



10th Annual Fall Educational Workshop

“Non-municipal water systems”

Mayfield Inn & Suites

Edmonton, AB

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A forest resident near Kananaskis (photo: Richard Reive)

Message from the President

Greetings! For those of you who do not know, I have the privilege and honour of serving as your Alberta Branch President for the 2009-2011 term. The Annual General Meeting was held June 27, 2009 in Sherwood Park and we had almost a complete turnover of the Association Executive. New additions to the team include Debra Langier-Blythe (Vice President), Marilyn Dahlgren (Treasurer) and Karen Clarke (Secretary). Phi Phan is still keeping busy in the role of Past-President as well as National President-Elect. I am also pleased to welcome Zone Councillors Robert Savoury (Arctic), Daria Romanish (Calgary) and Tricia Herridge (Central) to the executive. These new

faces will no doubt inject some energy into the rest of us.

With the changing of the guard it is important to note the outstanding individuals who are moving on. Victor Mah, Keith Lee and Merry Turtiak have each given many hard-working years to the Branch. Upon a hasty estimate I figure they are taking with them a combined total of around 35 years of knowledge and experience. Luckily, we still know how to find them and will be relying on their talents as the Executive transitions into their new responsibilities. I would like to thank Victor, Keith and Merry for their

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Message from the Editor

Call me crazy, but I've enjoyed my stint as ABN Editor so much that I have accepted another tour of duty, and will remain your Editor for at least another two years. I appreciate all of the feedback that I've received from the Branch membership over the last couple of years, and look forward to publishing more of the Branch's news in the future.

My thanks to all of the other members of the Newsletter Committee (Phi Phan, Wojciech Drobina, Karen Emde and Tony Thepsouvanh), who have agreed to remain on the Committee

for another go-round. Nadine Newman has her hands full as Chair of the Branch Advocacy group and has left the Newsletter Committee; I thank her for service on the Committee and wish her all the best in her new and important role.

I continue to encourage your submissions and feedback, anytime. Send me an e-mail me at

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- Lance Honish, Editor

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dedication and wish them all the best in the future.

The AGM also provided an opportunity to announce 2008 branch award recipients. The Community Service Award is given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding contributions to their community. Norman L. Carlson was the much-deserved recipient for his decades of volunteerism including chairing committees focused on environmental protection and several influential roles with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association. The Court Case Award was bestowed to Karen L. Clarke for her efforts in developing a clear prosecution brief for a complex situation involving numerous suites, owners and buildings. Her documentation resulted in guilty pleas and significant penalties.

Jeremy Vaughn received the Promising New Professional Award for his impressive accomplishments in the short time he has been in this career. Jeremy takes on new challenges without hesitation and is an active promoter of environmental public health. He is a natural leader and is eager to share his knowledge with others. And finally, but not at all least is Jody Kary who received the President's Outstanding Achievement Award for high academic achievement in the Environmental Health program at Concordia. These are definitely admirable individuals and I wish them continued success!

The Annual Education Conference was held in beautiful Kananaskis,

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Editorial Policy

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

- The development and advancement of environmental health, and
- 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 and/or the author, respectively, and does not necessarily reflect those of the Association Executive or its membership.



75th Annual Education Conference, Kananaskis, AB

This year's edition of the CIPHI National Conference was a roaring success. Despite a global economic recession, the restructuring of Health delivery in Alberta and a substantial change in the HSAA contracts regarding education money allocation, the Conference was attended by over 320 people, including delegates, speakers and exhibitors, from all parts of Canada. The theme for the conference was 75 years and new frontiers – very appropriate under the circumstances.

The education sessions featured first rate plenary speakers covering the vast and changing issues within the spectrum of Environmental Health. The keynote speakers (Warren MacDonald, Andrew Nikiforuk, and Bill Marler) covered varied and entertaining perspectives on taking action and stepping outside the box, the impact of global trade on disease exchange and food borne illness litigation and the impact on food safety in the U.S.A. The education session schedule was unique this year as it featured a stream on all three days dedicated to Federal Environmental Health issues. Interactive media training was also introduced and a full day course on drinking water safety was a value added learning opportunity.

The social events were also great opportunities to network and kick off the ol' boots. Each night featured a different theme and included the celebration of the local "wild west" heritage – featuring the lynching of Phi Phan, allegedly for selecting a veggie meal at an Alberta Beef event, which was followed by a gunfight at the OK Coral. Another unique event featured the British Military setting up their Field Kitchen and feeding the delegates gourmet burgers in the wilderness of Kananaskis Country. Fortunately for the delegates, the temperature did not quite reach the 65°C that field soldiers routinely experience in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We were very fortunate to have a number of large sponsors, exhibitors and donators of silent auction items that greatly contributed to the financial success of the conference. Key sponsors included: The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health, Health Canada First Nations Inuit Health Branch and Healthy

Environments Consumer Safety Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada, Chinook Health Region and Calgary Health Region. We were also successful in filling 34 exhibitor booths (many of them new to CIPHI). We are still in the process of completing the final accounting but we are projecting a profit of approximately \$90,000.

Finally, the conference would not be a success without the dedicated work of the members that made the conference happen. Thanks and gratitude goes out to the Conference Organizing Committee (Sarah Nunn, Jenny Brown, Valerey Davidson, Jason Feltham, Mark Fehr, Keith Lee and Chad Beegan) and the many many volunteers who toiled away before and during the conference with special recognition going out to Jeremy "the stress monkey" Vaughn for taking care of all the IT gremlins that inevitably would appear at the worst of times.

Also, a very large thank you to all the delegates who attended the Conference and made it such a great success!!!

Respectfully submitted by

Robert Bradbury & Peer Mikkelsen (Conference Co-Chairs)



CIPHI VIPs—Peer Mikkelsen (left), Robert Bradbury, Domenic Losito, Bill Chrapko, Adam Grant and Phi Phan—give a "yahoo" as part of the White Hat Ceremony at the Awards Luncheon.

(Photo: *Mystique Wendel*)

Branch Advocacy—where's the CPHI(C)?

One of the core missions of CIPHI is to advocate for the PHI/EHO profession. The Branch has recently been fulfilling this role through discussions with Alberta Health Services.

In May 27, 2009 correspondence addressed to the President and CEO of Alberta Health Services (AHS), the Branch President expressed concern regarding omission of the CPHI(C) credential from AHS Environmental Public Health management-level job postings.

The entire letter can be viewed on the Alberta Branch website:

http://www.ciphi.ab.ca/Documents/Letters/2009_05_Letter_to_AHS_about_Credentials.pdf

An excerpt from the letter appears here:



“With respect to the recent postings for Environmental Public Health positions such as the Director of Environmental Public Health (BY-00016-RP), we are concerned that the requisite qualifications for these positions have not included the Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada). The Public Health Act clearly sets out provisions for appointment of individuals as Executive Officers for administration of the Act and its associated Regulations. Further, the Qualifications of Executive Officers Regulation (Alberta Regulation 51/99) states, “A regional health authority shall not appoint a person as an executive officer unless the person holds a Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada) issued by the Board of Certification.”

On June 15, 2009, the AHS Vice-President-Population and Public Health responded to the Branch on behalf of the CEO.

This correspondence can also be viewed on the Alberta Branch website:

http://www.ciphi.ab.ca/Documents/Letters/2009_07_Response_from_Carol_Gray_Director_Qualifications.pdf

An excerpt from the AHS response letter appears here:

“We are committed to the highest standards of certification for our entire professional staff in both front-line and leadership positions. In the recent competition for Director of Environmental Public Health, the posting and the job description called for professional certification in a health profession but did not specify the Canadian Institute for Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI). We have since corrected the job description to reflect this certification, and the successful candidate is certified with CIPHI.”



10th Annual Branch Fall Educational Workshop

The Branch is pleased announce the 10th Annual Fall Educational Workshop, to take place on September 16 & 17 at the Mayfield Inn & Suites in Edmonton.

The Workshop theme is “Non-municipal water systems”. At press time, presentation topics on the agenda included:

- ▶ Medical Geology and Public Health
- ▶ Arsenic, Uranium, Groundwater and Public Health: Beaver River-Cold Lake Study
- ▶ Overview of Health Canada Draft Water Re-Use Guidelines
- ▶ Water Re-Use in Alberta: Potential Public Health Regulatory and Policy Implications
- ▶ Water Re-Use and the Alberta Plumbing Code: Alberta Municipal Affairs Initiatives, Policy & Practice Implications
- ▶ Case Studies and Technologies for Grey Water Reuse
- ▶ Management Strategies for Alberta Lakes: Balancing Needs of Public Health, Health Ecosystems, and Municipalities
- ▶ Cyanobacteria, Your Lake, and Your Health
- ▶ Update on New, Draft Health Canada Recreational Water Quality Guidelines
- ▶ United States Environmental Protection Agency Recreational Water & Beach Monitoring Program
- ▶ Manitoba’s Beach Monitoring Program
- ▶ Case Studies in Alberta Recreational Lake Water Quality Monitoring

The Workshop registration form follows on the next page. See you all there!

-Lance Honish, Editor

Branch Golf Tournament 2009

The 2009 Branch golf tournament took place on August 8 at the Barrhead golf club. It was a beautiful day for golf and a great time was had by all. Here are the results:

C.G. More Trophy, Low Gross: James Murphy (Honorary Member, Capital Zone)

Dave Davis Trophy, Low Net: Kevin Jeronic (Student Member, Capital Zone)

Skills Prizes:

Men's Long Drive: Ken Fujioka (Regular Member, Capital Zone)

Women's Long Drive : Tara Trelford (Guest)

Closest to the Pin: Koreen Anderson (Regular Member, Northern Zone)

Longest Putt: Ryan Anderson (Guest)



Branch golf tournament participants warm up. On the far right, Bill Chrapko discusses his “loft”.

(Photo: Ashley Yu)



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Delegate Registration Form**

Name: _____ Employer: _____
 Address: _____
 City, Province, PC: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fees	CIPHI Members	Non-Members	Student	Amount
Full Registration	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$50	
Daily Registration	\$125.00	\$165.00	\$40	

The Social Event is not included in the registration. Ticket information is provided below.

Social Event (Wednesday, Sept 16th)	Cost	# of tickets	Total
Mayfield Dinner Theatre (Dinner included)	\$40		

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make payments by cheque to **CIPHI Alberta Branch**.

Payment to be made onsite: (check if applicable) _____

***Please note that you may pay onsite with credit card when you arrive. If you choose to do this, simply ensure that you have sent in your registration form in advance.

Are you a Water for Life Drinking Water Officer? _____

Please note that payments for the social event will not be covered by Water for Life program.

Mail your completed form along with payment to:
CIPHI Alberta Branch – 2009 Fall Workshop
Attention: Jason MacDonald
Suite 200, 10030 – 107th Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3E4

You may also forward your completed form by e-mail to jason.macdonald@albertahealthservices.ca or by fax to (780) 735-1401 **Attn: Jason MacDonald**

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2009

Accommodations: Special room rates are available at the Mayfield Inn for \$135 up until August 16, 2009. Access the room rate by quoting the “CIPHI Alberta” when booking. The hotel is located at 16615 - 109th Avenue, Edmonton. 1-800-661-9804 or (780) 484-0821

Kickin' it in Kananaskis

The Alberta Branch showed the 2009 Annual Education Conference delegates how we do it Kananaskis style!



Phi Phan (centre) is escorted to his lynching, the result of alleged horse-thievery and other assorted transgressions



A cowboy/cowgirl conga line formed at the Boundary Ranch



The Dino Martinis (and stage-crashers) had delegates shakin' their groove thangs

Photo credits:
Bill Chrapko
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Nice day for a cookout, complete with Alberta beef, of course



Chad Beegan, Conference Social Event Planner extraordinaire, takes a well-deserved rest



Sarah Nunn checks out the British Military Field Kitchen—it passed inspection!

Letter to the Editor—Oral History of Public Health In Canada

[Editor's Note: For background information, see previous letter, "Canada's Public Health History", in the Spring 2009 ABN]

You are receiving this ... as a contact interested in the History of Public Health in Canada. Initially, the overall project was to research, compile and write the history of public health in Canada which would also include stories and information from the front line of all public health disciplines.

As it happens, CPHA will be celebrating its Centenary in 2010 and is planning a commemorative book that includes a large number of historical events that occurred in public health across Canada. This process has been initiated and more information should be forthcoming.

In the mean time, we still intend to seek out and obtain the oral history from the front lines and those that contributed to policy, legislative changes, and the evolution of public health in all areas across the country and from a Canadian perspective. All public health disciplines are invited to participate. Some of these stories may also contribute to the CPHA Centenary celebrations.

To help out in this initiative, a project to conduct a literature search on public health history and the development of a template/guideline for conducting interviews of retirees from all public health disciplines is now complete. The report, which was prepared for and supported by

the Public Health Agency of Canada is attached for your information and reference. Please use what is applicable in your goal to complete interviews of retirees in your discipline.

We hope that the information obtained will be useful in preserving the contribution that these folks provided to the health of citizens in Canada, and provide some continuity in the evolution of public health.

Should you need more information or clarification of the report's contents, feel free to contact me.

Thanks for your interest.

Best Regards,

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May 3-6, 2009. The conference was an enormous success with a unique list of speakers and topics, entertaining social events and enthusiastic exhibitors. Of course, the scenery wasn't too bad either. Congratulations to the conference co-chairs, Robert Bradbury and Peer Mikkelsen, as well as the entire organizing committee for their accomplishments.

There were several important motions made at the Annual General Meeting including changes to the bylaws to allow the development of the Council of Professional Experience. This council will be responsible for establishing and administering the continuing professional competency program. Congratulations to Dan Richen and Victor Mah who have been appointed as members of this new CIPHI operation.

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Alberta Branch News

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The Alberta contingent was front and centre through much of the Annual Education Conference as awards and recognition were bestowed. Bill Chrapko received the honour of Life Member for his distinguished career and continued involvement with CIPHI, now as a member of the Retirees Advocacy Committee. James Murphy and Rob O'Neill of Ogilvie LLP were granted status as Honorary Members of the Institute. Their passion and support for our profession is unwavering as evident through their successful prosecutions in the Alberta court system and their efforts to educate Concordia students in public health legislation.

The National Sanitation Foundation Award recognizes an individual, corporate or affiliate member of CIPHI for the promotion of food safety in Canada. Congratulations to Rick Dimock for receiving this prestigious award. The Calgary Health Region was also recognized for their outstanding presentation of an environmental public health topic to the public. They received the Environmental Health Review award for their Trans Fat Initiative. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and let it serve as motivation to continually strive to new achievements!

As you can see there has been a lot happening lately and the momentum shows no signs of slowing down. I am excited to be able to represent the Alberta Branch in these times as I feel we are on the verge of making a breakthrough with how our profession is viewed in the health care system and in the public. I would like to thank Phi Phan for his dedication to the Institute and making this transition a smooth one. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the executive with comments or suggestions. I can be reached at (780) 513-7519 or at president@ciphi.ab.ca.

Respectfully,
 Koreen Anderson
 President, CIPHI Alberta