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## Message from the President

Happy 2010! The year kicked off with a bang for our profession with the launch of the Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) program on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Robert Savoury, Pam Stadel and Scott Budgell have been our CPC Champions across the Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. They have been making presentations and answering our questions about the program. Several offices throughout the Branch also logged on to the CHNET Fireside Chat hosted by Phi Phan to learn more about the details.

The newest version of the CPC document has been mailed out and should have already arrived in your mail-

box. Personal planning and record-keeping are key in ensuring you achieve the outcomes of the program. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to go through the booklet and familiarize themselves with the material.

Environmental Public Health Week (EPHW) was a success due to the hard work of the EPHW committee. Several municipalities made proclamations declaring EPHW and we also received a response from then Health Minister, Ron Liepert. The proclamations and letter from the Minister can be viewed on our Alberta Branch

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## Message from the Editor

I've just reached the 15-year milestone as an Environmental Public Health professional (ach du lieber, has it been that long already?), and in none of those years have I seen as much change as there was in 2009. Change is good, though ... right?

This ABN edition is one of the longest in my time as Editor, which reflects how many positive stories there are about the Branch!

In this and future ABN editions, space will be dedicated to features about the Concordia Environmental Health

program and its students. Thank you to Anthony Mak (Associate Director, Concordia Environmental Public Health Program) and Kelly Bauer (President, Concordia Environmental Health Student Association) for making this happen.

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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website. I appreciate members taking advantage of the photo opportunities presented by the municipalities when signing the proclamations. It adds a personal touch to these requests and shows how we are a part of the community.

The EPHW committee also found inventive ways of promoting the work of Environmental Public Health Professionals by developing tip sheets, producing a video and providing hand sanitizers for the public. Co-chairs Marlene Welch and Lindsay Freistadt, along with committee members Fred Cundict, Maureen Elko, Scott Budgell, Megan Behnke and the Zone Councilors did a great job on the preparations and roll-out.

The Advocacy Committee was also a part of the celebrations by developing a 2010 calendar and highlighting Environmental Public Health Week. The theme of the calendar is "Protecting our Future through Environmental Public Health" and features photos of children with a health and safety tip for each month. The feedback on this project has been very positive. Congratulations Nadine Newman, Elmer Spilchen, Ashley Yu, Sarah Yusuf, Ihsan Sassi, Jason MacDonald and Adrea Simmons.

The Social Committee is looking to get us off the couch and into the spirit of friendly competition in the next couple of months. Snow tubing kicks off the contest in Edmonton followed by several weeks of healthy body/

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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:

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- To support the advancement of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

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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.



# CIPHI Challenge Exchange: Tanzania

Congratulations to Edmonton EHO **Jason MacDonald**, who was selected by CIPHI's National Executive Council (NEC) to participate in a unique and exciting opportunity: the inaugural CIPHI Tanzanian Challenge Exchange.

In the spirit of further challenging Canadian Environmental Public Health Professionals to broaden their own perspectives of Environmental Public Health and the world we live in, the NEC's objectives for the Exchange are to:

- ▶ Obtain insight and knowledge of Environmental Public Health practice in countries with significantly different historical backgrounds and cultures and where significantly different Environmental Public Health challenges are faced.
- ▶ Provide the opportunity to reflect on the Canadian Environmental Public Health experience from a Tanzanian colleague's perspective.
- ▶ Share this collective experience of both participants with Environmental Public Health Professionals in Canada and Tanzania.
- ▶ Identify ways CIPHI can become more involved in Environmental Public Health activities internationally (e.g. additional exchanges with Tanzania and/or other countries)
- ▶ Foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diverse challenges faced by Environmental Public Health Practitioners in around the world.



EHO Jason MacDonald will soon travel to Tanzania on an exciting exchange

Jason leaves on February 15th for Tanzania, where he will work alongside other health inspectors and also discuss similarities and opportunities with their professional organization. Says Jason: "I will be going over there with my eyes wide open ready to learn."

Jason has set up a **blog** to update those interested in his adventures. The address is:

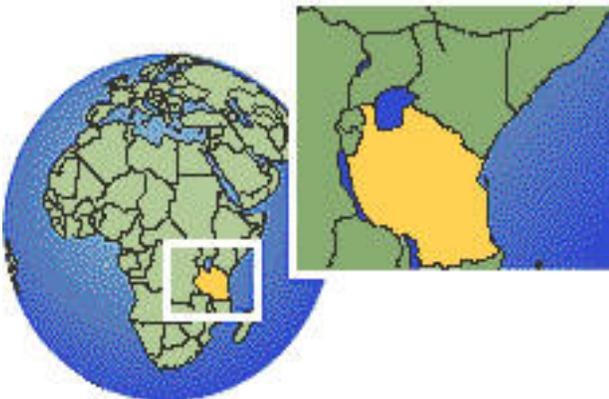
<http://jmacworldblog.blogspot.com/>

His travels will take him to the university where environmental health is taught, along with the Ministry of Health to perhaps meet their medical officer of health and spend time with the EHOs. He looks forward to learning strategies for water and land planning, and also getting a taste of public health in the nation's urban and rural environments. Look forward to an exciting recap from Jason upon his return. We are sure he will have many exciting and inspirational stories to share.

An interview with Jason regarding the exchange also appears prominently in the first edition of the "Friends of the Human Race" newsletter, available online at:

<http://www.friend-of-the-human-race.org/wp-content/plugins/download-monitor/download.php?id=1>

- Lance Honish, Editor



## Concordia Corner

Greetings from Concordia! I would like to start off by thanking the Alberta Branch for allowing the Concordia Environmental Health students to have a "corner" in the Alberta Branch News. Our class is an interesting bunch consisting of 28 people. Most of us are from Alberta, a handful from Manitoba as well as British Columbia, Ontario, Montreal, China, India, Ghana and Romania. The majority of the students are young whipper-snappers (under 30) however, there are a few of us who are not and we will remain anonymous. Our group is a very friendly bunch and our diverse educational, professional, cultural and generational backgrounds enhances classroom discussions and makes casual conversations very interesting and colorful.

Most of us have started mentoring in the past few weeks and we are all in agreement that the experiences so far have been awesome. Not only is it a refreshing break from the classroom but, it reinforces what we have learned in class and is providing us with a taste of what is to come in just a few short months. We are grateful to all of our mentors whose knowledge, support and patience is much appreciated and we thank you for allowing us to tag along and pick your brains. Also, a big thank you to Tony Mak who spent many hours arranging these experiences for us.

The BOC club is up and running. The class has been split into groups and each week we take turns putting each other through mock oral exam scenarios. The questions are tough, the panel members are tougher and in the beginning the answers were creative to say the least. As we learn more, become more confident and give each other feedback we can see that this experience is going to be a great benefit.

In other news, the Environmental Health Student Association is in the process of getting the Brown Bag Lunch Sessions up and running. Our hope is to have guest speakers from a variety of agencies present to us over the lunch hour. We are hoping to get representatives from agencies outside of environmental health that we may work with when we get out into the field. So far, we have been in contact with the



This year's Concordia Environmental Health class, 28 strong

Edmonton Fire Department, Alberta SPCA, Children's Services and Pest Control. If anybody has any other suggestions please let me know.

Our group understands the importance of prevention and public education when it comes to public health. We kept this in mind when it came to naming the dodgeball team for the tournament held at Concordia on January 23. Our team members donned t-shirts with their name, "Fecal Oral Contamination" across the front with a cute little cartoon picture below and on the back in big letters: "WASH YOUR HANDS". The team placed in the top eight but, the highlight of the day was when one of our team members was asked by a member of the opposing team if we realized fecal meant poop.

I would like to commend our class for their generosity and support of the Haitian Earthquake fund raising activities at Concordia. It was our way of contributing to the world's outpouring of aid to the unimaginable destruction in Haiti.

And on that note, I will wrap up this inaugural edition of the "Concordia Corner". We look forward to meeting more of the Alberta Branch members over the next few months at the upcoming 2010 Alberta CIPHI Olympic Challenge and during our practicums.

On behalf of the Concordia Environmental Health Student Association,

- Kelly Bauer, President EHSA

# 10th Annual Branch Fall Educational Workshop

The Branch's 10th Annual Fall Educational Workshop took place on September 16 & 17 at the Mayfield Inn & Suites in Edmonton.

The Workshop theme was "Non-municipal water systems", and was attended by 140 delegates from a variety of government agencies including health, environment and agriculture as well as private companies and municipalities.

In a first for the Alberta Branch, we had three speakers present via webcam. The technology was well-received and we look forward to more of these innovative approaches in the future.

The social event featured an entertaining dinner theatre production of "Nashville Icons" followed by one or two unofficial after-parties. Congratulations to the entire organizing committee for making this Fall Workshop a success.

Koreen Anderson, Branch President



Karen Emde (left) and Koreen Anderson talk shop at the Branch Fall Educational Workshop



## Water for Kids

For the past two years, I have collected money at my Edmonton Environmental Public Health office during the Christmas season for what I feel is a very worthy organization. Water for Kids [www.waterforkids.org.uk](http://www.waterforkids.org.uk) is a registered charity based in the UK that was founded by Environmental Health Officers just like us. Water for Kids helps provide safe drinking water and sanitation to remote villages in Uganda, Zambia and Kenya. In 2007 we were able to raise enough funds to purchase 7 washstands. These washstands were the first of their kind in these isolated villages and gave the community the gift of health. The washstands and soap allow villagers simply to wash their hands regularly with clean water and soap, possibly making a difference between life and death to these individuals.

I am so pleased to announce that we almost doubled that amount this year!! I will be collecting again next Christmas but this time I would like to encourage **ALL ZONES** to participate. Please feel free to contact me at (780) 735-1809 if you would like to help organize collection in your Zone next Christmas. International Public Health is a passion of mine. I



A child washes his hands at a "Water for Kids" handwash station in Uganda

want to give back and help those in need. I would love to see more international work being done by CIPHI and am pleased to recently learn about Friends of the Human Race, [www.friend-of-the-human-race.org](http://www.friend-of-the-human-race.org), a new charity connecting Public Health Professionals across the globe. Let's all get involved.

- Sharon Regimbald

## We'd Like to Thank ...

Several individuals have provided invaluable assistance to the Alberta Branch over the last year, and we'd like to take this opportunity to name them here to show our appreciation. On behalf of the Branch, thank you!

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## Environmental Public Health Week 2010

EPH Week 2010 (January 18-24) was a huge success. A complete summary of events and initiatives is found on the Branch website ([www.cphi.ab.ca/EPHW.htm](http://www.cphi.ab.ca/EPHW.htm)). Here is a brief summary of some of the events and activities in Alberta:

- ▶ A very exciting new video has been created by our one and only Marlene Welch. It outlines what services areas we provide and how we quietly work behind the scenes. This short film details exactly how Environmental Health Professionals work to make our lives safer and healthier
- ▶ Proclamations recognizing EPHW were made by the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Cold Lake, the municipality of Wood Buffalo, and others
- ▶ Correspondence acknowledging EPHW was received by the Minister of Health and Wellness on behalf of the Alberta government
- ▶ A story and positive editorial appeared in the January 19 edition of the Camrose Booster newspaper
- ▶ Special order hand sanitizers, posters, and calendars advertising EPHW were distributed to EPH offices in Alberta.
- ▶ AHS advertisements in places such as paystubs, electronic billboards and the AHS website promoted EPHW
- ▶ Promotional Booths were set up in Edmonton, Calgary and other locations as well. These booths provided educational information on what our profession does, and giveaways to promote our service areas (hand sanitizers, fridge thermometers etc)

A big thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time in planning EPHW 2010.

Your EPHW Committee Co-Chairs  
 Lindsay Freistadt and Marlene Welch

## EHO—Environmental Health Olympic torch bearer

Congratulations to Capital Zone EHO **Carol Sobkow-Alloway**, who carried the Olympic torch as it traveled through St. Albert on January 13. Carol recently reflected on her experience.

**Q: How did it come to be that you carried the torch?**

A: I had seen ads for applying to be a torch bearer on [an] online banking website and applied ... in the application they asked "what would you do or what have you done to make Canada a better place" ... I wrote something to the effect explaining my work as an environmental health officer and protection of public health which has spilled over into my own personal life. As to the reason "why me" I'm not really certain whether it was [my] answer to the question ... [but] they indicated we were all chosen for a reason.

**Q: Where was your leg of the relay?**

A: My leg of the run was in St. Albert where I live which was extremely fortunate because many torch bearers were sent to other communities quite a distance away from their homes. I was the last runner on the south end of St. Albert Trail before the torch went into Edmonton so I did not pass the flame to another torch bearer. Instead my flame went back into the enclosed canister (a "Miner's Lantern") which was one of eight from Greece. It was then driven into Edmonton where it continued.



Carol Sobkow-Alloway carries the Olympic torch through St. Albert on January 13, to a cheering crowd.

**Q: What was going through your mind as you carried the torch?**

A: I was extremely excited and so emotional thinking how proud I felt being a Canadian especially hearing all the cheers and horns honking and seeing all the red mittens and flags. I was also thinking what a privilege it was to be a torch bearer and how fantastic to share this moment with family, friends, colleagues and strangers at the side of the road. This must be a little of what athletes must feel during the games.

- Lance Honish, Editor

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healthy mind activities and it all wraps up with an indoor tournament in Red Deer. The indoor tournament and the Annual General Meeting are being held on April 24, 2010. One trip, two great reasons to join us!

As you can see there is a lot happening behind the scenes to increase awareness for our profession and connect the members on a social level. Here's to another great year for the Alberta Branch!

- Koreen Anderson, President



# Building Community Initiative

Following the 2009 Alberta Branch Fall Workshop in Edmonton, the newly elected Executive, the former Executive and Committee Chairpersons were invited to attend a meeting to discuss Branch goals for the 2009-2011 term. This discussion was guided by a professional facilitator who dubbed the proceedings “Building Community”. Through this meeting we reached agreement on three major goals to achieve by 2011:

- ▶ Formalize our financial structure
- ▶ Increase and engage membership
- ▶ Promote awareness and advocacy

## Formalize financial structure

Work is already under way for this goal. We have a financial policy in draft form for dealing with expenditures and investments. A budget is also being developed to help us plan in our investments, savings and operating costs.

## Increase and engage membership

Members are our most important asset. Without them our activities would have little value. Zone Councilors have been scouring for your thoughts and opinions on

activities of the Alberta Branch. They are also updating information on the benefits of membership. We will try to attract non-members to membership by outlining the advantages of being a CIPHI member.

## Promote awareness and advocacy

Our plan is to increase awareness of CIPHI in the public eye. We have recent success on our minds from Environmental Public Health Week. The open houses, display booths, calendars, tip sheets and proclamations are all successful tools in getting our “name” out there. We will be looking for new ways to expand on our success and advocate for Environmental Public Health Professionals.

We see these goals as being the first steps in building a solid foundation for the Alberta Branch. There is much work to be done but we are all up for the challenge. If you have any comments or questions feel free to contact any member of the Alberta Branch Executive.

- Koreen Anderson, President



## H1N1 Pandemic Response—EHOs on the Team

During public health emergencies, Environmental Health Officers have a reputation of being team players and having the ability to get things done. It's not surprising, then, that several Branch members were recently involved in H1N1 pandemic response in Alberta. Below are just some of the roles fulfilled:

- ▶ Coordinated pandemic Emergency Operations Centres in Alberta Health Services (AHS) and First Nations Inuit Health
- ▶ Led a team responsible for daily H1N1 status reports (regarding immunizations, critical care capacity, antivirals, influenza assessment centres and outbreaks) to AHS senior executive
- ▶ Led the development of AHS pandemic information materials provided to all child care facilities in the province
- ▶ Assisted in the management of suspected H1N1 outbreaks in schools and daycares
- ▶ Prepared daily status reports on H1N1 outbreak activity for provincial decision-makers
- ▶ Assisted with distribution of vaccine and antiviral medication to First Nations communities
- ▶ Participated in the development of culturally-appropriate pandemic materials for the urban Aboriginal population
- ▶ Assisted in the development of pandemic outbreak guidelines for homeless shelters
- ▶ Participated in "line management" at busy mass immunization centres



- Lance Honish, Editor

## Branch Members Run for the Cure!

The 2009 CIBC Run for the Cure, an annual fundraiser for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, was held on October 4. Several Branch members participated—don't they look great in pink? (Photos: Heather Langemann, Mystique Wendel)



South Zone Participants (left to right): Mike Gervais, John Byrne, Dr. Vivian Suttorp, Heather Langemann, Pam Hodgkinson, Brian Dalshaug, and in the front Chantal Heffernan. The babies are Nicole and Elyse.



Capital Zone Participants (left to right): Ken Dong, Nyall Hislop, Mystique Wendel, Phi Phan, Lindsay Freistadt, Rob Mahabeer

# Important Announcements!

Below are two important announcements from the Branch President:

1. **The Branch AGM will take place on April 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Red Deer** (Collicutt Centre, 3031—30 Avenue). Please contact Karen Clarke ([karenl.clarke@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:karenl.clarke@albertahealthservices.ca)) by April 12, 2010 if you plan on attending. See you there!
2. Congratulations to **Victor Mah**, the recipient of the Early Bird Registration to the IFEH/CIPHI Conference in Vancouver. He was the draw winner for those who submitted their membership renewals by December 31st.

## 2010 Alberta Branch Olympic Challenge

**(Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from information sent to Branch Members in January by the Social Committee regarding the 2010 Alberta Branch Olympic Challenge. Stay tuned for the medal standings in the next edition of ABN).**

We thought we'd try and kick off 2010 with a fun Olympic-style challenge, and a couple of social events thrown in.

The idea is to get as many points as possible for your individual score and your team score. There are five teams (one for each of the five Olympic rings). All the teams will be a mix of ages, sexes, and work areas from all over the province. Students, spouses etc are welcome to participate too! We'll keep reminding everyone what the week's challenge is. Participation and fun are the only rules!

Sarah Nunn is the main contact for this event. She can be reached at [sarah.nunn@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:sarah.nunn@albertahealthservices.ca)

### Schedule of Events, 2010 Alberta Branch Olympic Challenge

Week number	Event / challenge	Points for participation
1 (20 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	Snow Tubing, Edmonton	10 to show up. 5 bonus points for wildest moves.
2 (starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb)	30 minutes of exercise 3 times during the week.	10 points for 3 times, 5 points for 2 times/week.
3 (starting 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar)	Try a new activity or sport	5 points
4 (starting 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	Take healthy lunches to work all week.	10 points for all week, 5 points for more than 3 days
5 (starting 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	Read a book about one of the following: Poetry, philosophy, politics or management (hey, healthy mind!)	10 points
6 (starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar)	30 minutes of exercise 3 times during the week.	10 points for 3 times, 5 points for 2 times/week.
7 (starting 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	Submit the most bizarre Environmental Health related photo.	5 points per picture, 5 extra for the winner.
8 (starting 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr)	Take healthy lunches to work all week.	10 points for all week, 5 points for more than 3 days
9 (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr)	30 minutes of exercise 3 times during the week.	10 points for 3 times, 5 points for 2 times/week.
10 (24 <sup>th</sup> April)	Indoor Ball tournament, Red Deer (Following Branch AGM)	10 to show up. 5 bonus points for winning games & teams.

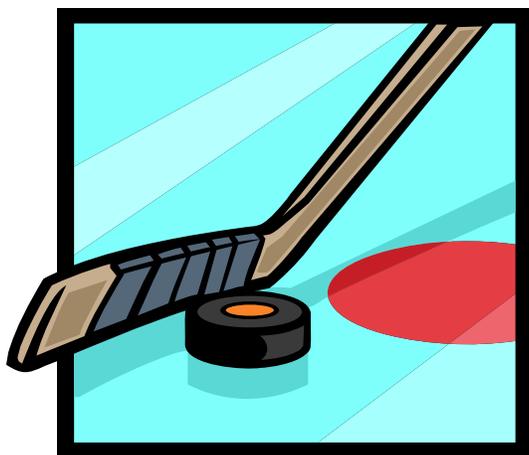
# Branch Hockey Pool

The Alberta Branch Hockey Pool has hit the halfway mark for the 2009 – 2010 season. Jason MacDonald has been in first place for quite a while, maintaining a comfortable lead over the rest of the pack. Obviously JMac knows more about hockey pools than some of his colleagues in Edmonton. Our esteemed President Elect, Phi Phan, has assumed his accustomed location, serving as a foundation for the Pool. Ludmilla was also fighting for one of the top spots a short while ago, but has dropped a fair bit of late – and Cheryl G will likely win the “Thanks for Participating” prize.

There seems to be a strong representation from recent Concordia grads, with Kevin J and Maz positioning themselves well for a second-half charge. Then we have a few of the old-timers, like Chad, Dale and Mikey G, sliding down the standings. Tsk, tsk, tsk!

A Re-Draft was held in mid-January, giving some of us a chance to make up for our mistakes in the original draft. And then it’s break time for the Olympics, when everyone will be pulling for ONE team. Thanks to all the Poolies for participating, and watch for an update at the end of the season!

- Dan Richen



## Alberta Branch Hockey Pool Standings (as of February 1, 2010):

RANK	PARTICIPANT NAME	POINTS
1	Jason Macdonald	799
2	Kosoo Ng	764
3	Andrew Lum	762
4	Marilyn Dahlgren	761
5	Chelsey Velthuisen	754
T6	Glenn Jenkins	753
T6	Dianne Brownless	753
8	Kevin Jeronic	751
T9	Dan Richen	746
T9	Tanya MacNeil	746
T11	Bob Stone	745
T11	Maz Rahman	745
13	Koreen Westly	744
14	Chad Beegan	742
15	Keith Lee	727
T16	Todd Baxter	725
T16	Lena Jobb	725
T18	Karen Clarke	724
T18	Mike Gervais	724
20	Ludmilla Rodriguez	723
21	Kristen Dykstra	719
22	Andrew O'Laney	718
23	Dale Nelson	717
24	Phi Phan	708
25	Tricia Herridge	705
26	Dan Vujevuc	698
27	Ed Gee	697
28	Robert Savoury	651
29	Mystique Wendel	649
30	Cheryl Galbraith	531

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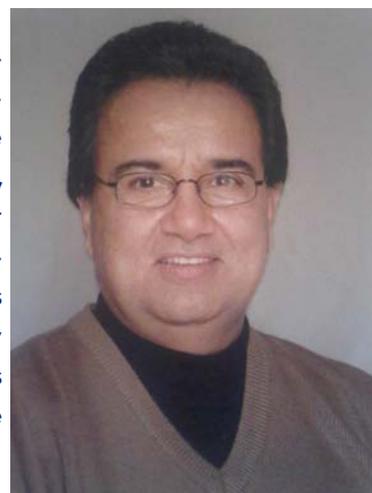
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## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jagtar Sandhu on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Jagtar had a long and varied professional career in environmental public health. He completed the Environmental Health program at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in 1993, and began his EHO career in BC's lower mainland before joining the regional health department in Edmonton. Working in Edmonton's "Chinatown" neighbourhood, Jagtar quickly gained a reputation with restaurant operators as an EHO that ensured that all deficiencies were corrected.



Jagtar then moved on to Health Canada where he was employed for 13 years and attained the title of Regional Manager-Safe Environments Program, Alberta region. Most recently, Jagtar was appointed the Regional Environmental Health Manager for the former Northern Lights RHA.

Several Branch members had the opportunity to come to know Jagtar on both a professional and a personal basis and were deeply saddened to learn of his untimely passing.

- Lance Honish, Jon Elliott and Karen Sandhu