

Dear CIPRA members,

In April, I advised you that ITC Canada was working on becoming an official chapter of I-ITC. In examining the interests of our current membership and our resource base (both financial and volunteer), it became clear to us that the Canadian industry could be better served with a closer affiliation with I-ITC.

That being the case, steps have been taken to change the status of ITC Canada from that of an independent organization to an I-ITC chapter. I-ITC has been supportive and accommodating of this change and we look forward to working with I-ITC going forward.

As a current member of ITC Canada, you will become a full I-ITC member for the balance of 2005 and 2006. ITC Canada will pay I-ITC \$120 U.S. per member from its account balance for this privilege. There is no additional cost to you.

The balance of funds will be turned over to I-ITC to cover the costs of organizing chapter meetings in Canada. I-ITC organized a very successful region meeting in Toronto on January 22, 2005 and the next region meeting is set for Saturday, October 22 in Montreal. Details will be available shortly. Elio Perconti, National Account Manager with Techn-O-Laser will serve as the Canada lead once the transition is complete.

I would like to personally thank you for your support of CIPRA and ITC Canada since our origins in 1998. I hope that you will continue to take an interest in issues affecting our industry and actively participate through I-ITC. For complete information on the international organization, see www.i-itc.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 204-694-9222 or derekj@newworldtech.com.

Sincerely,

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