

# NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



## SANITATION VOTED MOST IMPORTANT MEDICAL MILESTONE

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Sanitation was voted the most important medical milestone in the past century and a half earlier this year in a poll conducted by a leading medical journal.

Improved sewage disposal and clean water supply systems, which have reduced diseases such as cholera, was the overwhelming favorite of 11,341 people worldwide who voted in the survey conducted by a British Medical Journal.

It surpassed antibiotics, the discovery of DNA, and anesthesia, which were among the top five milestones in the poll. Participants were asked what they thought was the biggest medical advance since the journal was established in 1840.

"I'm delighted that sanitation is recognised by so many people as such an important milestone," said Professor Johan Mackenbach, of Erasmus University Medical Centre in Rotterdam who championed the sanitation choice.

"The general lesson which still holds is that passive protection against health hazards is often the best way to improve population health," he added.

"Clearly, sanitation still plays a vital role in improving public health now and in the future," he said.

Other important milestones recommended for the top prize included the development of imaging techniques, the contraceptive pill, immunology and computers.

London was one of first cities of modern times to seriously tackle the problem of poor sanitation after a British doctor, John Snow, discovered in 1854 that cholera was water-borne and not air-borne as had previously being thought.

CIPHI has a new mailing address. Check out the website at:  
[WWW.CIPHI.CA](http://WWW.CIPHI.CA)

## NEW MAILING ADDRESS



CIPHI's new mailing address and contact information effective July 11, 2007

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**(There will be a new phone number in the Fall)**

## PUBLIC HEALTH CORE COMPETENCIES

The Public Health Agency of Canada, Office of Public Health Practice, is leading the development of core competencies for public health practitioners in Canada to help strengthen the public health workforce. A draft set of Core Competencies for Public Health have been developed by a federal, provincial, territorial public health task group. The Office of Public Health Practice would like environmental public health professionals from across Canada to move forward with this initiative.

Priority areas for action include:

- Strengthen and stabilize the public health workforce
- Emphasize the front lines of the public health system
- Provide direction under national leadership
- Develop a competent public health workforce



Your feed back is important and thus CIPHI encourages all members to follow the link:

[http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/php-psp/core\\_competencies\\_for\\_ph\\_index\\_e.html](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/php-psp/core_competencies_for_ph_index_e.html) and complete the survey to make sure your views are known.

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DRAFT POLICIES

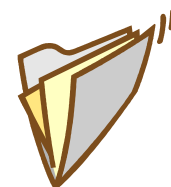
The CIPHI National Executive Council (NEC) has been busy developing new policies. The most recent draft policies are the National Benefits, Privacy, Records Management and Logo Use policy. The National Benefits Policy is to recognize volunteers who freely give of their time and expertise are relied upon to help forward CIPHI's goals and objectives.

The Privacy Policy reflects CIPHI and Board of Certification belief that care in collecting, using and disclosing personal information is critical to maintaining the confidence of its members and other individuals and groups who have interactions with CIPHI.

The Records Management Policy is intended to ensure that materials deemed important to the operation of CIPHI, the Board of Certification and the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada are maintained for future use and reference.

The Logo Use Policy discusses graphic elements of CIPHI that are identifiable symbols of the Institute and its membership. CIPHI believes that these unique symbols including, but not limited to the National logos, must be protected in their use to reduce the likelihood that those graphic elements will not be used in any way that may have the effect of bringing CIPHI or its members into disrepute or in a manner not congruent with the mission, vision and/or values of CIPHI as an organization.

A policy will be come effective upon signing of all members of the NEC.



## 2007 NSF FOOD SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT



Rasheed Ahmed giving a speech.

The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International announced the winners of its fourth annual Food Safety Leadership Awards Program on May 19, 2007 at the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show in Chicago, Illinois. As part of NSF's ongoing public health and safety commitment, the annual awards program identifies key individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in food-service safety. CIPHI is pleased to hear that Rasheed Ahmed, M.Ed, CPHI(C), DAAS, FRSH, Environmental Health Officer at the Royal Commission Jubail, is this year's recipient of the 2007 NSF Food Safety Leadership Award for System Improvement.

In 1986, Jubail Industrial City, one of the largest industrial complexes in Saudi Arabia with over thirty major petrochemical industries, experienced several foodborne incidents. As Environmental Health Supervisor to the Royal Commission, Rasheed Ahmed took immediate action, spearheading the development and implementation of a Public Health Code as well as a HACCP plan for both the city and its industries. Mr. Ahmed's efforts also included the establishment of an Environmental Health Training Center and the screening of 4,000 food handler's health certificates.

Rasheed Ahmed, graduated from Ryerson in 1978 and received the student training and continued to work as a Public Health Inspector for City of North York until 1987. He then moved to work for Royal Commission Jubail in Saudi Arabia to further his career goals and face new challenges.

Rasheed would like to take this opportunity to thank Ryerson, his peers and CIPHI for aiding him in his career development and without their support his achievements would have been impossible. A special mention and thanks goes to Mr. Ron de Burger and Mr. Larry Lychowyd who have contributed immensely on behalf of the Institute.



Rasheed Ahmed (far right) with the 2007 food safety leadership recipients.



## DONAIR CONSULTATION

On behalf of Canada's Federal / Provincial / Territorial (FPT) Committee on Food Safety Policy, we are pleased to provide you with the following consultation document: A Dialogue on the Recommended Guidelines for Management of the Risks Related to Donairs and Similar Products (Gyros, Kebabs, Chawarmas and Shawarmas). You are invited to provide your input into the workbook, from May 28 to September 28, 2007. We request that all comments be submitted by e-mail, mail or fax to the coordinates indicated in the consultation document by September 28, 2007.

Between September 2004 and November 2006, three outbreaks of E. coli O157:H7 were documented in Canada and linked to the consumption of donairs.

The purpose of this consultation is to: engage with stakeholders to increase awareness and understanding of the risk factors associated with the processing, cooking and handling of these products, and to obtain input on the options recommended by the Working Group to reduce these risks.

The stakeholder groups solicited for input into this consultation include: food safety regulators (Federal/Provincial/Territorial Agriculture & Health, Regional Health Authorities), industry (manufacturers of donairs and donair broiler equipment, food service establishments, food associations), and all other interested parties. To date the Working Group has received the following number of responses from each province:

Alberta - 6	Nova Scotia - 4	Saskatchewan - 4
British Columbia - 2	Ontario - 4	Did not disclose - 1

The Working Group encourages you to share this information with your colleagues or clients/suppliers that may also have an interest.

For further information or questions or to receive a copy of the questionnaire, please contact us at: [donair\\_policy@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:donair_policy@hc-sc.gc.ca)

Thank you for your attention and contribution to this important issue.

FPT Donair Working Group  
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Beef Donair



Chicken Donair

## CIPHI PHOTO CONTEST

The National Newsletter is having a photo contest. Send us your good, bad or ugly environmental public health photos. 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, you may win the dubious honor of having the **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 photos to: [newsletter@ciphi.ca](mailto:newsletter@ciphi.ca). Good luck!



Shelly Stetsko, BC Branch

Fresh Fish?

I wonder if there is a health warning on consuming fish from these waters? Taken in Hue, Vietnam, Feb 2007.



# Membership/Renewal Application Form 2007

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 a " \* " only, unless information has changed.)

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### Code of Ethics - As a Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, I acknowledge:

*That I have an obligation to the sciences and arts for the advancement of Public Health. I will uphold the standards of my profession, continually search for truths, and disseminate my findings; and I will strive to keep myself fully informed of the developments in the field of Public Health.*

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*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.*

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\* Please check the type of membership you require:

Regular (see below)  Student \$30.00  Retired \$30.00  Fraternal \$90.00  International \$75.00  Associate \$100.00

\* 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)

"By checking this box, the applicant/undersigned does not give permission for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors to provide his/her name and contact information to corporate/affiliate members of the Institute."

British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia/PEI	Nfld/ Labrador
\$145.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

(Includes Registration)

\* Payment is made by:

- Cheque
- Money Order
- Employer (cheque attached)
- Payroll Deduction
- Spousal (2 PHIs/home)

- send forms together & deduct \$30 for one person, only one E.H.R. subscription will be received.

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# Formulaire d'adhésion / de renouvellement 2007

Par la présente, je fais une demande d'adhésion (voir ci-dessous) à l'Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique. Cette demande sous-entend que l'adhésion se continue jusqu'à ce qu'une résignation soit offerte, ou jusqu'à ce que l'adhésion cesse en vertu des conditions contenues dans les arrêtés de l'Institut. **(Complétez les sections avec un "X" seulement, à moins que l'information ait changé.)**

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Ville Province

No. du certificat CIPHI \_\_\_\_\_ Année de délivrance \_\_\_\_\_ Depuis combien d'années êtes-vous membre de CIPHI? \_\_\_\_\_ \*

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Que j'ai une obligation envers le public dont j'ai la confiance et je m'efforcerai dans la mesure de mes moyens, de protéger leurs intérêts d'une manière juste et honnête. Je serai fidèle à la profession et à l'Institut dont je suis membre.  
Que l'atteinte de normes élevées en santé est un des droits fondamentaux de l'homme sans distinction de race, de religion, de croyance politique et de conditions économiques et sociales.  
Qu'étant dévoué à ma profession, je soutiendrai la constitution et les arrêtés de l'Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique et me conduirai, en tout temps, d'une manière honorable face à ma profession.  
Ma signature ci dessous m'engage à être personnellement responsable de m'acquitter activement de ces obligations.

\* Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Indiquez, s.v.p., le genre d'adhésion que vous désirez:

- Régulier  Etudiant \$30.00  Retraité \$30.00  Fraternel \$90.00  International \$75.00

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(avec Registration)

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- Mandat
- Par votre employeur (chèque ci-inclus)
- Prélèvement sur le salaire
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Veuillez retourner le formulaire. Vous pouvez faire demande pour un rabais de 30 \$ pour l'un des membres. (À noter: seulement un abonnement du "E.H.R." sera disponible)

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## IN MEMORIAM



### Ned Helfrick

October 3, 1919 - June 16, 2007

The Saskatchewan Branch has lost a great champion of our profession in the passing of Ned Helfrick. Ned retired as the Senior Public Health Inspector in Saskatoon after serving for over 35 years. He will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty to the Saskatchewan Branch. Ned planned and coordinated the yearly educational in-services at the University of Saskatchewan for many, many years. He served as the Saskatchewan Branch President and planned and hosted several National Educational Conferences as well as representing the Branch at other National conferences through the years. Ned believed in ongoing and available education for all Public Health Inspectors to remain current and effective. His networking contacts seemed endless as he was always able to make things happen with just a phone call. Ned was honored with a Life Membership Award in the Institute, something he valued very much. Ned saw many changes in our field in his time and he was always delighted with the ability and enthusiasm he witnessed in the new and younger Inspectors. The Saskatchewan Branch is indebted to Ned for the ground-work and leadership he provided to enable us to be where we are today. Ned's other accomplishments were he held the position of President of the Saskatchewan Public Health Association and was the National Vice President of CIPHI. He was the founding member of the Knights of Columbus Indoor Games and a former Grand Knight of Council 5104. Ned also was a founding member and Director of the Special Olympics in Western Canada and involved with the Canada Winter Games. Our condolences go out to his family.

Submitted by: Doug Terry and Ken Cross, CIPHI Saskatchewan Branch



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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.

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The Newsletter is only produced in an electronic format and is distributed to the membership through their respective Branch President or designate.

## **BOC PRACTICUM GUIDELINES**



The Board of Certification (BOC) has recently released the Practicum Guideline for Training Agency and Trainees. The purpose of the practicum guideline is to encourage a consistent approach to the delivery of practicums throughout Canada. The BOC is committed to ensuring that candidates for certification are able to demonstrate the same competencies regardless of where practicum training is obtained. The BOC hopes this guideline will assist local agencies in addressing questions and expectations associated with the delivery of practicum training.

The Guideline is also available on the web and will be sent to the schools to allow student candidates to become familiar with the document.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH QUOTES**

*The solution is to convince them it's something they want.*

*Garth, 2007*

*If you are looking for reassurance, you're in luck ... if you're looking for guarantees - forget it!*

*drichen, 2005*

