

**Report to the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS) AGM from the CCLS  
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## **MORE THAN NAFTA**

International trade, harmonization of professional requirements for inter-provincial entry into the profession, removal of impediments to Foreign Trained Professionals (FTPs) to licensure and WTO involvement, increasingly dominate the CCLS landscape as seen by this committee and the influence of these issues will continue to grow in the future.

The CCLS International Committee welcomes an additional member to fulfill the role of WTO liaison. The new member is Hugh O'Donnell, OLS, QLS etc. and is a former Assistant Deputy Minister with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). Hugh represents the Quebec Ordre as a Director of CCLS, is a former vice president of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, a former Surveyor General for Ontario, former President of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) and the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada (GIAC). We are pleased to have Hugh step into this position.

At this, the 2006 Annual General Meeting of CCLS, the International Committee brings the following issues forward for discussion;

- NAFTA Update.
  - NSPS determination of its role. In or out?
  - FECITEUM A.C. (Mexico) MRD8-3, the Mexican version.
  - CCLS Will it need a revision to MRD7?
- World Trade Organization (WTO). Hugh's role. What to expect from DFAIT
- Mutual Recognition of Qualifications and responding to the call for a "Corresponding Profession".
  - WTO Guidelines on Mutual Recognition
  - FIG Mutual Recognition Document
  - CCLS Expanded Survey Profession
  - FTPs (or Internationally Trained Professionals [ITP])

➤ Conclusion

From the vantage point of the International Committee we see the need for a holistic approach to almost everything done by CCLS and that will impact on the Strategic Planning Committee. From my vantage point on the AOLS License Expansion Task Force and the Future of Surveying Task Force we saw the same thing at the provincial level. AOLS Council has bought into the concept and has moved to the implementation phase.

Let me show you a vision.

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