



*P*artnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE)

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PAGSE: The Past Six Months (Jan-June 2006)

The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE; www.pagse.org) is a cooperative association of more than 25 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), 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. The past six months have seen a federal election and a change of government. Not surprisingly, we have only organized two presentations so far this season:

Earthquakes and Bomb Blasts: How safe is our infrastructure?

Murat Saatcioglu, University of Ottawa

Thursday April 27, 2006

From the Bench to the Bedside to the Bank

David Dolphin, The University of British Columbia

Thursday May 18, 2006

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 six months we have welcomed the following guests to discuss their respective agencies:

January 9th: **Eliot Phillipson**, President, Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

February 27th: **Alan Bernstein**, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

April 11th: **Suzanne Fortier**, President, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council

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May 24th: **Janet Halliwell**, Acting President, Social Sciences and Health Research Canada (SSHRC)

PAGSE Membership and web links:

PAGSE membership continues to grow: new members are indicated in italics.

Academy of Science, Royal Society of Canada
Agricultural Institute of Canada
Canadian Academy of Engineering
Canadian Association of Physicists
Canadian Federation of Biological Societies
Canadian Geophysical Union
Canadian Geoscience Council
Canadian Mathematical Society
Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society
Canadian Nuclear Society
Canadian Quaternary Association
Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science
Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering
Canadian Society for Chemical Technology
Canadian Society for Chemistry
Canadian Society of Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology
Chemical Institute of Canada
Ecological Society of North America
Engineering Institute of Canada
Genetics Society of Canada
Geological Association of Canada
Innovation Management Association of Canada
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Statistical Society of Canada

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

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