



## 2. Activities for August

### 2.1 Preparing for Competition

#### 2.1.1 Orientation Session for New Members (Part 1)

An orientation session for new members is held by teleconference, usually before the end of August or early September. The session is an opportunity for new members to ask questions and to familiarize themselves with the following items:

- NSERC's policies regarding:
  - Conflict of Interest;
  - Subject Matter Eligibility.
  
- The role of members regarding:
  - Comfort ratings;
  - Selection of referees.
  
- Extranet:
  - Access and purpose.

#### 2.1.2 Peer Review Manual

The latest version of the Peer Review Manual is available for members before the end of summer. All members should read the manual and become familiar with the competition cycle, the list of activities and the policies and guidelines that apply to these activities. Members are encouraged to contact their [program officer](#) if they have any questions or concerns.