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# REPORT

**To:** CNS Council file # 1600  
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**Subject:** Update on the Universities Committee  
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The following summarizes the status of standing committee actions and activities:

- **Annual Student Conference:** Hugues Bonin reports that planning for the March 98 student conference at RMC is proceeding on schedule. The call for papers is due out in late November, 97.
- **Sharing of Course Material:** The AECL - Thailand initiative remains a good vehicle to facilitate course sharing. George Bereznai in Thailand is in the process of assembling some 30 courses in the web based HTML format. I am working with George on pedagogical issues. The sharing of course material is still on the agenda. The main steps to be completed are (edited from a recent email from George):
  1. all course material documented, with a reference text and copies of overheads
  2. all course material converted to electronic form (MS Word and/or WordPerfect)
  3. sound and video recordings of course
  4. preparation of ScreenCam or similar files that combine lecturer's words with key details of each overhead
  5. conversion to HTML and cross referencing of various courses

There is much detail work left to be done but the key unresolved issue is copyright. AECL has reservations about its CANDU technical data being made available without control, and some of the authors, who had done much of the course development in their own time with no compensation, also have a sense of ownership and desire to teach the course to other audiences. The present understanding is that all the material is for use at Chulalongkorn University only. For now it is proposed to classify the documents as proprietary, not to be copied without the written permission of the author and AECL. For material that is subject to the this type of copyright, one possible approach is make all the material available to each of the contributors on an individual request basis with cost recovery of copying and shipping where and when necessary. Because of the many non-academics who have developed courses, George is looking beyond an exchange of university course material only.
- **CANDU textbook:** A good textbook on CANDU is still sorely needed. No action. One day...
- **Annual CNS Conference Education Session:** It is planned to hold an education session at the upcoming annual conference. No details are yet available.
- **Reference Lists:** A list of reference books and reference material on CANDU should be maintained. The current plan is to solicit suggestions via the CNS list server and to post the results

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on the CNS web page. On hold pending time to pursue.

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