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### **Moving Forward in 2016**

The momentum for translating ideas into actions and making things happen is now part of our annual strategic planning process. Last fall, more than 40 CSCE volunteers and staff members took part in a workshop session in Montreal. A top ten strategic initiatives were prioritized for 2016 and were approved the following day at the board meeting.

The description of the initiatives and the targeted deliverables were summarized in a one-page report published in the E-bulleting and on the CSCE web site (<https://csce.ca/strategic-directions/>) for all members to know what we are working on. These priorities are in line with our Vision 2020 strategic directions (#1. Enhanced services to members, #2. Growing with youth and #3. Leadership in sustainable infrastructure) and our membership growth objective of 25% per year.

A very important milestone was reached on January 18 with the publication of a press release on the 2016 Edition of the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (<http://www.canadainfrastructure.ca/>) in collaboration with the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The key finding of the report is that one-third of Canada's municipal infrastructure is at risk of rapid deterioration which represents a current replacement value of \$388 billion. I would like to acknowledge the great contribution and leadership of our CSCE Infrastructure Renewal Committee chaired by Nick Larson.

We will be organizing a CSCE Infrastructure Report Card National Tour to present the report findings in the spring and fall of this year. These presentations will be hosted by CSCE Sections in many cities across the country. All members are invited to participate to better understand the facts and the key messages of the report card. We also want to invite the municipal infrastructure construction buyers, the assets management practitioners and funding stakeholders as well as the general public to attend the events. The dates and locations of these presentations will be confirmed shortly. For information on this tour please contact Mahmoud Lardjane [mahmoud.lardjane@csce.ca](mailto:mahmoud.lardjane@csce.ca)

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Finally, don't forget to register soon for the 2016 CSCE Annual Conference (<http://www.csce2016.ca/>) in London, ON from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Resilient Infrastructure. The Specialty Conferences are Environmental, Materials, Structural, Transportation Engineering and Natural Disaster Mitigation. Over 637 abstracts and 119 project profiles have been received for review and approval. Come and join us to learn, network and discover this beautiful region. It's a rendezvous!

I welcome the following new members to the Society. I hope you will find it beneficial to you and that you take advantage of all CSCE has to offer!

Asif Iqbal
Azmi Hammoud
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Bien Dinh
Brent Charles Wootton
Brian Latte
Cristian-Daniel Asiminoai
David Z. Zhu
Dennis Lloyd Baxter
Devyn Rudd
Dominick Paradis
Edward Gazendam
Emilie Hudon
Greg Kornek
Hong Zang
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Peter Mansuy
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