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To the Members of CSEM and CSSE may I, on behalf of your executive, offer my sincere thanks for the continued support you have given to our Monthly Luncheon Meetings. The early months of 2004 gave us the opportunity once again to hear presentations of the highest quality on such diverse subjects as Offshore Structures, A Historical View of Marine Transportation of Coal, Wind Powered Generators, and the Economic Effects of the Fluctuating Dollar. Quite a wholesome selection. I feel sure we can look forward to an equally impressive array of quality subjects and speakers for our 2004 - 2005 programme.

Our organizing committee had the usual get together in June and from the many topics suggested a balanced selection was chosen, in fact all went well until we fell foul of a 46% rise in meal costs. Apparently sandwiches are looked upon as labour intensive to produce, hence the price increase. We shopped around while continuing to negotiate, but with little success. Eventually we settled for a served three course meal with coffee, still at an increase but not quite so dramatic. Maybe Engineers are perceived to be a wealthy lot, but what people don't understand is that it is a wealth of experience we have, and try paying your Safeway bill with that!

The CSEM organization at the National level is gradually getting back on track once more. This has largely been brought about by moving our national administration to the EIC office in Kingston, Ontario. Huguette Findlay, their office administrator, has assisted us greatly in providing the office set up that CSEM needed so badly at National level. If therefore the previous problems have caused your CSEM membership to lapse, please take the opportunity to renew, upon receipt of the request from our new National Address in Kingston, Ontario.

The Calgary branch of CSEM continues to hold their monthly Luncheon meetings on the first Monday of the month, at the Danish Canadian Club 727 - 11th Avenue, so if you are in the area at that time I am sure you would be most welcome.

The EIC and its Constituent Societies are well into the process of arranging the EIC Conference 2006 known as:

"Engineering in the 21st Century: Climate and Environmental Challenges and Solutions"

This will be held in Ottawa in May 2006, CSEM & CSSE are supporting this event under the premise that while CSEM have thriving activities in the West, it has proved extremely difficult to do the same in Central and Eastern Canada. This Conference gives an excellent opportunity for 'Showcasing' CSEM as well as providing an opportunity for our members in that area to become involved in a high profile much needed project.

The CSSE organization which of course lends major support to our Thursday Luncheons, replaced the old LMO about a year and a half ago. It is pleasing to note that under the leadership of Nelson Ferguson, CSSE continues to follow the very encouraging pattern of growth set up under the Presidency of Len Bateman. The AGM for CSSE will take place in Victoria, BC in the month of May 2005. It is hoped that many of our Vancouver Branch members will be able to attend this important meeting.

Once more please accept our apologies for the delayed start and price increase but you have our assurance that we shall do our best to ensure the quality matches the price.

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