



Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories



BIG THANKS TO CCIL'S CERTIFICATION PERSONNEL

CCIL's certification programs are among the most widely recognized and admired throughout Canada. Over the past few years, CCIL has expanded its asphalt and aggregate programs into Western Canada and has acquired the concrete program from CSA. The growth of these programs has been phenomenal. At this time we want to recognize and thank all those who have been involved in the success and growth of CCIL's programs.

The total number of certified labs in Canada has now grown to:

- Asphalt - 165
- Aggregate - 270
- Concrete - 255

This represents a greater than 100% growth in the last 2 years, considering that the concrete labs are audited annually. That is remarkable.

As well, the CCIL name is more widely known than ever before as we gain more recognition by regulatory agencies and industry associations. In January or February 2012, CCIL will be launching an upgraded web site and will embark on a significant campaign to further promote the importance of independent laboratories, the benefits of certification and the need for greater quality management in construction.

CCIL inspectors are: Wayne Cassidy, John Graham, Harry Heikkila, Ray Ramsaray (in training) and Bill Werbowetski. These professionals have worked very hard to cover the ever-increasing number of inspections required. We do not have inspectors out West (something we will change) so these inspectors have had to deal with much more travel than they had ever imagined. Bill Werbowetski has been especially busy with work out west sometimes having to stay in BC or Alberta for as long as 20 nights or more at a time. However, his work with the labs has earned him solid praise due to his helpful insight and suggestions on tightening the methods.

Nabil Kamel, CCIL's able program manager is also working more hours than he ever imagined as he has had to take on many trips west and work through the transition of taking over the CSA concrete program. Moreover he has made many presentations at National technical conferences such as TAC, CUPGA and CTAA. Nabil has recently been voted to the CTAA Board of Directors as the Ontario Director .. Congratulations Nabil !

Nabil Kamel is assisted by Dr. David Manning Assistant program Manager, concrete and Ian Bullen, assistant to program Manager, Aggregate.

CCIL now has an office in Burlington that is administered under the able care of Gigi Kermath. As well, Francine Fortier-ThéBerge is publicly praised at the CCIL annual general meetings for her diligence and hard work in keeping up with the growing burden of our accounting, finances and other related matters.

Allan Maynard has been effective in promoting CCIL certification, especially in BC and Alberta. We are also very reliant on Gib McIntee who is a longstanding CCIL director and oversees the certification programs including the chairing of the various CPACs (Certification Program Administration Committees). Gib provides considerable amount of time and travel in support of the program. It should also be mentioned that a number of directors have also provided significant blocks of time to the programs – including Alnoor Nathoo and Stephen Walker who worked with Gib McIntee on negotiations with CSA (in 2009) and Neil Cumming on standards and over-sight considerations.

You can see that many are involved in the continued success of the CCIL programs and we want to take this time to acknowledge these contributions and send a BIG THANKS.