



## **PAGSE: The Past Three Months (Oct-Dec 2005)**

The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE; [www.pagse.org](http://www.pagse.org)) is a cooperative association of more than 20 national organizations in Science and Engineering, formed in June 1995, at the invitation of the Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada. The national organizations that comprise PAGSE represent approximately 50,000 individual members from industry, academia, and government sectors. They work together to collectively represent the Canadian science and engineering community to the Government of Canada, and to advance research and innovation for the benefit of Canadians. PAGSE is *not* a lobby group. It does not seek an audience in order to advance the cause of specific science and engineering initiatives: rather, its intent is to address the broader issues of science and engineering policy at the national level.

If PAGSE is to be truly representative of the science and engineering community in Canada, we must ensure that you, individual members of member societies and associations, are aware of the activities that we undertake in your name. While details may be found on the PAGSE website ([www.pagse.org](http://www.pagse.org)), we will also provide you with a periodic summary of activities.

### **Bacon & Eggheads:**

PAGSE, in partnership with the Science and Engineering Research Canada (NSERC), sponsors a monthly breakfast meeting held on Parliament Hill, and known as “*Bacon and Eggheads*”. The meeting informs parliamentarians about recent advances in science and engineering. During the past three months we have organized the following presentations:

### **Safe Disposal of Canada's High Level Nuclear Wastes**

David Shoemith, University of Western Ontario  
Thursday November 24, 2005

### **Contaminated Sites – How Clean is Clean?**

Kenneth Reimer, Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston  
Thursday October 20, 2005

### **Wind Power in a Carbon-Constrained World: Capacity, Cost, and Environmental Impacts**

David Keith, University of Calgary  
Thursday September 29, 2005

### **House of Commons Finance Committee:**

PAGSE submits a brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance each fall to provide consensus views from the science and engineering research community on policy issues and initiatives. This year our brief was entitled “*Advancing Canada’s Global Competitiveness in Research & Development*”:



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The following are links to the brief and a summary of its recommendations:

**Submission to House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance**

**Summary of 2005 Submission**

**PAGSE Monthly Meetings:**

Guests representative of science and engineering in the government and industry sectors are invited to monthly PAGSE meetings held at the University of Ottawa to discuss their views on the status of science and engineering in Canada in general and in the organisations they represent, and the potential issues and challenges that they would like to see PAGSE address. In the past three months we have welcomed the following guests:

October 11th: **Ron Freedman**, The Impact Group  
*Discussion of the role of the private sector in R&D in Canada*

November 21st: **Peter Brenders**, President and CEO BioteCanada  
*Discussion of R&D issues in the life sciences in Canada from the private sector perspective*

December 6th: **Pierre Coulombe**, President, National Research Council of Canada  
*Discussion of the new President's perspective on research at NRC and NRC's role in Canada*

For further information regarding PAGSE activities, please contact your PAGSE representative ([www.pagse.org/en/links.htm](http://www.pagse.org/en/links.htm))

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