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New Group of Educators at 4th Collaboration Day in B.C. on October 30, 2014

We held our fourth Collaboration Day in B.C. on October 30 at BCIT and there were some new collaborators in attendance. A group of participants from the Vancouver School Board joined us. They have been working for several years to put trades in the high schools, but haven't worked with Power Engineers. We looked at a program at the Catholic High School in Fort McMurray where the students took Power Engineering starting in Grade 10 and graduated with a 4th Class certificate. It was an interesting discussion.

We also had a group from the refrigeration industry in attendance who gave us feedback on the Refrigeration Operator training materials currently available that are supported by IPECC and SOPEEC. Hopefully we can work together to get their feedback to the IPECC Committee.

We are currently putting a presentation together to share with industries that are not legislated to hire Power Engineers. We hope to present this at the 2015 Symposium of the Industrial Application of Gas Turbines. The draft presentation came

in handy when describing Power Engineers to the high school educators.

We have been in discussion with the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training since Executive Director, Shannon Baillie attended our last Collaboration Day in June. The Ministry provided us with powerpoint slides that we presented on how the Labour Market Partnership program may be of help to us. We broke into groups to decide how best to proceed and each of the groups was in favour of applying to the program to gather labour market intelligence on the future demand for Power Engineers in B.C. Some of us feel strongly there will be a huge

demand for Power Engineers in the LNG industry, but others don't share that view. Results from a properly funded survey would help us tremendously. We will work with government to get that Labour Market Partnership program application underway.

As in previous Collaboration Day events, we shared information on the 4th Class Practical Skills Record and a few participants filled out surveys to help us improve the book. We will continue to work at improving these log books.

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Special points of interest:

- New Collaborators
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Check the website, www.ipevancouver.ca for the 2014 Schedule of Meetings.

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