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Call for Presenters

Are you an expert in your field who would like to contribute to the future of engineering or geoscience? APEGBC is actively seeking members to present on a variety of topics. APEGBC is accepting applications from members who can provide half, one or two-day seminars. To express your interest, please visit http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/call_for_presenters.html



Upcoming Events

March 2011

March 19th – Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition at Burnaby Public Library Metrotown branch

April 2011

APEGBC President's Visit Dinner – Tentative; Details TBA

Branch Events (Recently Concluded)

Site Tour: Old Capilano Bridge Replacement Project
Saturday, January 29th 2011



Group picture in front of the old Capilano Bridge



APEGBC BN Branch provided a great site visit opportunity for our members on the Old Capilano Bridge Replacement project on Jan 29th 2011. More than 20 members plus volunteers attended this event. The tour was led by Mr. David Queen, P.Eng. – Manager, Bridge Engineering of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The site visit covered both planning aspects and technical details of the Old Capilano River Bridge Replacement and Marine Drive/Lion’s Gate Transit Priority Project that are well suited for members from different disciplines. Information such as project schedule, environmental issues, detour options, construction staging, river hydraulics, transit improvements, utilities, structure replacement and cycling improvements were presented. We thank all the participants for supporting our branch event and for taking the time to provide positive feedback and valuable suggestions for future event improvement. Our branch volunteers look forward to continue to provide site visit opportunities for our members in the future.



To view more pictures of this event, please visit our branch’s [online album](#) or at the following link: <https://picasaweb.google.com/117334642960346215668/SiteTourOldCapilanoBridgeReplacementProject#>



**Foreign Trained Professional (FTP) Seminar
Friday, October 8th 2010**



[clockwise from top left] 1) Volunteers of FTP seminar 2) Event poster display in the Burnaby Public Library 3) Aman (Speaker: SUCCESS) and Rishi (Vice Chair: BBY/NW Branch) wrapping up the event 4) Caroline: Guest Speaker from APEGBC

On October 8th, APEGBC's Burnaby/New Westminister Branch organized a seminar for Foreign Trained Engineers and Geoscientists. More than 40 participants attended this two-hour free seminar at the Metrotown branch of the Burnaby Public Library. Caroline Westra was the guest speaker from APEGBC who presented the registration process international trained engineers and geoscientists should follow to get registered with the Association. A recruiting expert from SUCCESS, Aman Prasad was also invited to give his suggestions to the audience on how to find a job in their related profession and to speak about the various resources available at SUCCESS. The participants showed great interest in this topic of seminar and asked numerous questions after the seminar. To view more pictures of this event, please visit our branch's [online album](#).



BCIT Big Info Event
Wednesday, November 3rd 2010



In the photo: Rishi - Vice Chair of BN branch answering question, Naimesh Vadhwana – Branch Treasurer]

Building on the success of last year, the branch participated in the BCIT Big Info on November 3rd. The BN Branch set up an information booth with an intention to reach out to the public and many prospective students to provide them with information about APEGBC. A large crowd joined this event at BCIT and many enquiries were received about APEGBC. Four branch volunteers: Rishi, Naimesh, Stanley and Jean represented the branch at this event. For more event pictures, please visit our branch's [online album](#) or at the following

link: <http://picasaweb.google.com/117334642960346215668/BCITBigInfo#>



EIT/GIT Logbook Seminar
Tuesday, November 23rd 2010



[Jason Ong (Supervisor, Member-In-Training Program, APEGBC) presenting at the EIT/GIT seminar]

The route to become P.Eng/P.Geo can be very challenging for many people seeking registration as an engineer or geoscientist with the Association. On November 23rd, the BN branch organized a seminar to introduce the process of becoming a P.Eng/P.Geo with an emphasis on how the experience as an EIT/GIT must be documented. Jason Ong from APEGBC presented this topic in a clear and detailed manner. There were more than 80 registrants at this event, which was organized at the BC Hydro building in Burnaby. The attendees also enjoyed food before the start of the seminar.

The event was a success in terms of the great interest demonstrated by the audience. There were many interesting questions raised by the attendees during and after the



seminar. Stanley, a volunteer of the BN branch led a group of volunteers from the branch including: Naimesh, Gary, Mike, Rishi, Mohsen, Stuart, Tammy and Jean, who contributed to the success of this event. More event pictures can be viewed on our branch's [online album](#) or click on: <http://picasaweb.google.com/117334642960346215668/EITGITSeminar#>

Professional Development Events in the Burnaby/ New West Area

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

February 2011

February 4, 2011 to February 5, 2011	Burnaby, BC	IStructE Exam Prep Seminar & Workshop.
February 15, 2011	Executive Hotel & Conference Centre, Burnaby, BC	Better Business Group.
February 16, 2011	Burnaby, BC	Stationary Batteries Seminar.
February 23, 2011	Burnaby, BC	Predicting Reliability in Mechanical Design Seminar.

March 2011

March 9, 2011	Burnaby, BC	New Product Development Seminar.
March 15, 2011	Executive Hotel & Conference Centre, Burnaby, BC	Better Business Group.
March 16, 2011	Burnaby, BC	Stationary Battery Chargers Seminar.