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## President's Message

Our dinner meeting program kicked-off on September 16, 2009 with an excellent presentation by Kees Cusveller of Graham Group Ltd on P3 Project execution model. On behalf of the Chinook-Calgary Section, I would like to thank Kees for his presentation.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2009. The guest speaker for the evening is Jimmy Dees. Jimmy is vice-president and head of Syncrude's Business Development Department. Jimmy will be presenting on the management and execution strategies used on Syncrude's sustainable projects.

Skills and Knowledge Workshops on Change Management by Peter Ripley, and Engineering Progress Measurement by John Lacroix, were conducted on September 26, 2009. Both workshops have received great feedback from attendees. Those of you who could not attend these sessions, we are planning to offer these sessions in the future.

The next Skills and Knowledge Workshop is a full day session on October 24, 2009 on Planning & Scheduling by Peter George. Peter George is the Director of Project Controls with AMEC Americas, Peter has presented this seminar in previous years and he has added new materials to this course this year to make it more interesting and more informative for the attendees.

You might have noticed the announcement in recent issue of The Cost Management Journal that Chinook-Calgary section has received "Outstanding Section Award" at AGM in Seattle. I would like to add that Chinook-Calgary BOD is proud of this achievement and have received this honor for the 18<sup>th</sup> time. Great job team!

I am excited to announce a new BOD initiative to reward AACEI Chinook Calgary members and colleagues for attending technical dinner meetings. At our next dinner meeting we will make a draw for a free dinner to one lucky attendee. The winner can use the voucher at any future dinner meeting for themselves or a colleague.

Currently we are actively looking for seasoned professional to share their experiences with AACE patronage. We are looking for articles on cost, planning/scheduling, estimation and project management issues to publish in our newsletter. If you have some experience which would be beneficial to project controls community please feel free to contact us.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Please feel free to contact me at (403) 692-3634 or at [president@aaceicalgary.org](mailto:president@aaceicalgary.org)**



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### WHAT is AACE Chinook Section?

The Chinook – Calgary Section of AACE Canada was founded in 1972. It currently has close to 500 members from a wide range of companies in and outside of Alberta. Our members are involved in all aspects of estimating, cost control, planning, scheduling and project management.

Reservation for dinner meetings can be made by calling Anna Tremblay at **648-7069** not later than the day prior to the meeting so that the correct number of meals can be ordered. The dinner cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for. Non-members

Members receive the Cost Engineering Magazine, a discount on books and publications from AACEI Headquarters and access to contents on the AACEI website. This newsletter is also issued regularly and members are encouraged to submit articles or notices for publication. Please submit articles to Tanveer Ahmed or Peter Ripley.

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Left to right (Front Row): Elizabeth Pettersen, Deborah Clark-Shannon, Cindy Hands, Bindu Amin, Anna Tremblay, Ginette Basak, Joan Dyck  
Missing from the picture are: Paul Yasinko, Clara Teran, Donna Kainth, Steven Revay and Peter Ripley

## **Reflections on September's Dinner Meeting**

*By: Arthur Kowalchuk, P.Eng.*

Some 30 Chinook-Calgary Section members and guests attended the first technical dinner meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2009. It was in the Riverview Room of the International Hotel.

Chinook-Calgary Section President, Hassan Halepotah introduced the Board of Directors as well as Past President Mahendra Bhatia, AACEI President-Elect, Stephen Revay and Region 1 Director, Peter Ripley. Following the salmon steak dinner, Peter Ripley introduced the evening speaker Kees Cusveller of Graham Group Ltd. who presented an Overview of the P3 Project Delivery Model from a Contractor's Perspective.

P3 is the provision of capital assets and long term operations including private financing and payments with a performance bond. International financing may be used to proceed with legal design, construction and maintenance. Examples of P3 include the Kelowna-Vernon hospital expansion and the Anthony Henday Edmonton expressway costing a billion dollars for the 20 mile route. This project is still continuing with widening and extension. P3 is also being used for ASAP schools. Proposals are being considered by the BC cancer agency and BC ASAP schools.

Some advantages include a common design platform, cost reduction in construction and lack of in-house management by owners. Items involved in consideration of projects include land acquisition, zoning, permits, design and construction. In this model project still requires cost estimating in order to obtain financing and determine potential revenue following completion. Contractors require site geotechnical data for design drawings. Financial security depends on the project life cycle and is affected by construction costs, schedules and risk rewards. One needs the right people to run the construction and also requires the right partners and backing of the projects. One needs to weigh the economy of scale versus risk management. It is important to come up with valid life cycle costing. You need international participation in financing. There is a shortage of contractors, shortage of financing, shortage of materials, labour.

Following his presentation, Kees Cusveller answered questions from the audience.

## **HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR AACE PROFILE?**

As you've probably noticed, AACEI have switched to a new system. All orders will now be processed through AACEI online database system.

Everyone will need to have a Login Name and Password to process transactions on the AACEI site, even non-members.

If you already have a Login Name and Password, you can begin by entering your login information.

Here is the link: *Web Link:* <https://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm>

# Skills & Knowledge Workshop Photo Collage



# Registration Form

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**AACE CHINOOK - CALGARY SECTION PRESENTS**

### **'SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS 2009'**

#### **FOUR SESSIONS ON FOUR SATURDAY'S**

**LOCATION:** Nexen Tower, North Side Theatre, 801-7Ave. S.W. Calgary  
Located in the Plus 15 behind the 7St Westbound LRT Station, Corner of 7 Ave. & 7 St. S.W.  
(UtiliCorp Networks Canada, tenants in the building are now sponsoring our Lecture Theatre)

1. SAT., SEP. 26, 2009      Engineering Progress (Speaker Peter Ripley) *COMPLETED*
1. SAT., SEP. 26, 2009      Change Management (Speaker John P. Lacroix) *COMPLETED*
2. SAT., OCT. 24, 2009      Planning & Scheduling (Speaker - Peter George)
3. SAT., NOV. 21, 2009      Project Controls 101 (Speakers: Deborah Clark-Shannon/Hassan Halepota)
4. SAT., DEC. 5, 2009      Project Economics (Speaker - Sandra Paulguard)
4. SAT., DEC. 5, 2009      Quantification & Material Take-offs (Speaker - Umesh Krishnappa)

#### **REFERENCE BOOKS OPTIONAL:**

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE OF COST ENGINEERING, 5th EDITION (\$80.00)  
CERTIFICATION STUDY GUIDE, 3rd EDITION (\$70.00)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **REGISTRATION COST:**

	Member	NonMember	Student
All Four Sessions	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$35.00
Each Session	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

Make cheques payable to "**AACE Chinook-Calgary Section**" and bring to 1st course.

**Register with Bindu Amin at [Certification@AACEIcalgary.org](mailto:Certification@AACEIcalgary.org)**

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**Note: Lunch is not provided**

# **AACEI CHINOOK-CALGARY SECTION DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

(Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering)

**Wednesday, October 28th, 2009**

## **Sustainable Projects in Syncrude**

**PRESENTER: Jimmy Dees**

**Manager-Project Business Services-Syncrude Canada**

### **Presentation Overview**

Syncrude is presently executing and developing many sustainable projects in Fort MacMurray which are related to tailings site development and relocation, mining and mine closure and extraction. These projects are very important to Syncrude for future sustainability of oil sands production in Alberta.

### **Speaker Profile**

Jimmy Dees is a very intricately involved with large Syncrude capital projects from conceptualization to execution. Jimmy in his role as head of Business Services is providing direction to multiple engineering houses, field contractors and Syncrude Project Management teams.

Jimmy Dees is a regular speaker at Syncrude in the area of Project Management.

### **MENU:**

*The meal will consist of green salad, roast beef, potatoes and seasonal vegetables with Pecan Pie.*

### **LOCATION and TIME:**

Riverview Room, International Hotel, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Calgary  
Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:15, Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**PLEASE RSVP to Anna Tremblay at [dinners@aaceicalgary.org](mailto:dinners@aaceicalgary.org), no later than Tuesday, October 27th.**  
(Indicate if you have a dietary preference and place your **SPECIAL FOOD REQUEST** with Anna 48 hours in advance)

### **PRICES:**

\$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, \$15 for students.  
Please pay with cheque or cash when you sign in at the door.

### **WHO IS INVITED?**

Cost analysts & cost engineers, estimators, planners & schedulers, project managers – all practitioners and professionals with an active interest in project costs, estimates, schedules and project management are cordially invited to participate in our meetings.

## DINNER MEETING PROGRAM 2009 – 2010

### **Overview of the P3 Project Delivery Model from a Contractor Perspective**

Wednesday, Sep 16, 2009

Speaker: Kees Kusveller (Graham)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

*Completed*

### **Sustainable Projects in Syncrude**

Wednesday, Oct 28, 2009

Speaker: Jimmy Dees (Syncrude)

Chairman: Mohammad Afzal

### **TransCanada's Alaska Pipeline**

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2009

Speakers: Arash Ranjbarran (Worley) & Jack Beattie (TransCanada)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

### **Alberta report on Productivity**

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2010

Speakers: Larry Sondrol (Suncor) & Steve Revay (Revay Associates)

Chairman: Peter Ripley

### **Report on Research at the University of Calgary**

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2010

Speakers: Haideh Farahmand and Theo Okeke

Chairman: Tanveer Ahmed

### **Why bother with a budget on projects - when they are known to be wrong! (Part 2)**

Thursday, Mar 25, 2010

Speaker: Francis Hartman

Chairman: Steve Revay

### **TBD**

Wednesday, Apr 21, 2010

Speaker: TBA

Chairman: Peter Ripley

### **Chinook-Calgary AGM**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

## SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS 2009

### **Saturday, Sep 26, 2009 – Change Management / Engineering Progress *Completed***

Speakers: Peter Ripley / John P Lacroix

### **Saturday, Oct 24, 2009 – Planning & Scheduling**

Speaker: Peter George

### **Saturday, Nov 14, 2009 – Project Controls 101**

Speakers: Hassan Halepota & Deborah Clark

### **Saturday, Dec 5, 2009 – Economics 101 / Quantification Material /Take offs**

Speakers: Sandra Paulguard & Umesh Krishnappa

## SEMINAR 2010

### **TBD**

Speaker: TBA

Chairman: TBD

## Certification Application Deadlines

*Bindu Amin*

This is to inform those interested in writing AACE certification exam, please make note of following dates and applicable fees. Chinook-Calgary Section is hosting fourth quarter certification exam on November 07, 2009.

AACEI Chinook-Calgary will be hosting first quarter certification exam on March 6, 2010. Please make note of following dates:

Certification	Early Bird <i>December 21, 2009</i>	Regular <i>January 5, 2010</i>
<b>CCE/CCC/PSP/EVP/CEP (Members)</b>	US\$300	US\$350
<b>CCE/CCC/PSP/EVP/CEP (Non-members)</b>	US\$450	US\$500
<b>CCT (Members)</b>	US\$100	US\$150
<b>CCT (Non-members)</b>	US\$150	US\$200

**Please note: The last day to submit application is January 5, 2010.**

If you have any questions regarding **Certification Application** or any related matters please check website: <http://www.aacei.org/certification>. Any other questions please contact Bindu Amin ([Certification@aaceicalgary.org](mailto:Certification@aaceicalgary.org)) phone 403-691-7614

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by the Chinook-Calgary section,  
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