays everyone!

Regards,

Carl Wong, EIT

Chair, APEGBC Burnaby/New Westminister Branch

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**Branch Events (Upcoming)**

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**APEGBC and SUCCESS: Seminar for Foreign Trained Engineers and Geoscientists  
Friday, December 11, 2009 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Burnaby Public Library – Metrotown  
branch, 6100 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4N5, (West of Metrotown Skytrain  
Station; free parking available underground)**

*Are you an internationally trained engineer or geoscientist looking to get licensed in BC? Have you ever had a question about the GIT/EIT/P.Eng./P.Geo. registration process? Do you have questions about how to complete your work experience record?*



Join Caroline Westra from APEGBC (Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists) for a two hour information session on how to navigate the path to professional accreditation and registration with APEGBC. This workshop will provide a brief introduction to the components of registering for the GIT/EIT/P.Eng./P.Geo. program in BC, preparing EIT/GIT online work experience reports, and APEGBC experience interviews. There will also be a Q&A session at the end of the seminar. Members of SUCCESS will also be available to inform you about various resources offered by them. Executives of the Burnaby/New West Branch of APEGBC will also be available for questions at the event.

Current EITs/GITs, internationally trained engineers and geoscientists, those preparing for registration as an EIT/GIT or P.Eng./P.Geo., and P.Eng./P.Geos who are in supervisor or mentoring roles of EIT/GITs should join us for this event. Engineering and Geoscience students are also welcome.

Bring in your questions and learn more. Advance registration required due to limited seats. This is a joint event between APEGBC and SUCCESS and co-sponsored by the Burnaby Public Library. Call the **Burnaby Public Library information desk** at **604-436-5400** to register for this **free** information event.



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**Branch Events (recently concluded)**

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**BCIT BIG Info Session & Program Expo  
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009**



**(from Left to Right): Dean Yi, EIT (Member-at-Large), Dr. Rishi Gupta, P.Eng (Branch's Vice Chair), Carl Wong, EIT (Branch's Chair), Gary Lin, P.Eng (Branch's Treasurer), Farnaz Edalat, EIT (Member-at-Large)**

On October 28, five members of the New Westminister/Burnaby Branch of APEGBC reached out to the public in one of BCIT's most anticipated events of the year. The Branch targeted all potential Engineers and Geoscientists in attendance at the event as to increase their awareness about APEGBC's role in their future career building process. Our branch volunteers were approached by many foreign trained engineering professionals who asked about the professional registration process and many high school students who were interested in pursuing post-secondary studies in engineering. An estimated total of 1700 attendees were present at this event at BCIT. We are glad to have taken part in this successful event this year.



**Professional Registration Seminar with APEGBC's Associate Director of Internship and Licensing**  
**November 5, 2009**



**(behind the podium):**

**Mr. Jacques Granadino, P.Eng (Presenter and APEGBC's Associate Director of Internship and Licensing)**

Thank you to Mr. Jacques Granadino for his time and for sharing with us his knowledge on the process of getting professionally registered with APEGBC. His presentation was both informational and useful to many of the participants who are EITs/GITs and to P.Eng./P.Geos who are in supervisory or mentoring roles. More than 80 attendees were present at this seminar. The Branch is glad to announce that this event reached full capacity.



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**Professional Development Events in the Area**

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Source: <https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

**December 2009**

December 3, 2009	Burnaby, BC	<a href="#">Managing Project Costs Seminar.</a>
December 11, 2009	Vancouver, BC or via WebEx	<a href="#">Construction Law for Consultants.</a>
December 15, 2009	Executive Hotel & Conference Centre, Burnaby, BC	<a href="#">Better Business Group.</a>

**January 2010**

January 15, 2010	Vancouver, BC or via WebEx	<a href="#">Who owns your ideas? - Intellectual Property and Practical Considerations.</a>
January 19, 2010	Executive Hotel & Conference Centre, Burnaby, BC	<a href="#">Better Business Group.</a>
January 29, 2010	Vancouver, BC or via WebEx	<a href="#">Certification of Seismic Assessment of Slopes for "Safe" Land Development Seminar.</a>
January 29, 2010 to January 30, 2010	Holiday Inn Express Metrotown, Burnaby, BC	<a href="#">IStructE Exam Prep Seminar &amp; Workshop.</a>

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December 2009 Calendar of Events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3 <a href="#">Managing Project Costs Seminar.</a>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <a href="#">S.U.C.C.E.S.S./APEGBC Presentation to Foreign Trained Professionals - (Branch Event)</a>  <a href="#">Construction Law for Consultants.</a>	12
13	14	15 <a href="#">Better Business Group.</a>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



**January 2010 Calendar of Events**

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					<a href="#">Who owns your ideas? - Intellectual Property and Practical Considerations.</a>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<a href="#">Better Business Group.</a>				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					<a href="#">Certification of Seismic Assessment of Slopes for "Safe" Land Development Seminar.</a>	<a href="#">IStructE Exam Prep Seminar &amp; Workshop.</a> (Day 2 of 2)
					<a href="#">IStructE Exam Prep Seminar &amp; Workshop.</a> (Day 1 of 2)	
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**2009-10 Burnaby/New Westminister Branch Executive**

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**Carl Wong, EIT**  
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**Gary Lin, P.Eng**  
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