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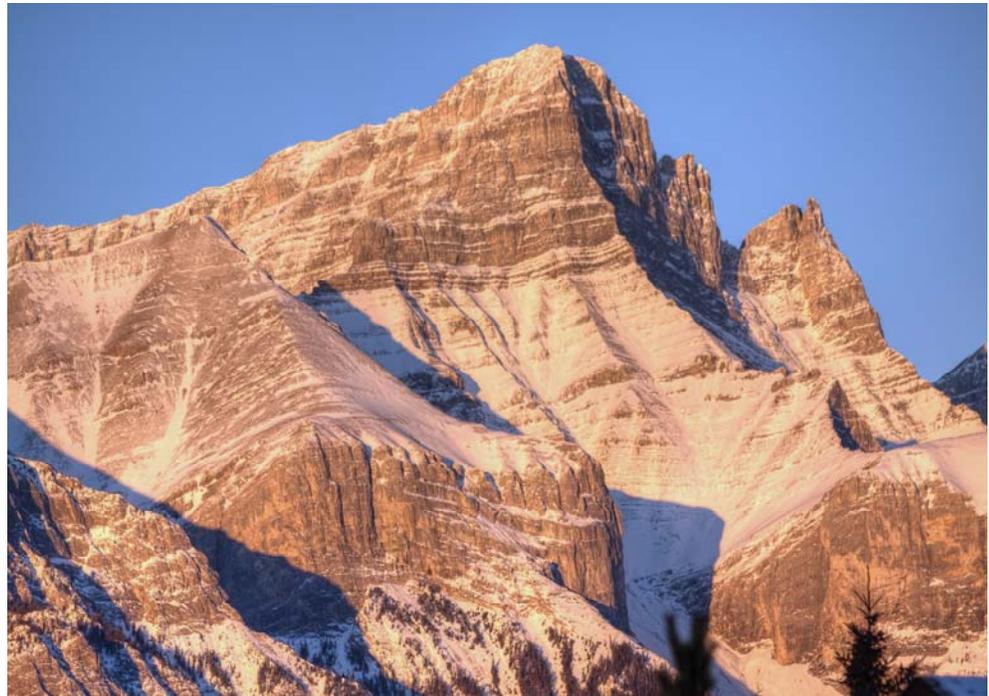
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Morning sun on the mountains near Canmore—James Protz

Message from the President

With the recent dump of snow and bone-chilling temperatures it is hard to imagine that spring will soon be upon us. But, in only a couple of months we will be trading in the snow boots for sandals and having our Annual General Meeting. This is our election year and I urge each member to consider the positions offered on the Executive and committees. If you are interested, but not sure where your talents would be best suited, please talk to a member of the Executive and we will try to match you to your strengths.

In September I attended the IFEH World Congress on Environmental Health/CIPHI Annual Education Con-

ference in Vancouver. Through the presentations and mingling it became apparent that Environmental Public Health Professionals throughout the world share many similarities. We are a passionate, dedicated and forward-thinking group.

One way to stay in touch with your colleagues across Canada is to join communities on the newly re-launched Membership Service Centre. The site is now more user-friendly and includes ways of managing your professional status and connecting with other members. The Continuing Professional Competencies Self-

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Message from the Editor

I've never been more proud to be an Alberta Branch member. The submissions I've received for this edition of ABN clearly show the charitable spirit of our Branch: 13,000 pairs of socks for Alberta's homeless, \$1000 for handwash stations and latrines in rural Uganda, teams getting "pinked-up", running and fundraising for the (breast cancer) cure, and even growing a "Movember" moustache for prostate cancer fundraising and awareness. And let's not forget our families—the daughter of one Branch member shaved her beautiful long hair to help

raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research.

A core mission of CIPHI is to advocate, and it's very pleasing to see that our Branch is advocating not just for our profession, but also for those less fortunate in Alberta and around the world.

Please send your submissions and feedback to me at

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- Lance Honish, Editor

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Assessment Tool and Professional Development hours can be completed on the site as well.

You may have noticed that CIPHI National is making great efforts to have all materials developed in French as well as English. It is the opinion of the National Executive Council that in order to be a truly national organization both translations must be available. We are also very pleased to see the reintroduction of the Quebec Branch. They are starting off with a small, but committed membership base and we wish them continued success and growth.

I am very pleased to announce that after several years of work the Alberta Branch has committed to an investment strategy with Investors

Group. The goal is that our investments will bring more sustainability to our finances and that in the future we can use these funds for operations. This initiative would not have been possible without the dedication of Jon Elliott. He continuously steered the Alberta Branch Executive towards our goal and I am sure at times, it felt a little like herding cats.

I had originally planned to run for two terms as President, but with recent life changes I have decided it would not be in the best interest of my family or the members of the Alberta Branch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve you these past two years. It has been a great privilege.

- Koreen Anderson, President

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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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2010 Branch Fall Educational Workshop

The 2010 Branch Fall Educational Workshop was held at the River Cree Resort near Edmonton on October 26 and 27. The Workshop theme was “Emerging Public Health Issues: Climate Change” and included speakers from a variety of provincial and federal government agencies, as well as academic institutions. It was an informative workshop regarding climate change, for both Branch members and partners.

- Lance Honish, Editor



Dr. Geoffrey Strong, Professor at the University of Alberta and King's University College of Alberta, delivered the presentation “Understanding Climate Change: Current Scientific Knowledge” to Fall Workshop participants



Karen Emde (seated) is presented with flowers from the Branch Executive in recognition of her work organizing the 2010 Fall Workshop. The presentation was made by Tricia Herridge (left), Jon Elliott, Wayne Quan, Debra Langier-Blythe, Daria Romanish, Karen Clarke, Marilyn Dahlgren, and Jason MacDonald.



Workshop delegates check out the exhibitors hall



Photos: Tony Thepsouvanh

Concordia Corner

Greetings from Concordia. The start of the New Year gives us all a chance to look back and reflect on the previous year. There have been quite a few exciting changes to our program in the last year. We bid farewell to the previous cohort as they continued on and began their practicums all over Alberta and other provinces. Their enthusiasm for the Environmental Health program and the field of environmental health carried on through us as we welcomed the new student cohort, which started in September. The addition of their various professional, educational and cultural backgrounds has greatly enriched everyone's experience in our program. In order to get to know our new classmates and welcome them to the program, we organized a welcome barbeque on campus and participated in various team building and "get-to-know-you" games.

The beginning of the semester brought about a couple of exciting events for the students at Concordia. The IFEH 2010 World Congress in Vancouver was a wonderful experience for some of the students as they enjoyed tours, presentations and the other organized events offered. In addition to that conference, we were all able to attend the CIPHI Alberta Branch Workshop in Edmonton. There we were able to enjoy several great presentations as well as have the chance to meet and interact with other CIPHI Alberta Branch members. We also had the opportunity to participate in the Golden Sock Challenge by placing several collection site around the University and getting our fellow students to join in.

In our last term, the students were able to participate in several on-site visits to various facilities. This allowed all of us to get some very useful practical and hands-on experience. Some of the highlights of our on-site visits included restaurants, the Edmonton Food Bank, and the City of Edmonton's Incident Command Centre. Finally, we visited a tattoo and body piercing facility where Jessica Lam (from the previous cohort) graced us with her presence and demonstrated the process for getting your ears pierced. Thanks Jessica! We were also one of the first classes to visit the Edmonton Food Bank and were the first class permitted to visit the Edmonton Emergency Response Department thanks to the efforts



On-site instructional inspection of the Edmonton Food Bank with the 2010/2011 Concordia students and instructors Nyall Hislop and Carla Eskow

of our instructors. We would like to thank both Carla Eskow and Nyall Hislop for organizing those visits and we look forward to the visits planned for this term.

The Environmental Health Students Association (EHSA) was busy organizing events for the students during last semester. We continued with a program which was started by a previous EHSA president in which guest speakers were asked to present a lecture on their area of expertise during the lunch hour. The EHSA feels this is an effective program in introducing students to associations with which they will be dealing on a regular basis in the field, but at present there is no material from the program included in the regular educational program. Along with that, a Christmas dinner was organized for all the students and was held at Ziaka and an EHSA T-shirt contest is currently being held in which several of the students are participating. We are expecting some very clever and creative designs for the contest by the end of January and are looking forward to seeing some of the ideas people come up with.

On behalf of the Environmental Health Student Association,

Theron White, EHSA President

2010 Alberta Branch Sock Challenge

The Sock Challenge began as a response by Environmental Health Officer Sandra Hamilton to “Tent City”, a spontaneous camp that appeared on provincial land in the Edmonton in 2007. During conversations with campers and outreach workers she learned that socks were in such short supply that the workers were forced to ration them. Within ten days Edmonton EHO’s collected over 1000 pairs of socks.

This year (2010) marked the first year that the invitation to join the sock challenge was extended to all CIPHI members across the province of Alberta. After one month of sock collecting the response was overwhelming and **the total number of socks reached nearly 13,000 pairs!**

The winner of the 2010 CIPHI Alberta Sock Challenge was announced at the 2010 CIPHI Alberta Fall Workshop in October. Wayne Quan graciously accepted the Golden Sock Award on behalf of the Southern Zone who collected more socks-per-EHO than any other zone (147 to be exact). In just one short month, they collected nearly 3200 pairs of socks!!

The final tallies of socks-per-EHO are as follows:

South- 147
 Edmonton-67
 Feds- 44
 Central- 38
 Calgary- 32
 North and Arctic- 12
 Students- 5

The socks collected across the province were distributed to local agencies in need within each zone. In Edmonton, agencies such as Hope Mission, The Mustard Seed Street Church, and the Bissell Centre among many others were overjoyed and so thankful to receive sock donations.

I would first like to extend a huge thank you to all who participated in September’s Golden Sock Challenge. I would also like to thank all the businesses for their

corporate support and the many donations received. There are many businesses across the province that contributed to this initiative and although I am not going to name them, we would not have been successful without them. The socks collected provide just a drop in the bucket for the needs of disadvantaged population but every little bit counts!

I am also pleased to announce that TrainCan Inc., a Toronto based company has offered to be a part of this incredible initiative. TrainCan Inc. will donate \$200.00 to the winning team each year to buy socks for next years challenge. So everyone should start collecting socks now because South Zone is already on their way!!

- Lena Jobb



Mark Albiez in an avalanche of socks collected by the South Zone



Introducing: Everly Violet Anderson

I'd like to introduce Everly Violet Anderson. She was born on October 18, 2010 at 1:38pm and weighed 8lbs. 1oz. Our stay at the hospital was longer than what we would have liked, but we are all doing well now. Ryan and I are adjusting to the sleepless nights, but it is definitely worth it!

Talk to you soon!

Koreen Anderson
Everly's mom and Branch President



Everly Violet Anderson (centre) and proud parents Koreen and Ryan

Water for Kids Update 2010

Once again, I would like to thank all who gave generously to Water For Kids (www.waterforkids.org.uk) this Christmas. This was my third year collecting for this charity and I am so pleased with our results. In 2010 we received \$250.00 from the Alberta Branch Fall Workshop raffle sales and the Edmonton and Calgary Zone raised collectively just over \$350.00. A grand total of \$600.00 will be forwarded to Water For Kids to purchase hand wash basins for children in Africa. That translates into 15 new hand wash basins that will be made available to children who are prone to gastrointestinal infections and in turn could save lives. I feel good about this. We all should.

In 2009, we collected just over \$400.00. This money was used by the organization towards building latrines in a rural village in Uganda. These are the first latrines and hand wash basins the village has ever known. Imagine the difference these will make.

I will collect again this Christmas 2011 and I encourage all members of the Alberta Branch to donate. Ultimately, I would love to see CIPHI Alberta Branch representatives join



Latrine in a Uganda village—a result of Water for Kids donations

Water For Kids on a working visit to Africa and allow us to see first hand the difference we are making.

Nothing is impossible.

Have a wonderful New Year.

- Sharon Regimbald

Environmental Public Health Week 2011

This year's EPHW was another big success. With the help of many people, we were able to get the attention of numerous government officials across the province and obtain proclamation of EPHW. We are proud to have **received Proclamations from Calgary, Edmonton, Lac La Biche, Medicine Hat and Red Deer.**

Various locations across the province were also able to set up informational/promotional booths in public locations to inform the public of the very important work that EHOs do each day in our varied disciplines. Some booths also displayed information on a career in Environmental Public Health to help further gather public interest in becoming part of CIPHI. There were also some very nice internal celebratory activities that occurred across the province. In many public health offices, EPHW was sparked internally with media releases, office cake breaks, and website announcements.

We should all be proud of the accomplishments our profession has had over the past year, including the or-

ganization of our professional competencies, continuing education requirements, and standardization of policies and procedures in Alberta Health Services. We should all take a moment to pat ourselves on the back for a job well done and to look forward at how each of us can contribute to our professional organization and to advancing our profession even further, through continuing education, knowledge sharing, volunteering our time to CIPHI and research.

On behalf of the Alberta Branch, I would like to send out a special thanks to the following individuals for taking time out of their busy schedule to contribute to the success of EPHW 2011:

- ▶ Wayne Quan for drafting and finalizing the Proclamation request letter
- ▶ Victor Mah for ordering the Hand Sanitizer pens which we all enjoy, and distributing posters and calendars to the Provincial Reps.
- ▶ Jason MacDonald for organizing and distributing the Sanitizer pens and posters to the local representatives

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Editorial: CIPHI and Smoke-Free Events

Disclaimer: The views expressed are those of Phi Phan as a member of the Alberta Branch and do not represent the Alberta Branch Executive or the National Executive Council of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

In 2005, the membership of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) passed a motion at the Annual General Meeting at the 71st Annual Education Conference in Toronto with respect to smoke-free hosting of CIPHI events. Specifically, the Resolution committed CIPHI to host all of its events in venues that had 100% smoke-free policies for public and work spaces. In a time where tobacco reduction strategies were nascent and tobacco reduction legislation was not widespread, CIPHI made a bold step to recognize the importance of supporting policies that positively affected the health of large populations, as it is one of our core goals in Environmental Public Health. Even with concerns that CIPHI would be limiting its opportunities for hosting

events due to the lack of facilities that had such policies in place, the decision was made to proceed with 100% smoke-free host sites for CIPHI events. This move paralleled similar Resolutions by the Canadian Public Health Association (1980, 1984, 1986) and the Canadian Nurses Association (2004).

In today's world, the political and environmental landscapes have significantly changed. Smoke-free policies are commonplace and in fact, the Tobacco Reduction Act (Chapter T-3.8, Statutes of Alberta 2005) has been in effect since January 1, 2008 in Alberta while other similar legislation has been passed in other jurisdictions. For the Alberta Branch, the interceding years between 2005 and 2010 saw the Resolution passed by CIPHI in 2005 stand as the standard for all events in Alberta as there was no companion resolution or policy for the Alberta Branch. In

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76th Annual Educational Conference—Vancouver

Editors Note: Branch members Sarah Nunn and Ludmilla Rodriguez were recipients of Education Sponsorship from the Branch in 2010, and used the funding to attend the IFEH/CIPHI Conference in Vancouver. They've submitted this information to acknowledge the sponsorship they received.

2010's CIPHI Annual Education Conference was held in conjunction with the International Federation of Environmental Health World Congress. EHOs attended from all over the world, including; Australia, South Africa, England, Ireland, United States and Canada.

Sarah's reflections: Six streams of education sessions were running during the four days. I found myself on numerous days trying to decide which sessions I wanted to see and finding that I wanted to attend at least two at once! Highlights for me this year included dedicated food safety, management, and emergency preparedness days.

There were some speakers who stood out for me:

- ▶ John Bryson from the UK discussed the actual cost of poor housing using costs from the National Health Service. They were able to prove cost saving for housing interventions – a very unique way to demonstrate that poor housing equals poor health.
- ▶ Anthony Sharp from the UK presented an interesting lecture on faith and culture, and how food safety and other public messages could be successfully delivered with the right kind of intervention.
- ▶ I also really enjoyed the presentation from, Jim Dingman on Nanotechnology (albeit a little scary!), and from Jeff Fraser on some of the food safety challenges they had been facing in Australia.

The keynote speakers were very informative, but the one that stood out was the presentation on Thursday morning by Dr. Samantha Nutt. Her account of her public health work in some of the developing countries, especially those involving children and woman with AIDS moved the entire audience. Her recollection of the violence in these war torn countries was appalling. It was a dark reality of Public Health problems in a world your average EHO

will never know. This was my first visit to Vancouver, so it was great I was able to stay for a few days afterwards to take in some of the sights, cycle around Stanley Park, and eat seafood rather than Alberta Beef!

The social program was also very enjoyable. The Monday evening was a civic reception at the aquarium in Stanley park. Tuesday was a tailgate party at the Olympic Oval. The Congress banquet was very enjoyable, the band was incredible, and it was a great opportunity to network with EHO's from around the world.

Ludmilla's reflections:

It pays to be a CIPHI AB Branch member ...

Among the many other membership benefits, I was very fortunate to be one of the three recipients of the AB Branch Conference Sponsorship Program for 2010. Winning the AB Branch Conference Sponsorship Program for 2010 gave me the opportunity to attend the September 2010 IFEH/CIPHI Conference in Vancouver. This conference was held at a wonderful venue. From its rich multicultural opening ceremonies provided by local artists, to the inspirational closing remarks delivered by Ashleigh McIvor, Olympic Gold Medalist in the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, and one of the four fantastic keynote speakers.



Sarah Nunn at the Conference Centre, proving that as Public Health Professionals, we really do have the whole world in our hands!

- Sarah Nunn

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Branch Members Run for the Cure

The 2010 CIBC Run for the Cure, an annual fundraiser for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, was held on October 3. Below are photos of participants from South and Calgary Zone (Photos: Pamela Hodgkinson, Sarah Nunn)



South Zone Participants—the “Enviro Health Rustlers”. Note Geoffrey Tomko (bottom left) in his cute pink short-shorts, which he wore to raise an extra \$200



Calgary Zone Participants

Branch Members Skip Shaving for “Movember”

Many thanks to Branch members who took part in growing a moustache for November to raise awareness and money for Prostate Cancer. A total of \$465 was raised.

The Mo, slang for moustache, and November come together each year for Movember. Movember challenges men to change their appearance and the face of men’s health by growing a moustache. The rules are simple, start Movember clean-shaven and then grow a moustache for the entire month. The moustache becomes the ribbon for men’s health, the means by which awareness and funds are raised for prostate cancer. Much like the commitment to run or walk for charity, the men of Movember commit to growing a moustache for 30 days.

The idea for Movember was sparked in 2003 over a few beers in Melbourne, Australia. Inspired by the women around them and all they had done for breast cancer, the Mo Bros set themselves on a course to create a global men’s health movement. In 2004 the campaign evolved and focused on raising awareness and funds for the number one cancer affecting men – prostate cancer. The Movember moustache has continued to grow year after year, expanding to Canada, the US, UK, New Zealand, Ireland, Spain, South Africa, the Netherlands and Finland. The 2009 Canadian campaign was the second largest in the world behind Australia, with 35,156 Mo Bros and Mo Sistas coming together to raise \$7.8 million for Prostate Cancer Canada.



Bill Chrapko (left), Darcy Garchinski, Steven Yi, Rob Mahabeer, Dean Rombough and Jason MacDonald pose during Movember. Squint to see their ‘staches

- Philippa Armstrong

Branch Member Helps Lead Toastmasters

Congratulations to Branch member Jacquie Schnider (pictured), who will be helping to lead Toastmasters International! Jacquie has been a member of Toastmasters for 21 years. A Public Health Inspector for Alberta Health Services in Calgary, she will help lead the international organization. Elected to the 16-member board of Toastmasters International in August 2010 for the 2010-2011 term, she joins members from across the United States, Canada, Taiwan, Malaysia, Australia, China and Singapore. She has been elected to the board for a two-year term and is a member of two Toastmasters clubs in Calgary. Toastmasters International, with more than 250,000 members worldwide, is a non-profit organization that helps people become more competent and comfortable speaking in front of an audience.



- Lance Honish, Editor

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There were many opportunities to meet, network and share our Environmental Health views, experiences, challenges and successes with delegates and presenters from many countries around the world. The organizers put together a well balanced conference that fulfilled not only the educational components but also the social aspects with visits to the Vancouver Aquarium, the Richmond Olympic Oval and the let loose banquet and dance evening. The keynote speakers, the presenters and the excursions offered a variety of diverse and relevant topics to choose from, while showcasing the beautiful host city and its surroundings. With so much diversity it is difficult to choose only one memorable moment.

I was star struck by the opportunity of meeting the Canadian astronaut Dr. Dave Williams. He delivered a powerful presentation showing with photographs taken from space the undisputable effects of human habitation on Earth. Dr. Samantha Nutt, medical doctor and advocate currently with War Child Canada, showed us other effects of human behavior: the misery, trauma and violence that small children and women of all ages undergo in war torn countries at the hand of other humans. We need to advocate and act to minimize our ecological footprint while at the same time offer support to the fight for peace, human rights and social justice.

I enjoyed all the presentations I was able to attend. One in particular left me thinking of how fast technology is advancing, especially for somebody that has not yet mastered the "Texting" thing. The presentation was **Demonstrating Competency in a 'Virtual World'** by Andrew Mathieson from the University of West England, UK. He presented a learning environment where you could evaluate the competency of practitioners or practicum students in a 'virtual' restaurant or building site setting. This would be with a 'virtual' set of people (avatars) and events (objects) during an inspection with the objective of finding the set of violations created for each case. This could be completed with a tutor guiding the user through the inspection or event or without the tutor and then have the ability to review the process as an evaluation tool. I'll ponder that while trying to make all the features on my new TV work.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the CIPHI AB Branch for the opportunity to attend this conference. It was a great experience.

- Ludmilla Rodriguez

Branch Hockey Pool: Mid-Season Update

The NHL season has passed the All-Star Break, which means the Alberta Branch Hockey Pool has reached the half-way point.

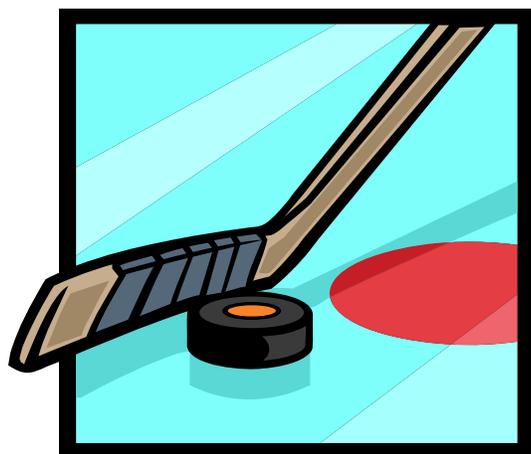
(See rankings as of January 14, 2011, right).

There has been some jockeying for position over the last few months, as Tanya MacNeil (the pride of Calgary) has wrestled the lead from Ken Longmore (I told him NOT to go to Buffalo for the Juniors). The Top Ten is littered with Poolies from the Central Zone and Calgary, and then there are the truly mediocre ones (including pool organizer Dan Richen) cluttering the bottom rungs. Someone has to be in last place, and Cheryl Galbraith (supporting her Oilers in position if not attendance at games) receives a distinction previously owned by Phi Phan.

But hope springs eternal and the Re-Draft is near! During January, Poolies were able to replace two of their worst performers with someone they hope will do better over the remainder of the season. It may not be get me into the prizes but I HAVE to get ahead of Chad!

Good luck to the members of our intrepid Alberta Branch Hockey Pool in the second half of the season.

- Dan Richen



RANK	PARTICIPANT NAME	POINTS
1	Tanya MacNeil	577
2	Ken Longmore	567
3	Manny Ahmad	564
4	Quentin Schatz	556
5	Sarah Stephen	554
6	Andrew Lum	552
7	Tricia Herridge	549
T8	Karen Clarke	547
T8	Kosoo Ng	547
10	Kristen Dykstra	543
11	Jason MacDonald	540
12	Dean Rombough	539
13	Dale Nelson	537
14	Michel Gervais	533
15	Trevor Meiklejohn	525
16	Marilyn Dahlgren	524
17	Phi Phan	522
18	Keith Lee	518
19	Lena Jobb	513
T20	Chad Beegan	508
T20	Kevin Jeronic	508
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fact, it may be looked upon as my own failure to ensure a similar policy stance was not formalized within the Alberta Branch to support CIPHI National's Resolution. As it is, in the absence of a local directive, deference should be offered to existing National directives, if such directives should exist. Therefore, it has been my position that the Alberta Branch is also bound by the 2005 Resolution as it pertains to our events.

To be clear, I am not advocating CIPHI Alberta go forth and advocate for the widespread reduction in the use of tobacco and make it a core mission for the organization. Tobacco use is a personal choice and I fully respect the personal liberties of all members and their families to partake in any activity they deem appropriate for themselves. However, as an organization, the Alberta Branch has opportunities to formalize our belief that everyone is entitled to safe environments, including safe air, by ensuring that we support those facilities, businesses and organizations that align with our overall beliefs in environmental safety for the public at large. Is this a moot point in Alberta given our existing legislation? In my mind, the answer is no. The Alberta Branch represents not only members in Alberta, but also members who reside and work in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut as well as on Federal lands. As such, even in this day-and-age where tobacco control legislation is prevalent, we must make the internal commitment to our common objective. So, you may ask, why am I talking about an issue that hasn't been really an concern?

This issue was recently brought up during the planning

of the most recent Alberta Branch Workshop in October 2010, where the venue that was chosen still allowed smoking in a portion of facility. It was pointed out to me that even though the two facilities were linked physically, they were operated independently, so the 100% smoke free requirement was met in the hotel portion. However, due to the physical proximity and the location of the various Workshop events, I would challenge anyone to show that Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) was restricted to only one part of the facility or that delegates were not exposed to ETS. Although I continued to support CIPHI National, CIPHI Alberta and the various volunteers who are the driving force of the organization, I could not in good conscience support the selected venue. Consequently, I chose to boycott the 2010 Alberta Branch Fall Workshop, not because I wanted the Workshop to fail, but because it was the right thing for me to do personally.

I do not expect that everyone will agree with my stance concerning ETS or the fact that I boycotted the 2010 Fall Workshop, but this issue is something that is close to my heart. Further, my decision does not reflect my opinion of my colleagues who work so hard to advance the EPH agenda in Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, but only my belief that as professionals trained to protect health, we have a responsibility to do whatever we can to support those policies that assist in achieving our core mission.

Respectfully,

Phi Phan

Member-in-Good Standing, Alberta Branch

Environmental Public Health Week 2011, con't.

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- ▶ Phi Phan for his write up on the national level and all the hard work he has contributed to the National EPHW campaign
- ▶ The following individuals for all their efforts on the local scene: Daria Romanish, Maz Rahman, Robert Savory, Manny Ahmad, Jason Lee, Scott Budgell, Mike Khan, Adrea Simons, Ihsan Sassi, Tricia Heridge, Ashley Yu and Fred Cundict.

Our sincere apologies to anyone we may have missed. We truly do appreciate all the assistance we get in organizing and running EPHW activities across the province. We could not have done it without you. Thank you and we look forward to EPHW 2012.

- Lindsay Freistadt, EPHW Chair and Wayne Quan, EPHW Committee Member

Alberta Branch News

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Head shaving for Cystic Fibrosis

In December, my daughter Elise and her best friend Kalle wanted to do something nice for their classmate who has Cystic Fibrosis (C.F.). They decided to fundraise for C.F. and if they raised over \$300.00 they pledged to shave their heads. The two girls raised over \$1400.00 for the cause! I am very proud of my little bug.

- Scott Budgell



Elise Budgell, before (above) and after (below) shaving her head for Cystic Fibrosis fundraising

