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Enthusiastic Turnout at Vanier College for The Spring Meeting of Canadian Technology Deans

Although classes had ended and many people were already winding up their work and heading off for the summer, Vanier College was buzzing with activity when it hosted the spring meeting of the Technology Deans from more than 46 colleges from across Canada, last May 24 to 26, 2007. As members of the National Council of Deans of Technology which advocates with government and with other affinity groups on behalf of technology education at the college level, the deans meet twice a year.

During day-long sessions they discuss recruitment problems, share successful initiatives, exchange information and plan interventions with government in support of various college concerns. "It is stimulating to spend several hours in the company of colleagues who struggle with the same problems that bedevil me," states George Archer, Dean of Applied Technology at Vanier College and the meeting's host.

Vanier College offers several high caliber technology programs such as Nursing, Animal Health, Building Systems Engineering, Business Administration, Special Care Counselling, Early Childhood Education, Environmental and Wildlife Management and Music Recording Technology, to name but a few. These three-year programs provide students with a general education, specialized training and employability skills that lead directly to employment in lucrative professions or to further university studies.

It was Boris Tzvetkov a student graduating this year from another technology program, Vanier's Micropublishing and Hypermedia program who designed the poster for the spring meeting.

One of the highlights of this year's gathering was a visit to the Canada Space Center in St-Hubert where the visitors were introduced to the famous Canada Arm and hosted by the scientists who conduct research on space and on the further development of the Arm. "The engineering members were salivating," comments Archer. "Twenty members decided to fly in one day earlier to be on the tour."

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