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It's been an exciting year in Admissions – particularly the last few months.

On May 9, 2008, Council passed a policy change which promises to have a positive effect on those who are going through the Academic Assessment process. Staff at the APEGM office, particularly Claudia Shymko, our new Assessment Officer, has put in a Herculean effort to make sure that the transition phase is going smoothly. Since this transition also coincided with the retirement of a long-standing and experienced staff member, Joan McKinley, the effort put in by Claudia was especially noteworthy and appreciated.

There are still implementation details to be worked out, however, we are seeing the 'light at the end of the tunnel' and in fact, we have had a few applicants express their approval of the new policy; which certainly makes the hard work worthwhile. More details are available at:

<http://www.apegm.mb.ca/register/noaccred/newarp.html>.

Another exciting event that is happening is the fact that our online database/website application is drawing closer to completion.

This too, has been a fairly monumental task as it is not just a simple matter of converting Access tables to SQL Server tables. The new database involves a complete reworking of our workflow, extreme data clean-up (how many ways can you spell University of Manitoba? UofM, U of M, Univ.of MB, Univ. of Man., you get the idea), a complete change in table schema, and a restructuring of our network – both hardware and software.

Andrew Reddoch, our Programmer, has been going through the Alpha version with staff, but very shortly we will be calling on the members to help us with the troubleshooting. The troubleshooting will be in phases and among other things, will involve test 'run-throughs' of the pre-registration process. Those members interested in participating will be assigned various roles – e.g. MIT, Supervisor, Registration Committee member, Experience Review Committee member.

While testing will involve a bit of work and coordination – we think that it has the potential to be a lot of fun as well – and getting involved with it will allow members to have some say in how the process should work.

Another big event related to Admissions is the fact that the Internationally Educated Engineering Qualifications program (IEEQ) has received its long anticipated funding and is now ramping up to be an even bigger and more successful program. Many foreign-trained engineering graduates have taken

advantage of this program and have gone on to successful careers as Professional Engineers. More information about this program can be found at: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/engineering/programs/ieeq/>.

In short, it's been a busy and productive year, and it promises to get even busier.