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Upcoming YP Events

Don't forget to check out this page for all upcoming ACEC-MB Events <https://acec-mb.ca/events/event/>

2018 Awards of Excellence – **INTENT TO SUBMIT**

Save the Date – Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre

Join ACEC-MB as we celebrate 40 years of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies in Manitoba. 2018 will be a special year recognizing that ACEC-MB (formerly CEM) began in 1978. Be sure to submit your projects and take part in the 2018 Awards of Excellence Intent to submit form is attached below and available in word format by contacting Kerri Hiebert at ed@acec-mb.ca

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Event Recaps

Mentorship Program Kickoff

The Kick-off event for the 2017-2018 ACEC-MB Mentorship Program was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The program is organized by the YP Committee, and pairs industry professionals from various member firms with University of Manitoba engineering students. Approximately 50 students and mentors attended the Kick-off event, and were introduced to their matches and the program. The evening began with an icebreaker activity, Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. This was followed by an outline of the program and its requirements. Matched mentors and students then paired off to make introductions and begin their mentor-student relationship.

The Mentorship team is looking forward to the next event which will be a panel discussion on topics relevant to the students and the consulting engineering industry. The panel discussion topic, as well as the date and location of the venue will be announced once the preparations have been finalized.

Mentors perform a critical role in encouraging students to pursue a career in consulting engineering, and the ACEC-MB YP Committee thanks all members who have volunteered their

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time for this initiative. Anyone interested in attending the panel discussion or obtaining more information about the Mentorship Program is encouraged to email mentorship@acec-mb.ca.



9th Annual Young Professionals Gala

The Annual ACEC-MB Young Professionals Gala was held October 12, 2017 at Fort Gibraltar. The ACEC-MB Young Professionals thank our generous sponsors:

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ACEC Canada National Leadership Conference

The ACEC Canada National Leadership Conference is held annually in the heart of Ottawa. This year's event was held Sunday, October 22nd to Tuesday October 24th and was attended by Executives of Member firms, provincial association presidents and Members of Parliament. The program included:

1. **National Leadership Conference:**
Presentations, round tables, panel discussions and networking. This year ACEC Manitoba's Todd Smith was sworn in as Chair of ACEC Canada.
2. **Hill Day:** ACEC-CA national advocacy day on Parliament Hill. This year teams of ACEC-CA delegates met with 20+ MPs to raise awareness to issues of concern to ACEC member firms, including
 - ACEC's support for infrastructure investment

- ACEC's support for responsible natural resources development
- That more consultation is needed before changing how private corporations are taxed

3. **Canadian Consulting Engineering**

Awards Gala: The premier national awards for projects completed by Canadian consulting engineers.

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Spotlight on YP Committee

Mehrnaz Sadrnourmohamadi, PhD, P.Eng.

Role: Mentorship Program Coordinator

Employed by: SNC-Lavalin as process engineer,
P.Eng

Studied at: University of Manitoba

And left with a degree in: PhD in
civil/environmental engineering

Years in Consulting: Two

Why I love my job: I like learning new things, and
working in a friendly and at the same time
challenging environment.

What I do in my free time: I love any kind of outdoor activities, getting out and exercise clear my mind after all day work. I also like spending time with friends and trying out different restaurants

Song that best describes my life: There isn't a specific one that can describe my life.

Mac, Windows or Linux? PC of course!

What is the strangest thing you believed as a child? Like most of the kids I used to believe that I could get sucked down the bathtub's plughole!



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Other Events

ACEC-MB Breakfast Professional Development Session

Date: Thursday November 16th, 2017

Time:

7:30 - 8:00 am Hot Breakfast and Networking

8:00 - 9:30 am Presentation

Cost: \$15/person

Location: AECOM, 99 Commerce Drive, Winnipeg

Presenter: Indra Kalinovich

Indra Kalinovich is an Associate with the

Winnipeg, Manitoba office of Dillon Consulting, where she tackles environmental challenges, such as PCBs in the Canadian Arctic, and the widespread use of firefighting foams in airports. In addition to her role at Dillon Consulting, she is an adjunct professor with the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Manitoba. Indra is also a member of the Committee for Increasing the Participation of Women in Engineering, an operating committee within Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba.

Topic of PD Session: There's been a lot of discussion on unconscious bias in the workplace and how, when left unchecked, it can negatively impact an organization's performance. So, what exactly is unconscious bias? How do our good intentions lead to these seemingly bad outcomes? These biases are unconscious, and being aware that they exist (in yourself, in your workplace) is the first step. In this session, we'll discuss methods for identifying biases and what that means for the workplace, followed by an interactive discussion on effective workplace policies and practices that have been proven to interrupt bias in the workplace.

Who Should Attend: This session is open to participants of all ages, genders, and professions in the engineering, science, trades, or technology profession. This professional development session will be dedicated to recognizing and interrupting unconscious biases in the workplace.

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Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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