



## EDUCATION & ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

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The principal business of the Education and Accreditation Committee continued to be formulation of appropriate recommendations to Council concerning accreditation of ChE departments reviewed by ECPD during the past academic year. A total of 36 accreditation actions were recommended, four resulting from reports and the remainder from visits.

An extensive revision of the booklets, "Qualifications for an Accredited First Professional Degree Curriculum in Chemical Engineering," and "Instructions to AIChE Designated Evaluators of First Professional Degree Curricula in Chemical Engineering," was completed by a subcommittee chaired by S. W. Churchill. Copies of the revised booklets have been mailed to all members of the Ad Hoc Visitors List for Chemical Engineering of ECPD, and the Qualifications booklet has been mailed to heads of accredited chemical engineering departments in the United States.

In an effort to improve the informational content and effectiveness of the accreditation visit reports prepared by instructors, comments are now obtained from members of the Education and Accreditation Committee, and, after slight editing, are forwarded back to the inspector. Up to now there has been no formal channel by which inspectors could learn about the good and weak points of their reports.

A formal request has been transmitted by Council to the Engineering Education and Accreditation Committee by Council to the Engineering Education and Accreditation Committee of ECPD not to schedule any accreditation visits involving chemical engineering later than March 15. This is quite necessary in order to allow the AIChE evaluation procedures to be carried out smoothly. It is our understanding that this request will be complied with, insofar as possible.

During the year, J. G. Knudsen and George Burnet served as members of the Engineering Education and Accreditation Committee of

ECPD, representing AIChE, W. H. Corcoran served as AIChE Observer. All are currently officers of the AIChE Education and Accreditation Committee. In addition, S. W. Churchill and M. S. Peters represented AIChE on the ECPD Executive Committee. J. G. Knudsen will replace S. G. Bankoff as Chairman, AIChE Education and Accreditation Committee, as of January 1, 1972, subject to approval by Council. M. S. Peters, who is currently a member of the AIChE E & A Committee, has taken Knudsen's place on the ECPD EE & A Committee. S. W. Churchill and H. W. Prengle will finish their terms of service on the AIChE E & A Committee as of December 31, 1971. Both have been extremely effective and valuable committee members.

The following individuals were added to the Ad Hoc Visitors List of ECPD, on recommendation of the AIChE E & A Committee:

A. E. Dukler	J. Y. Oldshue
R. R. Hughes	J. W. Prados
A. E. Humphrey	R. S. Schechter
D. E. Jost	J. H. Weber
E. R. H. McDowell	

AIChE representatives to ECPD from the E & A Committee have been active in taking part in deliberations within ECPD concerning a restructuring of that organization, in connection with the proposed assumption of new functions in accreditation of 4-year engineering technology curricula and Master's-level curricula. Council has requested from the E & A Committee its recommendation concerning the proposal for accreditation of first professional degrees in engineering at either the Bachelor's or the Master's level, which was adopted by ECPD in October. It has been recommended that for the present we retain our present structure of accreditation based upon the baccalaureate content. In the meantime, we will follow closely the progress of the two-level accreditation activities in other areas of engineering. □