



## President's Message

It is a scant few weeks before the Christmas rush is on and we usher in another new year. This year has certainly been quick in passing and the next year looks to prove just as eventful.

With December 31st bearing down, I would like to take this opportunity to remind members to renew their membership for 2005. Your support is important to keep Alberta at the forefront of the environmental public health wave. We are one of the most active branches and rightfully so. Please help us to continue the momentum we have gained.

The Alberta Branch's 5th Annual Workshop that was held in Edmonton proved to be another success for the Branch's Workshop Committee. Everyone should tip their hat to the committee members for their continued dedication in presenting such a beneficial education opportunity. Thanks Shauna Dimmock and Karen Emde!

Speaking of education, Health Canada has contracted an individual to provide consultation with regards to continuing core competencies for front-line field staff working in environmental public health. The contractor has gathered representatives from the field, management and other areas of interest to form a

direction of our professions' skill and education standards.

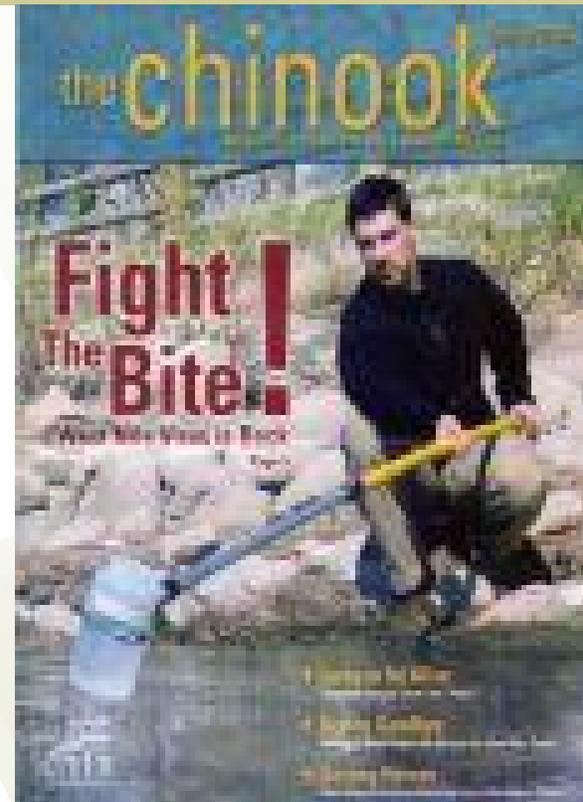
This will likely mean an introduction of a continuing education system, which has been long overdue and sorely needed. Additionally, I have been appointed as liaison between the committee and CIPHI, so as more information becomes available I will make sure the membership is notified.

At the Workshop the Branch also had the opportunity to conduct some business at the Fall General Meeting. The most exciting aspect was the striking of a new committee to investigate and produce a business plan for the Alberta Branch.

We are no longer a grass roots organization and in our evolution we must be able to clearly identify where we are going and how we are going to get there. As the committee is new, terms of reference have not been drafted, however, those wishing to contribute or volunteer, please contact Keith Lee (klee@dthr.ab.ca) who will be the Chair.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Diane Hughes in October. Although she had not completed the full practicum session with Peace Country Health, her interest and dedication to environmental public health cannot be

Sean Robison, EHO with Chinook Health Region takes a water sample.



easily dismissed. A formal letter of condolence and donation was relayed to her family on behalf of the Alberta Branch. For those interested in making a contribution on Diane's behalf to her favoured organization, please contact me at president@ciphi.ab.ca.

On behalf of the Branch Executive, I wish the membership and your families a joyous winter season! See you all next year.

- Phi Phan, President

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## In Memoriam

Diane Hughes, Concordia Student 2003-04, working practicum student in Grande Prairie with Jim Meagher of Peace Country Health passed away in her sleep on Tuesday, October 26. Remembered by Dr. Karen McDonald as being nervous at being back at school after so long away, which did not deter Diane from working hard and receiving Honours Standing in the Bachelor of Environmental Health Program. Diane was looking forward to working as a practicing Health Inspector in Grande Prairie. She was very environmentally conscious, and charitable donations can be made in her name to the John Janzen Nature Centre, in Edmonton. Karen Emde, speaking for the Concordia Environmental Health Class said "Diane was a dedicated, hardworking student, but more importantly a friend with a great sense of compassion and caring for her fellow classmates, an infectious enthusiasm for the field of environmental public health, and an excellent sense of humor".

"Diane Carolyn Hughes (nee Dundas), of Edmonton, Alberta, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at the age of 51 years. As the third child in a busy family of six, Diane found comfort, strength, and identity in her love of music and the natural world. Her childhood love of pets and horseback riding matured into a degree in Biology, then inspired Shelwood Kennels, where she bred championship Shelties. Diane also found great joy in raising her Warmblood horse, Bacilio; and training her German Shepard, Bounty, for Search and Rescue. Recently, Diane attended Concordia College, and obtained a degree in Environmental Health, with honors, then began practicing as a Health Inspector in Grande Prairie. Throughout Diane's life, she worked passionately towards her goals, all the while being a supportive and caring mother. Diane's loving nature, conviction and strength of purpose stand as a legacy for her children, family, and friends from all communities. Left to mourn Diane's passing are children, Stephen and Sarah Hughes; companions Bacilio and Bounty; parents, Stan and Evelyn Dundas; sisters, JoAnne Dundas, Bonnie Anderson, and Heather Lederis; brothers, Keith and Dr. Robert Dundas; and eleven nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Diane may be made to the John Janzen Nature Centre, c/o Hainstock & Son Funeral Chapel. Hainstock & Son Funeral Chapel, Leduc in care of all arrangements. 4802 - 47 Avenue. Phone 986-2151."

## Upcoming Events

Central Zone is holding a 1-day workshop and meeting on December 3, 2004 at the Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre. If non-zone members are interested in attending contact Zaheen Nanji at (780)361-4363 or email at [znanji@dthr.ab.ca](mailto:znanji@dthr.ab.ca)

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## CIPHI/CIBC Run For the Cure



### **Editorial Policy**

In the pursuit of the Association's objectives, the Editor is authorized to publish this Newsletter on a periodic basis, as deemed appropriate. The objectives of the Association are:

- (1) The development and advancement of environmental health, and
- (2) To support the advancement of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

The Association Executive Board 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 provided all material meets the criteria of being within the objectives of the Association.

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

### **CIBC Run for the Cure**

Message from Victor Mah, Past President of Alberta Branch

"Dear Run for the Cure Site Captains:

I would like to personally thank Tony, Diane and Kristen for volunteering to be Site Captains in the Branch's first participation in the CIBC Run for the Cure social event. I hope everyone had a great time! There were 21 participants for the Branch 20 more than what I was expecting. Way to go everyone!!!

I think we should also give a big hand out to everyone who collected donations for the Run, but especially to Diane Luka, Scott Budgell, and Merry Turtiak who all raised over \$200, each!! All together, the Branch raised \$960 for the event. Way to go everyone!!! "

### Edmonton, AB Team Captain: Tony Thepsouvanh

Elizabeth Yip, Glenn Jenkins, Ken Dong, Koreen Westly, Melanie Mathers-Mah, Merry Turtiak, Phi Phan, Sarah Thep-



### Red Deer, AB Team Captain: Diane Luka

Diane Luka, Scott Budgell



### Calgary, AB

#### Team Captain: Kristen Kliciak

Colin Krywiak, David Crowe, F. Vettergreen, Jennifer Jacobsen, Joan Eng Fung, Kenning Eng, Kristen Kliciak, Sylvia Loo

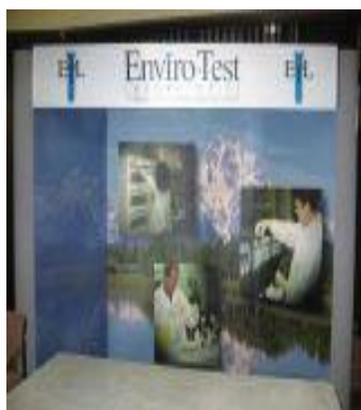


## Branch News

### Exhibitors...



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## 2004 Annual Fall Workshop

*By Shauna Dimock*

The annual fall workshop was held at the Bernard Snell Hall at the Walter Mckenzie Health Centre October 7 & 8, 2004. The topic of this year's workshop was Water Utility Regionalization-What Does it Mean for Public Health, Municipalities and Water Utilities. The workshop was well attended by over 100 delegates from Public Health agencies, municipalities and provincial government Departments.

The planning committee had speakers from as far away as New York and Boulder, Colorado who spoke of their experiences establishing water utility networks and there was also discussion on the practical aspects of maintaining a regionalized utility.

The speaker presentations are available via email. Please contact Shauna Dimock at

(780) 413-7935 or at [sdimock@cha.ab.ca](mailto:sdimock@cha.ab.ca).



### Delegates...



### After the Workshop...



# Fall AGM: October 7, 2004

*Editor's Note: The following are summaries of the complete Zone Reports, which are available from Merry Turtiak, Secretary, Alberta Branch email secretary@ciphi.ab.ca*

## Northern Zone Report-Summary

A Northern Zone meeting was held October 1, 2004 via telehealth

The Fort McMurray staff have been appearing around the community doing presentations in an effort to gain some interest and volunteers in air quality/human exposure research.

Peace Health Region currently has two vacant positions. Merry Turtiak has left Grande Prairie to pursue a Masters Degree. As well, a new position was created in Valleyview and much to everyone's surprise; it was eagerly accepted by Nadine Amelin.

Both Darcey Savage and Jay Jorgensen from Aspen Health Region have been hitting the books and finished the distance learning courses from Concordia.

Respectfully submitted,

Koreen Westly

Northern Zone Councillor



## Southern Zone Report-Summary

### CHINOOK

Andrea Angus, a BCIT grad, completed her second practicum with us and then accepted a position in Lethbridge. After 4 years with Chinook, Brian Craig has accepted a position with Capital Health. Rod Mattice has stepped forward to become the new Southern Zone Councilor.

Jennifer Todd is planning a move to take up residence and a new office in Blairmore. Carl Lemke is back at work.

Rod, Sean and Andrea were kept busy for a few days with a tire fire at the city dump. Just a note of advice: if you call in the City of Calgary Air Monitoring Truck, for a couple of days, be prepared to shell out \$2750.

### PALLISER

No information forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Craig

Southern Zone Councilor



## Central Zone Report-Summary

The Central Zone will be holding a workshop and a meeting at the Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre on December 3, 2004. Please see attached agenda. CIPHI members from other zones are welcome.

### East Central Health

Pam Williams has returned to work and is carrying out her duties in Camrose.

Doug Everett took a position with Alberta Health and Wellness

We welcome Trevor Mieklehohn to the Central Zone.

East Central Health Region issued three boil water advisories this summer

### David Thompson Health Region

Dean Blue, a Concordia student, completed his practicum with the region this summer.

This summer, the Town of Drayton Valley was issued a "No Drinking Water Advisory" for 3 days as residents complained of an oily taste and odor in the water. Water tests returned negative.

Scott Budgell and family will be welcoming a new member. This will be his third child. Diane Luka represented CIPHI – Alberta Branch in Red Deer for the CIBC run. Well done, Diane!

Zaheen Nanji

Central Zone Councilor

# Fall AGM: Continued

## Capital Zone Report-Summary

The arrival of summer was kicked off with a beach sampling program carried out by the practicum students under the supervision of Cheryl Gailbraith.

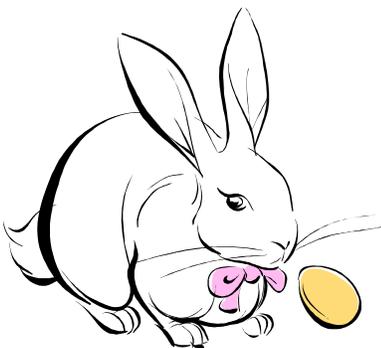
Rabindra Mahabeer and other members of the WACHEAP team have worked hard all summer obtaining data for the exposure study. EHOs throughout the region were kept busy responding to flood related issues. Several hundred complaints have been dealt with as a direct result of the flooding and sewer backups caused by the heavy rains in July and August. EHOs also provided information to homeowners at disaster relief centres set up throughout the region. Mould and other air quality issues continue to be a concern in the region.

Tony Thepsouvanh, Candace Fraser and I left our respective RHA's and joined the group over at Health Canada, Mr. Mike Walsh left Eastwood to join Rick out in Sherwood Park. Mr. Brian Craig and Chris Rolfe have joined Capital.

Pam Wagner and her husband welcomed Jonah their second child.

Simon Sihota

Capital Zone Councillor



## Calgary Zone Report-Summary

New faces to the Calgary Health Region. Lew Skjonsby, formerly of East Central Health, has joined our Service Delivery Sector, and Margaret Wheeler has taken on the position of Health Education Secretary. We welcomed two practicum students to our region in early September- Petro Cordero and Katarina Chuda will be with us for three months. Jenny Brown will be helping Theresa Wawryko out in Banff while Kori Woodard is away on maternity leave.

Wedding bells rang for Peer Mikkelsen and wife Dana, Nick Suen and wife Gladys, Freya Volstad (Bratland) and husband Jason, and Anne

Breckenridge (Pagnucco) and husband Kyle. Congratulations to all of the newly-weds!

The baby boom continues in the Calgary Region, Chad and Julie Beegan are expecting their first child in early January 2005.

Please note that our Field Staff can now only be reached by calling (403) 943-8060, or via e-mail (firstname.lastname@calgaryhealthregion.ca). All other staff can still be reached at their regular phone numbers.

The Calgary Region is currently dealing with an *E. coli* outbreak. Staff are very busy working with CFIA and Health Canada during this outbreak investigation.

Kristen Kliciak

Calgary Zone Councillor



## Branch Awards

### L. E. Stewart Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Alberta Branch L. E. Stewart Award.

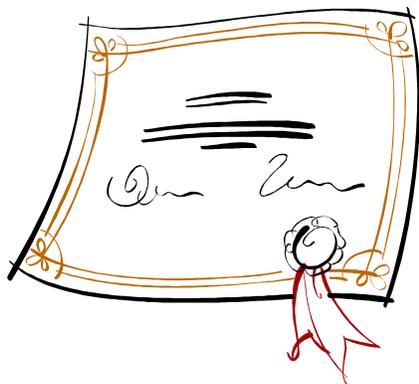
L.E. Stewart was one of the founding members of the Alberta Branch, and worked tirelessly on behalf of our profession and the association.

This Award is presented to a member of the Alberta Branch in recognition of his or her contribution to the association, the profession and/or the community. The nominee must be a member in good standing, and the nomination must be made and seconded by individuals who are members in good standing.

Previous recipients include Dan Richen, Jim Meagher, Bill Hohn, John O'Laney, Shauna Dimock, and many others.

Nomination Forms and Protocol are available from the Alberta Branch Website [www.ciphi.ab.ca](http://www.ciphi.ab.ca)

Nomination deadline is December 31, 2004.



### President's Award for Outstanding Achievement

Applications are now being accepted for this award.

The Alberta Branch believes that the outstanding achievement of Environmental Health students deserves recognition. A cash award is granted to a graduate of the Bachelor of Environmental Health program at Concordia University College of Alberta each academic year, who demonstrates the highest level of achievement in academic and practicum components of the Program.

Previous recipients are Candace Fraser and Kristen Kliciak.

Application forms and guidelines are available at the Alberta Branch website [www.ciphi.ab.ca](http://www.ciphi.ab.ca)

Application deadline is December 31, 2004



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## Looking back at the Fall Conference

