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Alberta's Engineers Reach Out to the World

Edmonton – Alberta's engineering students join their Western Canadian colleagues this weekend to find ways to reach out to developing countries. The University of Calgary chapter of Engineers Without Borders is hosting the Western Chapters Retreat in Banff from August 31 to September 2.

“Professional engineers and engineering students have a major impact on the developing world when they apply their expertise and problem-solving skills,” say Len Shrimpton, P.Eng., director, professional development, The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. “APEGGA has sponsored this event in order to encourage these kind of activities.”

This weekend's guest speaker will be co-founder of EWB, George Roter. He is also president and CEO. Roter is calling Alberta's students to join him in his humanitarian efforts.

“The work of these engineers is having a global impact. They are already making a difference in the developing world,” says Shrimpton. “APEGGA supports EWB strive for a world where everyone has access to the basic essentials of life.”

Formed in 1999, Engineers Without Borders is a non-profit student-run organization based in Waterloo, Ont. EWB helps solve the problems of the developing world by acting to bridge the technology gap. They build awareness, facilitate involvement and maximize the impact of research.

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For an interview with George Roter before the retreat, please contact: (416) 821-4017
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Attached: George Roter's bio and proposed outline for the weekend's events