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THE WORK-BASED ROUTE TO PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

New committee reflects Stage 2 priorities

The first stage of the Engineering Gateways project was completed at the end of March 2008. A new Steering Committee has been appointed and has agreed priorities for Stage 2. These include increasing employer engagement and raising awareness to achieve nationwide impact. The new Steering Committee reflects these priorities with increased employer body representation to take forward the work. It will be chaired by Wendy Laynton of ExxonMobil Chemical Limited Global Manufacturing Training Office, and a full list of the members appears on the re-launched Engineering Gateways website. Another priority in Stage 2 is finalizing the work-based route to IEng status. The guide focusing on the IEng/Bachelor's route will be published shortly. The guide to the MSc Professional Engineering can be found on the website - see below.



ECITB fund 14 places for working engineers to enrol on MSc Professional Engineering

The Engineering and Construction Industry Training Board have funded 14 places for working engineers to enrol on the MSc Professional Engineering at Kingston and Northumbria Universities. Companies such as Air Products, Amec, Bechtel, BNS Nuclear, Cordell, CB&I, Foster Wheeler and Interserve will benefit from the sponsorship scheme. Andy Brown (pictured right) Head of Research and Development at ECITB said,



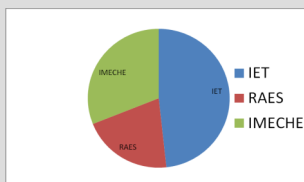
'This scheme reflects ECITB's commitment to facilitating career pathways for Industry personnel. We are looking forward to working with our employers and the EC^{UK} in developing flexible pathways to professional qualifications.'

Engineering Gateways website relaunched with dedicated pages for employers and working engineers

The Engineering Gateways website was officially relaunched in June this year. The site has been both re-designed and expanded and includes dedicated pages for the various stakeholders including employers and working engineers. There are case studies to view as well as comments from participating employers. Contact details for the universities and Professional Engineering Institutions involved are also included and it is anticipated that the site will be developed to include the FE sector and the IEng dimension. The new website can be accessed at www.engineeringgateways.co.uk. As part of the re-launch the quarterly Engineering Gateways Newsletter has been replaced with this shorter e-Bulletin, which will be a digest of recent news about the project.

Intended PEI membership

The chart below shows the intended PEIs of participants enrolled on the programme at Hertfordshire, Kingston, Northumbria and Staffordshire universities between November 2007 and October 2008. Note



that IET, IMechE and RAeS were the first PEIs to be involved. Several others have recently confirmed their involvement-they are listed on the website-and this chart will be updated periodically as information it becomes available.

Potential KTP Collaboration

Following a presentation from Project Manager Deborah Seddon to the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) regional advisors, several areas for potential collaboration are being explored. KTP associates work towards a professional qualification and KTP advisors felt that EC^{UK}'s work-based model to professional registration could help facilitate this.

The Engineering Gateways Project is part of the government's DIUS-funded 'Gateways to the Professions' initiative. It aims to provide a route to professional qualification for working engineers without the full exemplifying qualifications who are unable to commit to full-time study. Employees are able to demonstrate the required competences for professional registration (UK-SPEC) at the same time as meeting the learning objectives for an academic qualification

Universities

Cardiff, Hertfordshire, Kingston, Northumbria, Staffordshire, Teesside

Professional Engineering Institutions

BCS, IChemE, IET, IMechE, InstMC, RAeS

Industry Representatives

COGENT, ECITB, EU SKILLS, SEMTA, TUC

This list will continue to be updated as further organisations become partners

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