

OUT WITH THE OLD...



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HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to the first issue of 2009. As we approach the end of this century's first decade, it seems fitting to take a look at energy—no doubt one of the most newsworthy topics of our time and a definite concern for our future. It's also a subject that lends itself to the adage of “out with the old, in with the new.” If they haven't already, new energy realities will soon force engineers to make choices and will present ever more challenging situations, as you'll read in “Energy issue beckons P.Engs in new directions” (p. 28). With concerns over finite fossil fuel supplies, climate change and environmental degradation, engi-

neers have their work cut out for them to provide a future that includes a reliable and environmentally sustainable energy supply.

We have what I hope you'll find to be an interesting schedule lined up for the remainder of the year, including our ever-popular innovation issue, in which we bring you technologies developed by Canadian engineers that we feel are taking life in a completely new direction.

We'll also look at the issue of climate change—from all angles—in our environment issue. This is a topic that has raged in our letters section for years, and one that I suspect will prompt more fire-works from members. This debate, it seems, won't be over any time soon.

Check out the media kit on the *Engineering Dimensions* section of www.peo.on.ca for the other topics we'll be taking on this year.

It's council election time once again. This fact is hard to miss as 15 of our pages (starting on p. 48) are devoted to election platforms. This election boasts by far the largest number of candidates I've seen in my time as editor, and is encouraging to see.

Don't forget to check out what the candidates have to say and get your vote in to the official elections agent by the February 27 deadline.

I'll end by inviting you to check out the first message from Donald Wallace, PhD, the new director of the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (p. 21). Later in the year, the centre will dip a toe into the publishing world with a new journal that will begin as a section in this magazine before spinning off into a stand-alone publication. Σ