

#### The CANTEACH Project Preservation and Dissemination of CANDU Technical Knowledge Presented to AECL R&D Advisory Panel



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#### What is CANTEACH?

#### Mission To preserve technical knowledge of CANDU nuclearelectric generating system for use by present and future members of the CANDU community

# Objectives Provide a permanent record of CANDU technology Provide a source of education and training material Share existing documentation before it is lost

# The project will:

- **ct** Record what we know about CANDU plants
  - Capture and leverage existing CANDU technology information
  - Document why CANDU stations are designed this way



# Why do we need CANTEACH?

- A central repository is needed to:
  - Provide consistent and complete record of CANDU development
  - Capture design legacy and evolution
  - Manage shared documentation contributed by partners
- CANTEACH Project aims to resolve several issues:
  - Large amounts of information available at CANDU plants and AECL lack consistency
  - Individual institutions duplicate and recreate already existing documentation due to lack of communication with each other
  - Experienced and highly knowledgeable people leave the workforce taking their expertise and accumulated notes with them



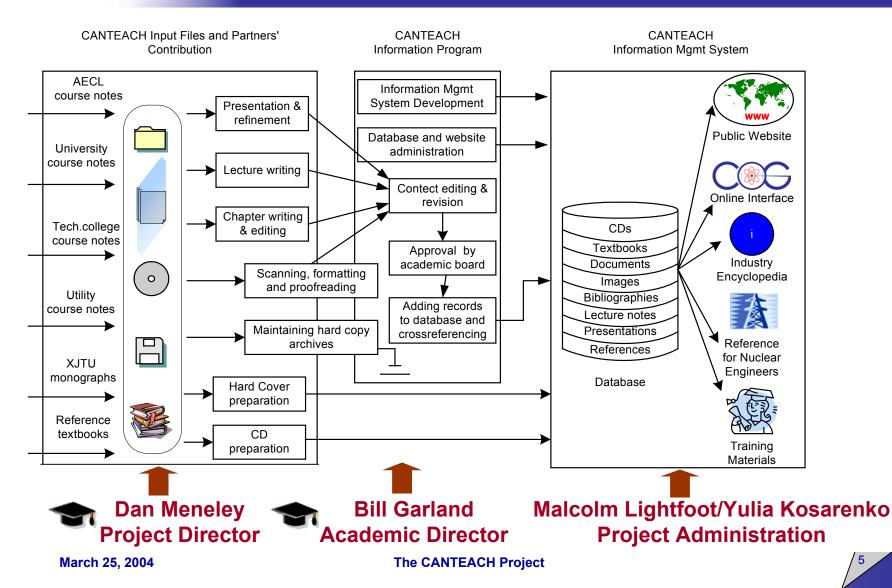
### How does the project work?

#### Four step process

- 1. Elicit documentation
- 2. Store it in document management database
- 3. Categorize and cross-reference records and documents
- 4. Retrieve documentation through a dedicated web server



#### The process





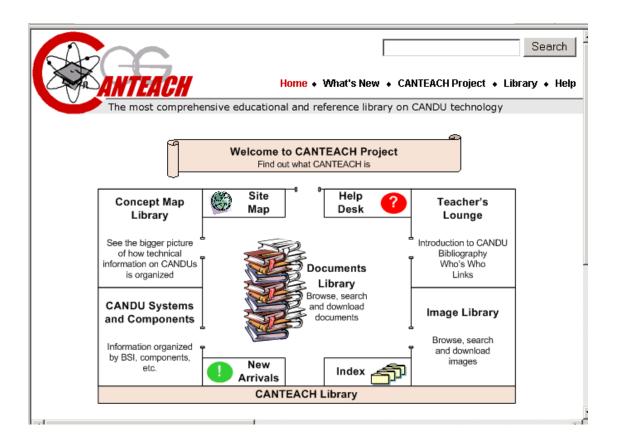
#### **Benefits**

- Teachers can obtain introductory material that can be used in entirely or as content for teaching modules
- Institution training staff can find anything from a single figure up to a complete academic course for preparing lectures
- Industry professionals may use images or descriptive words for preparation of technical documents
- University professors will find detailed description of CANDU systems and processes available to download and copy into lecture notes
- Available links provide an even larger inventory of choice material gathered in many diverse locations
- Senior Managers can derive cost savings in the training area by avoiding duplication of module development



#### **CANTEACH Web Site Tour**

#### http://canteach.candu.org/



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#### **Current Status**

- Phase 1: info gathering phase to capture the whys, not just the design descriptions.
- Phase 2: rationalize material, removing redundancies, extracting images from existing docs, etc.
- Phase 3: would be writing new material
- We are in the process of setting up a keyword database.



#### What's New?

- CNSC course notes
- OPG course notes
- Dan Meneley's course notes
- NB Power "Green Book"
- Chulalongkorn series
- Keyword database to come next

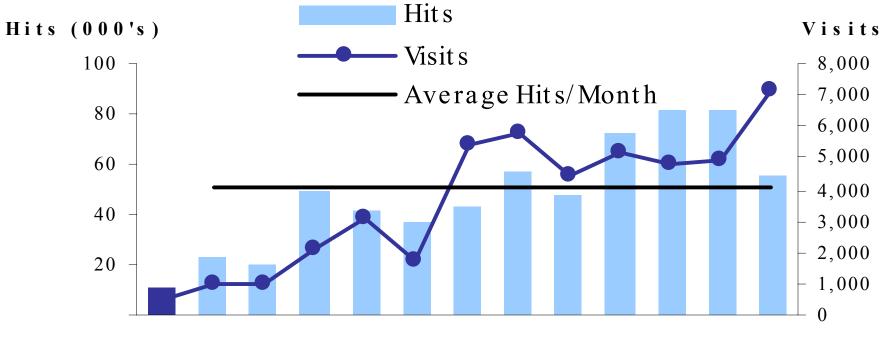






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Most requested documents based on the number of hits for the last 4 months:

- CNSC Basic Instrumentation and Control Course
- CNSC Electrical Course
- Introduction to Reactor Physics by Ben Rouben
- Fundamentals of Power Reactors by CNSC (1993)
- Chemistry Control Requirements for Generic CANDU Power Stations by Stu Groom



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- Qinshan CANDU Project Construction Experiences by Ken Petrunik
- How and Why is CANDU designed the way it is by Bill Garland
- Radiation Protection ("Green Book") by Jan Burnham
- What is RTD by RdF Corporation



"...This great CANTEACH concept is a pleasant surprise....I am a regular visitor to CANTEACH website. It is wonderful to have such a rich source of information on CANDU technologies....I have gone through the website and the rich information given in there. There is only one word to describe it: FABULOUS. ..."

S. Ravishankar, Training Officer, Nuclear Training Centre, Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam, INDIA.





"... As for CANTEACH, it is a fabulous site that made my 4th year undergraduate project much easier to complete. ..."

Lee Rehorn, student, University of Western Ontario, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering





"....First, let me congratulate you on an interesting and useful website. ..."

Vijay K. Sood, Ph.D., ing, FEIC, Engineering Institute of Canada, Chair, Technical Professional Development Committee, Managing Editor, IEEE Canadian Review





"... The web site canteach.candu.org is very interesting and well done. ..."

Pierre Saverot, Senior Consultant, JAI Corporation, 2750 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 220-B

Fairfax, VA 22031- USA





#### Is it working?

"... I had a look at the CANTEACH web pages and enjoyed reading some of the papers and articles. That is quite a unique and impressive resource. ..."

Bob Lyon, IAEA.





"I found very interesting the whole idea behind CANTEACH, I would like to find money in order to be able to translate some of the information already available. People are reluctant to use information when it is not in Spanish."

Maximo Rudelli, Argentina





#### Is it working?

#### "CANTEACH? What's that?"

- said by far too many people





#### **UNENE interactions**

- CANTEACH is about info. UNENE is about delivery.
- UNENE generates HQP.
- CANTEACH people sit on the UNENE EAC.
- Hope to make CANTEACH the repository for UNENE.





#### **Future Direction**

- Promote CANTEACH as a resource and worthwhile project to contribute material and enrich content
- Develop web-enabled document management system for collected material
- Produce "combined best" course versions in each topic area
- Driving force for success is the cooperation of partners
  - Voluntary contributions (knowledge harvesting)
  - No attempt to assess "exchange value"

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPRECIATED



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# What can AECL do to help?

- Spread the word on CANTEACH
- Contribute writers, identify internal champions to sniff out the why's of CANDU
- Donate material such as training material in the fundamentals area
- Generate a simple list of the design features of CANDU and an explanation of why that feature was chosen
- CANTEACH is best viewed as a process that yields knowledge for those involved in the process









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