

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



DEFINING SUCCESS

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Environmental Public Health Week 2007
January 15 – 21, 2007

Success. It can be measured in many ways. The Oxford Dictionary's definition of success is, "issue of undertaking; favorable issue, accomplishment of end aimed at." Was the 72nd AEC a success? Lets see...

I was approached during and after the 2006 AEC by many in attendance and some of their comments that I remember are: "awesome"; "outstanding"; "what a great job"; "you have set the new bar in conferencing"; "I stand corrected, small Branches can do outstanding work"; and my favorite, "stop with the food already!". I can now take the time to start perusing the materials and put the finishing touches to the paper work to truly see if success was reached. But from all the happy guests in attendance to our province I think we fulfilled our goal to host not only an educational but enjoyable conference.

For the estimated 300 who attended the CIPHI's 72nd Annual Educational Conference in Regina June 26-28, 2006 many will definitely have many stories to tell. The Saskatchewan 2006 Conference Committee did an outstanding job ensuring all were treated to the best of Saskatchewan's hospitality. We measured up to the historic reputation that Saskatchewan has for hosting fun, affordable and enjoyable celebrations. Our many volunteers made sure no one

was wanting for more. I also heard comments on how, "those yellow shirted people are so helpful, I opened my binder to look where the next session was and before I could focus, someone was there giving me assistance".

From the outset of the conference I knew it would be a memorable time for all. I had the privilege to be a part of a super team who made sure all bases were covered in this conference. During the planning

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PHAC/CPHA PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARD



At the CPHA Conference held in Vancouver, May 2006, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Public Health Association presented the first Public Health Workforce Development Awards, one to an individual and one to an organization.

Claudia Kurzac, President of CIPHI, was presented with the individual award at the CPHA Awards luncheon. The award recognizes efforts to *“translate research or knowledge into a new product, practice or strategy for Public Health workforce development or program delivery, including the preparation of indi-*

viduals for practice.” Claudia was honoured to receive this recognition and would like to recognize the efforts of all CIPHI volunteers working so hard to move the profession forward.

Claudia has volunteered her time to CIPHI for over 10 years and has held a number of positions on the BC Branch Executive and National Executive Council. Claudia works in Vancouver with a very dynamic team of Environmental Public Health Professionals and is very grateful for the support of Dr. John Blatherwick (MHO), Domenic Losito (Regional Director), co-workers who not only provide so much support but also hold the fort while Claudia is away and her husband Robert.

CIPHI - DENMARK/IRELAND TWINNING EXCHANGE

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) believes that opportunities must be provided for certified environmental public health professionals in order to maintain competencies in a multitude of areas of environmental public health practices. To achieve this goal, CIPHI has partnered with FMK Denmark and the Environmental Health Officers' Association of Ireland to provide a Twinning Exchange available to Canadian practitioners to either Denmark or Ireland.

CIPHI is pleased to announce that Ms. Doreen MacIntosh (Ryerson '95) from Truro, Nova Scotia has been chosen to partake in the CIPHI National Twinning Exchange. She will be going to Galway, Ireland September 22 to October 7th 2006 while Ms. Gillian Scahill from Galway was in Nova Scotia from August 12-24, 2006.



Ms. Gillian Scahill (middle) is presented with a CIPHI shirt from Doreen MacIntosh and Bruce Morrison (NS/PEI Branch President)



CIPHI PHOTO CONTEST

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



Who knows how long this coffee cup was left sitting in this marihuana grow op but obviously a little too long.

Vicki Wearmouth, Alberta Branch

Who said mould can't be pretty?



Vicki Wearmouth, Alberta Branch



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stages suggestions were made and followed to offer some different educational ideas, social events, and remarkable venue to host the conference. The Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza's staff, atmosphere and high caliber of hospitality made for an outstanding venue. The food was outstanding!

From the opening golf tournament, wine and cheese, Applause Dinner Theatre (my head has never been rubbed so much), Tepee Raising Ceremony, First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) Tour, Saskatchewan Branch Hospitality Night and finally the President's Banquet then add all the diverse educational tracks all were well attended and enjoyed.

I must again thank the Conference Committee, those in attendance, the employers who know the benefit gained from CIPHI Conferences, Health Canada, all the exhibitors and sponsors and the numerous volunteers who stepped up and helped.

Keynote Speakers – Dr. David Butler-Jones, Dr. Ray Copes, Roland Lafrance, Joan Reiter and Willie Ermine informed all of the emerging health issues and tools needed for the future of public health protection. The educational tracks offered throughout the three days not only gave excellent educational information to those in attendance but captured the eyes and ears of the media. CKTV, CBC, CKRM and the Regina Leader-Post were visible throughout the conference. Related stories were on TV, radio and in newsprint promoting not only public health and CIPHI but all the Environmental Public Health Professionals Canada wide. I thank the media for their attention. Special thanks goes to Mr. Stéfane Gravelle for stepping in and helping with the French interviews.

The CIPHI Awards Luncheon was one of the best attended and many surprised looks were on the faces of the recipients of the Awards. It is always more enjoyable for those who get to see the winners names announced in total surprise to those who are honored.



Health Canada's Joan Reiter was awarded the Honorary Membership Award for all her outstanding work in guiding us towards Core Competency. Saskatchewan Health's Tobacco Reduction Program and Lowry Swimming Pools Program Delivery shared the Alexander Officer Award for their outstanding work in protecting the public's health. Stéfane Gravelle received the well deserved President's Award for years of service as Manitoba's Branch President. Dwayne Djkwich was awarded the Alex Cross Award and all were moved by his acceptance speech. His dedication to not only his job but to family and promotion of public health as a part of his life is outstanding.



There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Saskatchewan's own Doug Terry was surprised by receiving the prestigious Life Membership Award. Awards Committee Chair, Phi Phan preceded the award announcement with letters from Doug's daughter and wife. Watching Doug's facial ex-



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pressions told the story of interest, wonderment and then like a fog lifting over a lake, the realization that he was the one being honored was priceless. In his nomination which described his life's accomplishments and dedication to protect the health of the public, it was evident that he was a deserving recipient.



Threaded throughout the 2006 AEC educational track was First Nations health issues and festivities to highlight their customs and traditions. Tuesday morning 40 delegates witnessed and learned about the tepee raising ceremony. Throughout the day talking circles took place and health issues were discussed. Later that night the FNUC tour showcased the University, the local First Nations talent (drummers, dancers and World Champion Hoop Dancer) and the traditional meal offered was outstanding. Opening the conference and then ending the conference with the First Nations prayer added a definite Saskatchewan flavor.

The Conference concluded with the gifting of the ceremonial Starblanket by FNUC President, Mr. Charles Pratt, to CIPHI National President Claudia Kurzac. Receiving a Starblanket is an honor that is bestowed to only a few. The Saskatchewan Branch whom purchased the Starblanket, would like to thank Mr. Pratt, Dr. Shauna Hudson (Director of the ENHS Program), and Leanne Stricker (2006 Conference Member) for their participation in the gifting ceremony



Was the hosting of the 72nd AEC by the Saskatchewan Branch and the 2006 AEC Committee a success? You tell us by visiting the discussion board of www.ciphi.ca or e-mail your comments to the National Newsletter at newsletter@ciphi.ca.

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Branch I thank you all for attending the 72nd AEC and look forward to seeing you again in Kelowna next year.

Respectfully submitted,



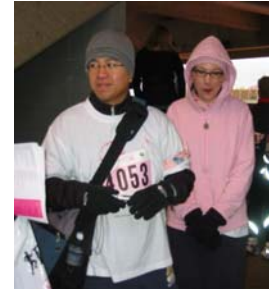
Ken Cross, President, CIPHI SK Branch



BRANCH CHALLENGES

Alberta Branch Challenge

The 3rd Annual Alberta Branch CIBC Run for the Cure will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2006. The run will take place in every major city across Canada. **The Alberta Branch is once again challenging all other CIPHI Branches to get their members involved.** We encourage all members to join in this worthwhile cause by registering for the run at <https://www.cibcrunforthecure.com>. This event unites over 170,000 Canadians and 10,000 volunteers in more than 40 communities. Our combined efforts and aspirations make a lasting impact for those touched by breast cancer.



With your participation, we can help support the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation continues to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research.

Tony Thepsouvanh, AB Branch

Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba Challenge

Well, it looks like we may have a few job positions opening up in these two provinces after this challenge! In October/November this fall the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Branches will be dueling it out on the ice rink to see who is the toughest. The Saskatchewan line up consists of:

Jon "Davidson" Gaudry	Rob "Blake" Schuba
Peter "Zezel" Ross	Michael "Goulet" McCann
Travis "Green" Philipation	Mike "Fisher" Hayduk
Kevin "Hatcher" Kapell	John "Cheecho" Klein
Rob "Lang" Stadnyk	Gilbert "Perreault" Combres
Dave "Semenko" Watt	Ryan "Smyth" Philipation
Paul "Coffee" Ross	



Ryan Philipation

Lafleche Flyers resembling the fierce CIPHI Saskatchewan Branch hockey team

A name for the hockey 'cup' is still being decided. Some of the ideas being thrown around at this time are: Great Western Cup (thanks to the many cheap beers and GW Brewing in Regina), the Perogy Cup, CIPHI Hockey Summit, the 100th Meridian Hockey Hoe-Down, and the favorite so far, the Lady Kurzac Cup. [Editor's note: Good luck to both branches and the membership looks forward to seeing pictures of the event, even if you don't have all your teeth intact!]

Ryan Philipation, SK Branch





Membership/Renewal Application Form 2006

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

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

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

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

* Signature: _____ * Date: _____

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

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CIPHI INVITED TO JOIN CPHA ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) and CIPHI have a long history of working together. In 2005, the CPHA Board approved a new governance structure that included a smaller skills-based Board and an Advisory Council consisting of members of the provincial and territorial public health associations and other partner organizations.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide the CPHA Board with knowledge and advice about local and regional public health issues, act as the linking mechanism between CPHA and the grass roots and to disseminate information from CPHA to the many public health communities. The first meeting of the CPHA Advisory Board was held May 20, 2006 and attended by Claudia Kurzac for CIPHI.

The CPHA Advisory Council members are:

- Alberta Public Health Association
- Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada
- Association pour la santé publique du Québec
- Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Canadian Dental Hygienists Association
- Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

- Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- College of Family Physicians
- Community Health Nurses Association of Canada
- Manitoba Public Health Association
- National Specialty Society for Community Medicine
- New Brunswick / PEI Public Health Association
- Newfoundland & Labrador Public Health Association
- NWT/ Nunavut Public Health Association
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Public Health Association of British Columbia
- Public Health Association of Nova Scotia
- Saskatchewan Public Health Association
- Yukon Public Health Association

A request for a volunteer to represent CIPHI was put to the CIPHI membership and I am pleased to announce that Tino Serapiglia (Toronto Public Health) was selected as the CIPHI representative. This is an exciting opportunity for CIPHI!

Claudia Kurzac, CIPHI President

SEEKING NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The CIPHI National Newsletter is seeking a new editor and publisher to begin the Spring 2007 edition. Candidate must publish articles of national interest to CIPHI members and be well informed on CIPHI National Executive Council (NEC) activities. The primary focus of the Newsletter is to provide the CIPHI membership with highlights of NEC activities. Good written communications skills a must. Proofreading and editing all submissions, columns and articles is required. Must have own computer, publishing software and be



able to publish the National Newsletter at least 4 times per calendar year in an Adobe Acrobat file format. Candidate must be a member in good standing with CIPHI and continue to be as such thereafter upon successful selection. This is a volunteer position.

If you are interested in this position please submit your resume in electronic format to president@ciphi.ca no later than December 31, 2006. We thank all those who apply, but only those candidates short-listed will be contacted. Good luck.

Editorial Policy

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

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

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

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GEMINI NOMINATION



The Geminis celebrate excellence in Canadian English-language television, acknowledging our country's triumphs in 87 award categories, in three gala presentations. Since its first broadcast in 1986, the event has grown in prominence and stature to become one of the most prestigious cultural events in Canada. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the awards.

The Gemini Viewers' Choice Award, supported by Alliance Atlantis, returns as part of the 21st Annual Gemini Awards - where you, have the opportunity to determine who wins the award. CIPHI's very own, Rob Mancini, Manitoba Branch member, has been nominated in this category as one of the hosts of the popular TV show *Kitchen Crimes*.

Rob is competing against sixty entrants entered in the Lifestyle, Talk and Practical Information categories of the 21st Annual Gemini Awards. The top 5 contestants will be announced September 26, 2006.

The ultimate winner will be announced live on the 21st Annual Gemini Awards broadcast, November 4, 2006 on Global Television. Visit www.geminiawards.ca to find out more information on the Gemini Awards and the voting process.

Good luck Rob!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births



April (nee Lyons; Ryerson '92) and Stéfane Gravelle (Ryerson '93) are proud to announce the birth of Anne Mireille Leigh Gravelle on September 2, 2006 at 7lbs. 14oz. Dad and Joseph are starting to adjust nicely to the fact that they are No. 2 and 3 on the hit parade.

Re-appointment to the National Executive Council Robert Bradbury, Past President

Profession:

- **Job Title:** Director, Health Protection
- **Employer:** Calgary Health Region
- **School Alumni:** British Columbia Institute of Technology:
Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria,
Queens University
- **Interests:** Helping to build and strengthen the environmental public health community in Canada and positioning CIPHI within the international community



Robert Bradbury, MBA, CPHI(C)

Institute:

- **Position:** Past President (again)
- **Positions Held:** National President, Executive Director, Past President, IFEH Americas Region President, EHFC Trustee, BOC Member, BC Branch President, BC Branch Examiner, National Conference Chair(2)

Personal:

- **Interests:** Travel, Sports, Reading
- **Favorite All Time Movies:** Gone With The Wind and Mrs. Doubtfire

Welcome back Robert!

Appointment the CPHA Advisory Board
Tino Serapiglia, MHS, BSc, BA, CPHI(C)



As an environmental health professional, I have developed my knowledge and skills through many years of field experience and working on numerous committees and special projects at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. After graduating from York University, I completed the public health program at Ryerson University, obtained my CPHI(C) designation, and started my career in Northwestern Ontario. In partnership with various government agencies, I provided a wide range of environmental and occupational health services to a large group of First Nation communities. Working directly with Health Canada, this former position allowed me the opportunity to develop and implement culturally appropriate and effective environmental health services.

Currently, I am working with Toronto Public Health and one of my most memorable experiences was conducting a series of twenty-one information sessions to over 5000 food premises operators, as the Policy and Procedures Lead for the innovative *Food Premises Inspection and Disclosure Program*. I am presently involved in a division wide initiative for improving interdisciplinary professional practice within Toronto Public Health. The aim is to establish effective partnerships between health professionals, within and between the various disciplines, through a collaborative and coordinated approach.

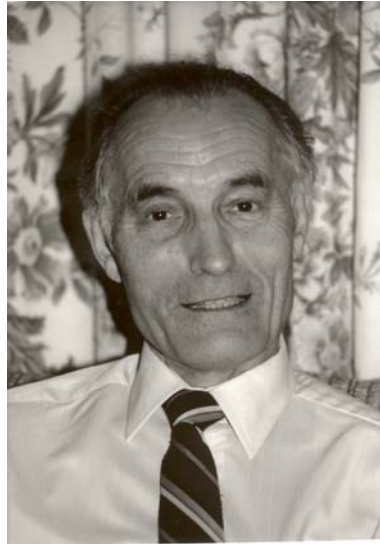
In addition to my positions of employment, the experiences I have encountered through volunteer work on public health organizations have also contributed to my professional development and shaping my long-term career aspirations. I have served as the Partnership Liaison Councillor with the Ontario Branch of the *Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI)* and also as a member on the Board, as well as the Executive Committee, of the *Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)*. My participation in the undertakings of these organizations has also led me to recently completing a Master of Health Sciences degree, with a specialization in Community Health and Epidemiology, at the University of Toronto.

The Advisory Board position is of great interest to me, as it offers an important link between my professional and personal aspirations. I would definitely consider it to be a natural progression towards the long-term development of my career as a public health professional. As one of the newest members of the *Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)*, I am committed to the advancement of the public health inspection profession through active participation in the initiatives of the Association. My professional goal is to be able to affect positive and effective change in the way that public/environmental health services are developed and delivered to local communities. In pursuit of this, I intend to continue broadening and sharpening my qualifications, increasing my level of knowledge, and making any contributions to advancing the status of Public Health Inspectors in Canada. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

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



IN MEMORIAM



Oswald (Os) Trobridge Horton was born on March 31, 1922 in Bon Accord, a small community in northern Alberta. In his early life he enjoyed hard physical work on ranches and farms. He often indicated this gave him his signature firm almost vice like handshake. Os started his career in Public Health as a training inspector in Nanaimo in the late 50's and on December 29, 1959 the Canadian Public Health Association granted him his "Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada)" #1183. His first position was with the Upper Island Health Unit in Courtenay followed by a transfer to the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit in Powell River. In the mid 1960's Os won the competition for the very challenging position of Senior Public Health Inspector for Boundary Health Unit, then the largest and fastest growing health unit in the province.

In 1971 Os and family moved to Victoria to lend his support and experience to the fledgling Community Care Licensing Board where he was appointed as the Adult Care Consultant. As his experience continued to grow and the licensing process expanded Os was soon promoted to the position of Executive Officer for the Licensing Board. After a long and dedicated career in public health, Os retired in the Spring of 1986 to enjoy a well deserved retirement in beautiful Victoria.

Peacefully into the presence of his Lord, on February 14, 2006 at the Priory, in his 84th year Os passed way. He was predeceased by his first wife, Irene, in 1975, and two brothers, Dr. Bevan Horton and Percy Horton. He is survived by his loving wife, Lois, and his children, Ted (Heather), Dan (Roberta), Carolyn, Phil (Barb) and Murray (Maureen); twelve grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Dr. Don (Margaret); three sisters, Emma Horton, Lorraine (John) Smith and Nonie (Gordon) Tews; nieces, nephews, their families and many good friends.

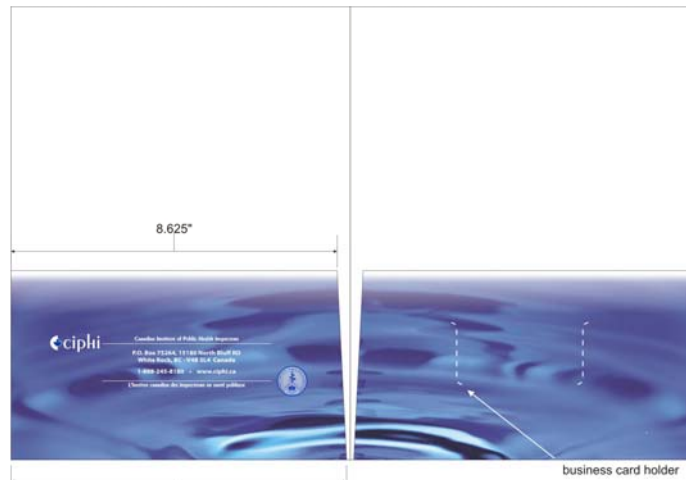
A private Family Graveside Service was held at Hatley Memorial Gardens, followed by a Celebration of his life at Lambrick Park Church on Saturday February 18th, 2006. Tributes, if desired, may be made to Camp Imadene, c/o Box 374, Mesachie Lake, BC V0R 2N0. Condolences may be offered at www.mccallbros.com.

NEW CIPHI PORTFOLIO

CIPHI has printed new portfolios with a 2-page insert describing our profession. The information is printed in both English and French. The intent of the portfolio is to allow members to include additional information that is appropriate to the target audience. To obtain copies of the portfolios please contact your Branch President or the national office.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH QUOTES

I know from my reading that the foundation of all health is public health. It is not acute illness intervention; it is the promotion and protection of overall health.

Honourable Tim Sale, Minister of Health, Province of Manitoba
May 17, 2006

If you don't understand the why, you will have a difficult time explaining a requirement to an operator.

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