

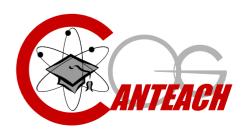


Canada's Nuclear Knowledge Portal: **Review of Functionality**

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Nuclear Knowledge Portal

- As presented last October, in Canada, we have these uncoordinated elements:
 - CANTEACH an open CANDU document repository (2001)
 - UNENE a nuclear centre of excellence (2002)
 - NUCENG an university based portal and repository (1998)
 - CNS a society of nuclear individuals (conferences, bulletin, ...) (1979)
 - COG an industrial consortium of operators and designers (1984). Sponsors CANTEACH and member of UNENE

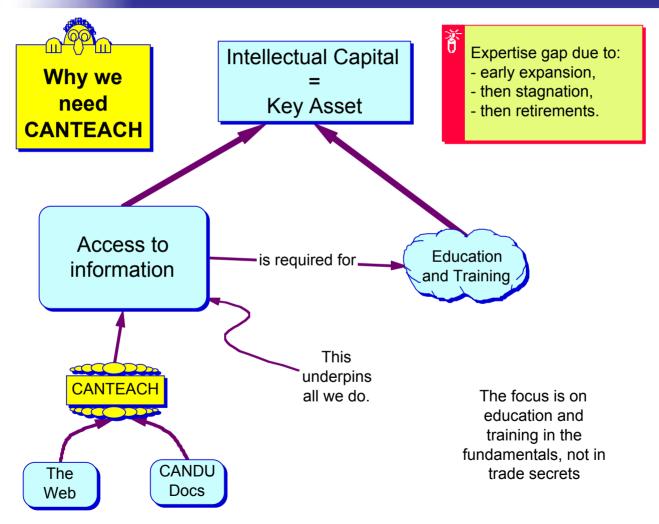


CANTEACH Target Audience

- Mission To preserve technical knowledge of CANDU nuclear-electric generating system for use by present and future members of the CANDU community.
- Mission To train Highly Qualified Personnel.
- Thus target audience is primarily at the level of the working professional.
 - NOTE: This target, as it turns out, leads to the identification of a serious problem that needs to be addressed.
- Aimed at capturing Know-how and Know-why.

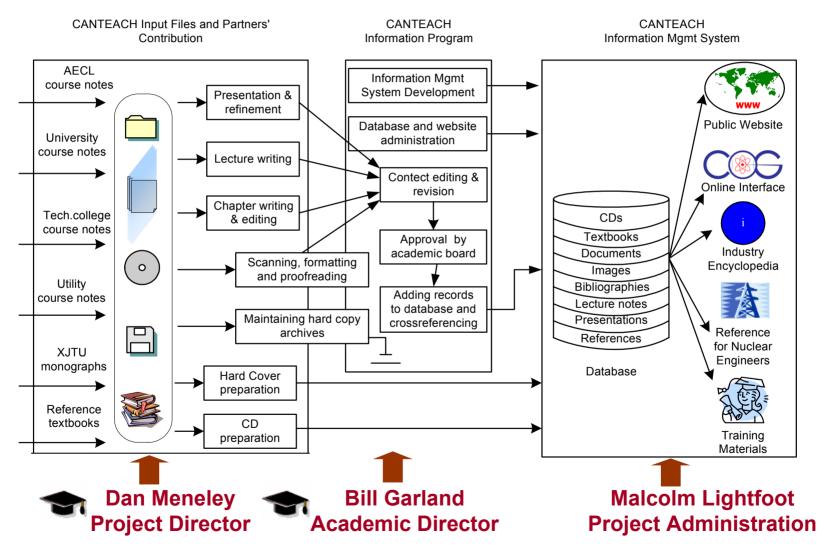


CANTEACH Justification





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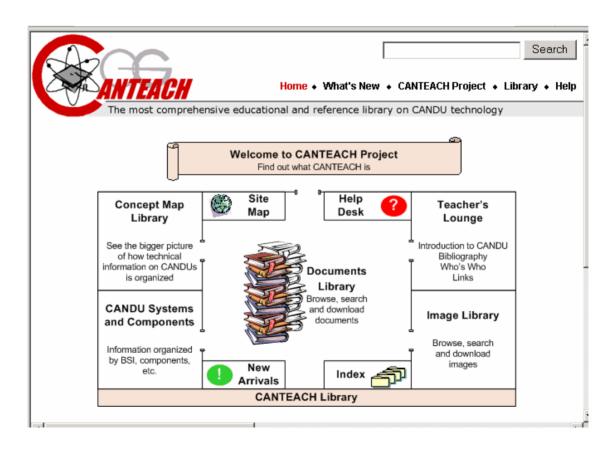
Current CANTEACH Focus

- Database access
 - Scripting
 - Keywords
- Knowledge Acquisition
 - Steam Generator expert interviews
 - Nuclear Fuel expert interviews
 - CANDU book (R. Steed) → image copyright
- Document acquisition
 - Ontario Power Generation (older training courses)
 - CNSC (regulator) (new training material)
 - Chulalongkorn University courses
- Image database
 - Extraction and presentation of images in documents, etc.
- Recent paper:
 - Why it makes sense to give stuff away.



CANTEACH Web Site Tour

http://canteach.candu.org





Some issues

- Document acquisition hampered by
 - Availability of experts (too busy, too decayed, too retired...)
 - Availability of documents (lost, hidden, ...)
 - Unwillingness to release documents (IP, security, expertise self-protection, ...)
 - Availability of people to do knowledge acquisition (we have other full time jobs, ...)



UNENE

University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering

- CANTEACH is about info. Low budget (\$150k/yr)
- UNENE is about delivery (\$3M/yr).
- UNENE generates Highly Qualified Personnel.
- Hope to make CANTEACH the repository for UNENE.



Current UNENE Focus

- 5 new professors installed (Industrial Research Chairs)
 - Need to ensure that research activities and products are archived.
- Joint Master's Degree (course based)
 - Course material is being captured; some lectures are recorded.
 - Gaining experience with modular format -> web casting to come.
 - Access restricted to people with good academic marks.
 - Professional Development gap identified.
 - Remedial courses needed.
 - Course needed on modelling. Incorporate JUMP lessons.



UNENE Web Site Tour

http://www.unene.com





NucEng

Nuclear Engineering at McMaster University+

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
 - Courses
 - Who's Who
 - Careers
 - Links
 - Forums and List servers



NucEng Web Site Tour

http://nuceng.mcmaster.ca



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Nuclear Engineering home url: http://nuceng.mcmaster.ca

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Hello, hello! Wot's this, then?

This is a site for students and others interested in Nuclear Engineering as it relates to the program in the Department of Engineering Physics, McMaster University. Enjoy. Listen to a short introduction to the site (950kb swf file). (download the required tlash player).

- Help Have a quick look to get oriented and to find helpful tips on using this site, including how to contact me. Suggestions and
 comments are welcome. But before you do, check out the site FAQ page. Perhaps your question has already been answered.
- . FAQ Frequently asked questions for this site.
- <u>Careers</u> page links to full-time and summer career and job information, including at our own reactor Jobs, jobs, jobs!!! Now contains articles relating to supply and demand.
- · Downloads Related to the Nuclear Industry.
- Canadian Nuclear Society <u>Universities Committee</u> a committee devoted to assist in the coordination the activities of Canadian universities with nuclear programs, including the CNS Student conferences.
- McMaster Nuclear Reactor (tours available) You haven't lived until you have seen the light! See the movie Hey Barry, you're
 famous!
- <u>CANNUC Discussion Forum</u> This site was started in the hope of promoting discussion regarding "all things Nuclear". Students and
 employees are invited to get connected via this discussion / posting board setup by Rob Pasuta of the McMaster Nuclear Reactor
 Go Rob!
- Humour Take a break from work.
- Looking for general nuclear info, courses, links, technical reports, etc.? Check out the links below.

Announcements



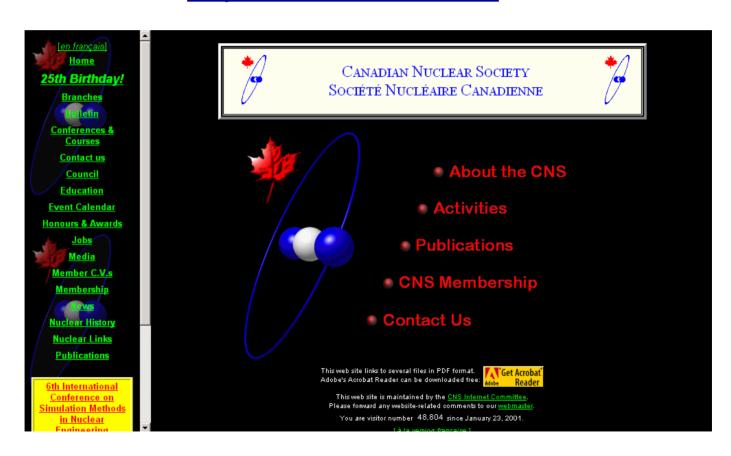
CNS Canadian Nuclear Society

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
- CNS is about professionals as individuals.
 - Seminar type courses
 - Conferences
 - Fellowship and contacts
 - Forums and List servers



CNS Web Site Tour

http://www.cns-snc.ca





COGCANDU Owners Group

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
- CNS is about professionals as individuals.
- COG is about industrial partnerships in R&D
 - Shared R&D cost
 - Shared R&D facilities
 - Creation of and access to closed information databases



COG Web Site Tour

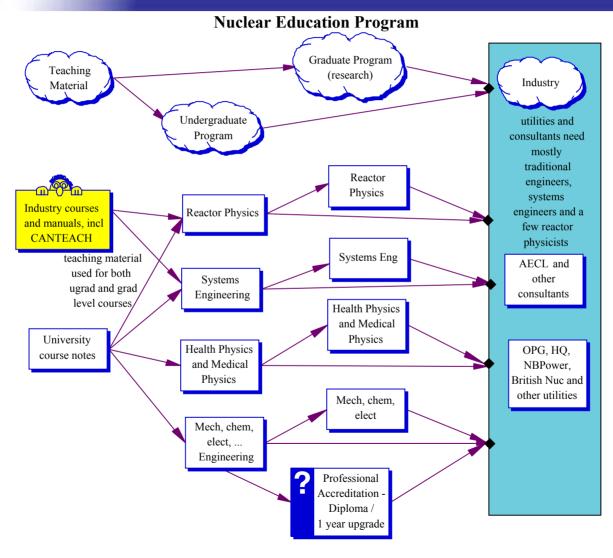
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What's the education situation?

"Strength Through Cooperation"





What's the problem?

- Professionals come from the universities
 - Inadequate preparation for industry
 - Research emphasis over development and teaching
 - Lack of systems approach
 - Self-reinforcing myopia
 - No upgrade path for C students
 - Grades not a good measure of the person
 - System shuts out and destroys people
- University is not going to change its mandate or structure for industry
 - It is answerable to the public, not to industry



Where is industry in all this?

- Industry is faced with a huge hiring and expertise gap problem
 - They cannot afford the training cost
 - Industry time horizon is too short
 - Industry cannot give accredited courses
 - Big mismatch between what industry needs and what universities supply





What do we need?

- We are not going to change industry or the university
- Therefore, need
 - Access to information
 - Professional development upgrade path
 - Access to mentors and apprenticeship
 - Better measures of the person
 - Remedial programs
 - Bridging programs



Where does the portal fit in?

- The portal needs to provide access to information on
 - Documentation (technical and otherwise)
 - IP issues standardizations?
 - Security protocols?
 - Education and training programs
 - Emphasis on professional development
 - Information on education and training opportunities such as
 - Scholarships
 - Reciprocal agreements and exchanges
 - Etc.
 - Promotion of International accreditation
 - Provide information on what we should measure, etc.
 - Web enabled learning



In short...

The IAEA Nuclear Knowledge Portal should

- Provide access to technical information
- Provide access to information to help address structural issues like
 - Document acquisition
 - University industry programs and problems

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