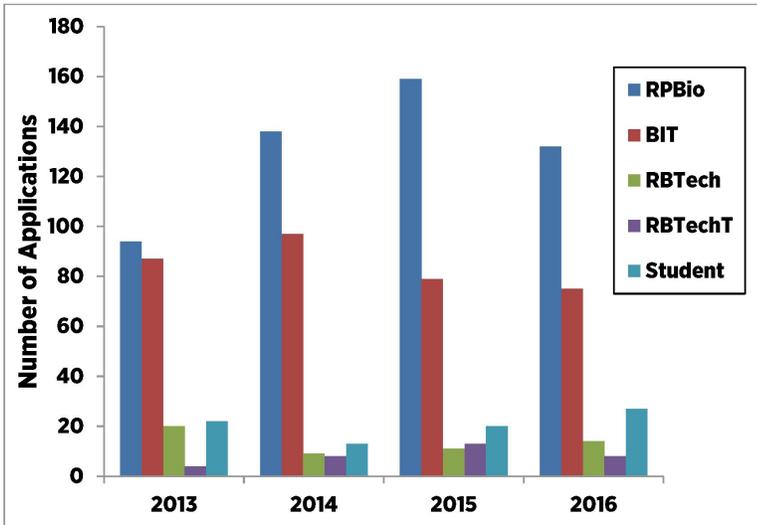# Credentials Committee Report

The past year was busy for the Credentials Committee and College staff. In total, we reviewed 256 applications for the various categories of membership.

The Credentials Committee met in December 2016. In addition to having a discussion on process, we reviewed the current education requirements for the RPBio category. The scope and practice of applied biology is changing. Also, universities are developing programs that are more interdisciplinary and with less focus on 'pure biology'. These graduates are seeking work in the traditional and the evolving areas of applied biology as well as membership in the College. As a Committee, we are working with the College Council to recognize these changes.

I must acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Joyce Boon (Vice Chair) RPBio (Ret); Guy Gilron, RPBio; Pierre Johnstone, RPBio; Eric Lofroth, RPBio; Derek Marcoux, RPBio; Sandra Meidinger, RPBio; Gerry Naito, RPBio; Brent Philips, RPBio; Roy Rea, RPBio; Jocelyn White, RPBio; Leandro Torella, RPBio; Sean Sharpe, RPBio; and Miriam Marshall, RPBio. Their knowledge of applied biology, in all of its forms, and their keen eagerness to maintain a high standard of professionalism for members of the College is essential in our continuing efforts to improve the overall purpose and functioning of the Committee. One long-serving member of the Committee has recently resigned. I thank Rob D'Eon, RPBio, for his valuable service to the Committee and the College.

Also, I want to recognize the College staff for their continued support. The office was understaffed through the last half of 2016, yet applications were received, processed, and forwarded to committee members for review. I thank the Registrar/ Interim Executive Director, Linda Stordeur, RPBio, and the Administrative Assistant, Jillian Stewart, BIT, for their assistance and the high level of professionalism that they bring to the Committee's business. CM

Respectfully submitted,
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