

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

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Wow! Just think that the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) will be 73 years 'young' on January 3, 2007. When I entered the profession I thought everything would be handled by the well oiled CIPHI machine. For the most part, things were well handled but I also found many opportunities to contribute to CIPHI to make it even better to what it is today, as so many of you have as well. Over the last 10 years the face of CIPHI and the profession has changed significantly. We have moved from a diploma education to a bachelor degree educational requirement. We have gone from 2 to 5 post sec-

ondary schools training environmental health professionals. A research and educational arm of CIPHI was created known as the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada. The quality of Annual Educational Conferences have improved tremendously. CIPHI now offers more benefits to the membership than we have ever seen. Core competencies for the profession are in development. Members continue to publish their research in the Environmental Health Review. Environmental public health advocacy is more active than ever before. The CIPHI website and the electronic National Newsletter have been created to keep you up to date on the activities of our profession and the National Executive Council. All of this and more from a volunteer base of you and I. I am sure I have only highlighted the proverbial 'tip of the iceberg' of what we have achieved over the last 10 years, and as such we must celebrate our achievements. One way of doing this is during Environmental Public Health Week (EPHW).

In 2007, EPHW will be held from January 15 to 21. EPHW posters have been delivered to all Branches who have requested them and the poster can be download from the CIPHI website. Examples of EPHW celebrations have included municipal and provincial recognition of the week, public booth display, press releases, media interviews, and corporate sponsor recognition just to name a few. Let us know what you did to celebrate EPHW 2007 by e-mailing us at newsletter@ciphi.ca.

Also, earlier this year a contest was held for all members to submit photos for the EPHW 2007 poster depicting what environmental public health professionals do. This year, the winning photo submissions came from Phi Phan (Alberta Branch), Sonia Singh (Ontario Branch), and Matt Ruf (Ontario Branch). Look for their photo submissions in the poster. Congratulations to these three individuals.

Finally, this will be my last issue as editor of the National Newsletter. I would like to thank the newsletter staff, the National Executive Council, and the CIPHI membership for your support and guidance over the last two years. May 2007 bring you and your family joy, good health and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Victor Mah
Editor



Environmental Public
Health Week 2007
January 15 – 21, 2007



CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Proudly Announces:

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

January 15 - 21, 2007

Environmental Public Health Week recognizes the hard work of all Environmental Public Health Professionals across Canada and the importance of environmental public health programs in our healthcare system.

We are dedicated professionals who are committed to promoting and protecting public health and continually meeting the new challenges from our environment that can affect human health.

Environmental Public Health Professionals provide services in:

- Food Safety • Drinking Water Quality
- Rental Housing Conditions • Recreational Water Quality
- Personal Services Facilities • Childcare & Institutional Facilities
- Air Quality • Tobacco Reduction
- Outbreak Management • Injury Prevention
- Onsite Sewage Disposal Assessments • Landuse Management
- Infection Control & Communicable Disease Consultation

Protecting the Health of Canadians



To learn more about our profession, our organization and career opportunities in the field, contact your local health office and visit us on the web at www.ciphi.ca



L'INSTITUT CANADIEN DES INSPECTEURS EN SANTÉ PUBLIQUE

Proclame avec fierté:

LA SEMAINE DE LA SANTÉ PUBLIQUE ENVIRONNEMENTALE

Du 15 au 21 Janvier 2007

La semaine de la santé publique environnementale reconnaît le travail assidu de tous les professionnels en santé publique environnementale à travers le Canada ainsi que l'importance des programmes en santé publique dans notre système de soins. Nous sommes des professionnels dévoués, engagés à la promotion et à la protection de la santé publique, en relevant quotidiennement des défis environnementaux qui peuvent nuire à la santé de tous.

Les professionnels en santé publique environnementale procurent des services dans les domaines suivants:

Salubrité alimentaire • Qualité de l'eau potable
Conditions de logement • Qualité des eaux récréatives
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Qualité de l'air • Réduction du tabagisme
Gestion des éclosons épidémiques • Prévention des blessures
Évacuation des eaux usées • Gestion de l'utilisation des sols
Prévention de l'infection et maladies contagieuses

"Protégeons la santé des Canadiens"



Pour en savoir davantage au sujet de la profession, de l'organisation ou des possibilités de carrières, veuillez communiquer avec votre bureau de santé publique ou consultez notre site Internet au www.ciphi.ca



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION AWARDS



The EHFC is pleased to advise that 4 out of the 5 **Len Hiebert – EHR Awards** have been made to the accredited colleges with Public Health Inspection programs, and we are expecting the 5th on to be awarded shortly.

The EHFC reminds CIPHI members that there are two **\$500.00** educational awards available for members who are pursuing their education. These are the **Lilli Ann Zahara Award** and the **CIPHI – EHFC Continuing Education Award**. Information on these and application forms can be found on the EHFC website: www.ehfc.ca.

The EHFC has sent out a newsletter to all past donors to the Foundation letting them know how their donations are used, and the fact that **100%** of their donation is used for the designated purpose.

Finally, the EHFC is working with Health Canada and the National Aboriginal Advancement Foundation to develop a scholarship program intended to bring First Nations persons into the public health community.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Ellison
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CANADIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSUMER FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION

The Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education (CPFSE) was founded to promote food safety education. More information can be found at www.canfightbac.org which host the Ask Mrs. Cookwell service, which is receiving over 300 hits per day. CPFSE has a number of programs of interest to public health units, but only two Public Health Units (from Ontario) are current supporters of the Partnership. It is recommended that all health units should join – details are on the website. Current activities include: working with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to bring the Fight BAC!® campaign to farmers' markets – a video is being produced for general use; the Food for Health travelling exhibition and website will be opening in March 2007 at the Agricultural Experimental Farm in Ottawa, and then across the country until 2011; and with a sponsorship from the Chicken Farmers of Canada, there will be a seasonal outreach program in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Duncan Ellison
EHFC Board Chairman
Treasurer, CFPSE.



Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education
Partenariat canadien pour la salubrité des aliments





CIPHI PHOTO CONTEST

The National Newsletter is having a photo contest. Send us your good, bad or ugly environmental public health photos. Categories are food, water, air and environment (e.g. pools, housing, personal services, waste management and communicable disease). At the end of the year, if your picture is chosen by the Newsletter staff as the picture of the year, you will win the dubious honor of Photo of the Year. Please include your name, the Branch you belong to, photo credits, category, caption (optional) and any brief commentary you wish to provide. E-mail your photos to: newsletter@ciphi.ca. Good luck!



Scott Budgett, Alberta Branch



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Extraterrestrial Microbes or Alien Residual?

In the Spring, as the snow melted, a strange color that had developed in Delburne Lake, Alberta. Town folks were worried that something strange was happening to their lake. Turns out to be bacteria that was living under the snow.....Interesting!

Side Order of Penicillin ... Supersize Please

A 60L bin was housing batter for Asian dishes. The batter became moldy and when brought to the attention of the operator he stated that he skims the top off and then mixes the rest up. The operator could not understand what the problem was. Can you?



Cynthia Peacock-Rocca, Ontario Branch





KEITH EADY — CIPHI 50 YEAR MEMBER

On September 11, 2006 at the annual Ontario Branch President's Banquet, Mr. Keith Eady, received CIPHI's 50 Year Member Award. The following is a highlight of Mr. Eady's achievements:

- Born June 26, 1935
- 1957- Certified in Ontario
- 1956 to 1959- Worked for Niagara Region as a Sanitarian
- 1959 to 1961- Worked as a Sanitarian Consultant for the Ont. Ministry of Health (Dairy inspections, Sewage Permits, Water Sampling) all over the province
- 1961 to 1991- Worked for CNR (Air Canada, Steamships, and Trains) in Montreal as a Hygienist and also completed a degree in Commerce at McGill University.
- 1991 to 2000- Retired from CNR and moved back to Niagara. Began working for Niagara Regional Health Department.
- 2000 to Present- Retired from Niagara Regional Health Department and began working with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) working with developing nations to establish environmental health programs (CESO- 2003 worked in Transylvania helping them establish HACCP and Pest Control Programs)
- 2003 to 2005- Taught HACCP for Niagara College
- 2005 to 2006- Working with the ROTARY Club to raise money for Medical assistance programs

Congratulations Mr. Eady on your accomplishments and for being a member of CIPHI for 50 years!



Keith Eady, third from the left, with colleagues.





Opportunity for Involvement

Position: National Newsletter Editor
Two-year appointment to or until **December 31, 2008**

Salary Range: Volunteer (Reimbursement for associated expenses as per CIPHI National policies)

Closing Date: December 31, 2006

Background:

The National Newsletter (the 'newsletter') is a quarterly document edited and published by the National Newsletter Editor (the 'Editor') on behalf of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. The newsletter's mandate is to provide a venue to inform members and allied professionals about issues important to Environmental Public Health in Canada.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Publish articles of national interest to CIPHI members
- Be well informed of National Executive Council (NEC) activities
- Consult with Associate Editors and NEC members on content for each edition
- Provide highlights of NEC activities
- Have good written communication skills
- Proofreading, editing of all submissions where required
- Provide quarterly editions of the newsletter within the calendar year in Adobe Acrobat format

Qualification/Requirements:

This opportunity is only available to Regular, Retired and Life Members of CIPHI who are members-in-good-standing for the current year. Concurrently there is an understanding that membership will be maintained for the entire duration of the appointment as Editor. Candidate must have their own computer and publishing software.

When Applying:

Applications should be submitted no later than 2400 hours on the closing date, to the attention of Claudia Kurzac via email at claudia.kurzac@vch.ca.





Membership/Renewal Application Form 2007

I hereby make application for Membership (see list below) in the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. This application implies that membership is to continue until resignation is tendered, or until membership is discontinued under the conditions contained in the By-laws of the Institute. **(Complete sections with a " * " only, unless information has changed.)**

* Name: _____ * Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
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Area Code

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Area Code Area Code

Present Employer: _____
Agency Street Address

Employer Address: _____
City/Town Province Postal Code

C.P.H.I.(C) Certificate #: _____ Year Issued: _____ How many years have you been a member of CIPHI? _____ *

Code of Ethics - As a Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, I acknowledge:

That I have an obligation to the sciences and arts for the advancement of Public Health. I will uphold the standards of my profession, continually search for truths, and disseminate my findings; and I will strive to keep myself fully informed of the developments in the field of Public Health.

That I have an obligation to the Public whose trust I hold and I will endeavour, to the best of my ability, to guard their interests honestly and wisely. I will be loyal to the profession and Institute to which I belong.

That the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

That being loyal to my profession, I will uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner worthy of my profession.

My signature hereon constitutes a realization of my personal responsibility to actively discharge these obligations."

* Signature: _____ * Date: _____

* Please check the type of membership you require:

- Regular Student \$30.00 Retired \$30.00 Fraternal \$90.00 International \$75.00

* Please circle branch you wish to belong to below: (Note: Province in which you reside unless you live in Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon or outside Canada)

- "By checking this box, the applicant/undersigned does not give permission for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors to provide his/her name and contact information to corporate/affiliate members of the Institute."

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(Includes Registration)

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Signature: _____

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Editorial Policy

The Editor is authorized to publish this Newsletter on a quarterly basis or as deemed appropriate. The objective is to keep the Institute's membership informed of local and national events that are of interest and of importance to them.

The Newsletter encourages submissions of articles, pictures and announcements. The Editor reserves the right to reject articles, announcements, letters, advertisements, and other items that are not consistent with the goals and purposes of the Institute.

The National Executive Council has the authority to provide general direction respecting the content of the Newsletter and in consultation with the Editor, to set policies regarding administrative matters of each issue. The Editor shall have the general authority to select material for publication in the Newsletter.

Views, comments or positions within the contents of the Newsletter are those of the Editor, Editorial Staff or the author and does not necessarily reflect those of the National Executive Council, the Institute or its' membership.

The Newsletter is only produced in an electronic format and is distributed to the membership through their respective Branch President or designate.

Environmental Public Health Week 2007

congratulations from the

Office of Public Health Practice, Public Health Agency of Canada

On behalf of the Office of Public Health Practice, the Core Competencies and Skills Enhancement for Public Health Programs wish to acknowledge the important contribution of Environmental Public Health Professionals. Environmental Public Health Week is a time to formally recognize Environmental Public Health Professional's contribution to public health practice; however, the importance of environmental public health needs to be celebrated throughout the entire year.

Environmental Public Health Professionals have the important role of working to protect the health of all Canadians on environmental health issues. The breadth of your practice with groups, communities and populations is unique in public health. You provide the foundation for health protection and the health and safety of our communities, and are a cornerstone of public health and the health care system at large.

The Public Health Agency of Canada commends the important work of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and its members in your day-to-day work. We also congratulate the Institute on its endeavors to move Environmental Public Health towards the development and implementation of professional continuing competency programs. We look forward to our continued partnership with you!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births



Mike (BCIT) and Shelly Duncan are delighted to announce the birth of Neil James on November 13, 2006 weighing 7lbs 15 3/4 oz.



Rebecca (Concordia) and Justin Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their son Jordon on October 26, 2006 at 3:18pm weighing 8lbs 3oz.



Keara (née Shaw, Concordia 2000) and Martin Laroche are proud to announce the birth of Ashlyn Eve on October 12, 2006 weighing 8lbs 9oz.



Diane (née Levesque, Ryerson '95) and Karl Wade and 3 year old big brother, Dylan Patrick, are proud to announce the birth of Joelle Tessa on September 28, 2006 at 10:20am weighing 6lbs 7oz.

If you have an announcement (birth, engagement, wedding, retirements, in memoriam, etc) you would like to share please forward particulars and photo (optional) to: newsletter@ciphi.ca





Appointment to the National Executive Council Adam Grant, Ontario Branch President

Profession:

- *Job Title:* Drinking Water Inspector
- *Employer:* Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- *School Alumni:* Ryerson University 1996

Institute:

- *Position:* Ontario Branch President
- *Positions Held:* Ontario Branch Membership Services 4 years

Personal:

- *Interests:* My 2 girls (Grace and Lucy), Grant Galleries (home based business), Volley ball and playing guitar
- *Favorite All Time Movies:* V for Vendetta (Who knew a comic could make such a great film!)



Appointment to the National Executive Council Gary O'Toole, New Brunswick Branch President

Profession:

- *Job Title:* Regional Manager, Public Health Inspection
- *Employer:* New Brunswick Department of Health
- *School Alumni:* University College of Cape Breton (now Cape Breton University) 1998
- *Interests:* I am interested in policy and planning development. I recently started course work for my masters degree in Public Health through Lakehead University via distance education. Communicable disease investigation is the area of my work that I enjoy the most.

Institute:

- *Position:* New Brunswick Branch President

Personal:

- *Interests:* Hiking, travel, music and photography





CIPHI TWINNING EXCHANGE UPDATE



It was a pleasure to participate in the CIPHI Twinning Exchange program. Gillian Scahill was the Irish delegate representing the Environmental Health Officers Association (EHOA). Gillian began our exchange by visiting Nova Scotia from August 11 to 24, 2006. Galway City, Ireland became my home from September 21 to October 7, 2006. During my stay in Galway, I had the opportunity to stay and work with Gillian and her husband Enda, who is also an Environmental Health Officer. Both work for the Health Services Executive-Environmental Health, in Galway City. I experienced wonderful Irish hospitality and broad exposure to the field of Environmental Health in western Ireland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Executive Council of CIPHI, and my employer Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for making this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen MacIntosh



Connemara, Ireland



Galway City



Ashford Castle, Cong, Ireland





MCPA IN DRINKING WATER

Health Canada, as secretariat to the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water (CDW), has posted the Guideline Technical Document on 2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic Acid (MCPA) in Drinking Water for a 2-month consultation process from November 17, 2006 to January 19, 2007. A Maximum Acceptable Concentration of 0.002 mg/L for MCPA in drinking water is proposed. MCPA is an herbicide used in both agricultural and domestic settings in a mixture with other herbicides.

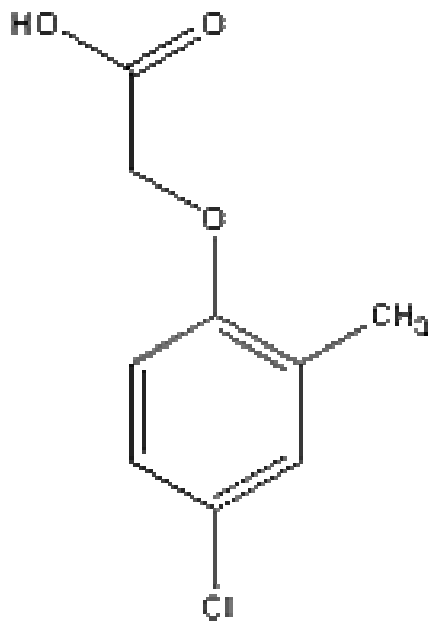
The document can be found at the following Web address:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/alt_formats/hecs-sesc/pdf/pubs/water-eau/consultation/mcpa/mcpa_e.pdf

Comments may be sent directly to Health Canada at water_eau@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Grant
President, Ontario Branch



2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic Acid

Health Canada Santé Canada

2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic Acid (MCPA) in Drinking Water

Document for public comment

Prepared by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water

Comment period ends
January 19, 2007





SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) is one of six centres recently established by the Public Health Agency of Canada as part of the Government of Canada's commitment to renew and strengthen public health. Located in Vancouver at the BC Centre for Disease Control, the focus is on environmental health, initially defined as environmental health services and programs currently delivered by regional and local health agencies throughout the country.

The NCCEH's function involves synthesising, translating, and exchanging knowledge with environmental health practitioners and policymakers; identifying gaps in research and practice knowledge; and building capacity through networks of practitioners, policymakers, and researchers in environmental health. We are committed to serving the needs of practitioners who deliver services and programs, and policymakers who set the policies. Our scope also includes environmental hazards for which there is reasonable evidence of a potential significant burden of illness in the Canadian population.

The NCCEH is pleased to request applications for Systematic Reviews in Environmental Health. This request for applications (RFA) is for systematic reviews on topics that are priorities for environmental health practitioners and policymakers who deliver programs and services at the regional and local level in Canada. The purpose of this competition is to develop a better understanding of the present state of knowledge on these topics by soliciting applications to: synthesize the existing research, provide critical appraisal of the current knowledge level, and identify key gaps in knowledge. Applicants should have experience in conducting systematic reviews and expertise with the topics. A major portion of the systematic review should be completed by March 31, 2007. Applications will be reviewed as they are received with a deadline of February 28, 2007.

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CIPHI advances the profession, science and field of environmental public health through certification, advocacy, education and setting standards. We protect the health of Canadians and represent environmental public health professionals across Canada.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH QUOTES

Don't underestimate what CIPHI and we can achieve together as a professional body (and of course, never underestimate the power of the force).

nfok, 2005

I know that it is much harder to tell a farmer something if you are in a suit and tie than just in jeans and shirt. They see you as a city guy who does not know much about real life in the country when in a tie and generally judge you as such.

Rod, 2005

