

BC Water Week—Conserve, Protect, Support

May 6th-12th, 2018

The BC Water and Wastewater Association is gearing up for BC Water Week, just a week away. In an effort to always keep water quantity and water quality in the forefronts of our minds, BCWWA is urging BC residents to conserve, protect, and support.

CONSERVE—It won't be long before we're all seeing our local governments begin the reminders about water conservation efforts with watering bylaws and other local rules. Friendly reminder that there are an abundance of ways to conserve water above and beyond what our legal obligations are: plant drought resistant gardens, take a shorter shower, let your lawn go brown....

PROTECT—As environmental health professionals, protection of drinking water is always on our minds in relation to protecting public health. Think beyond your drinking water systems to add an extra level of participation. With warmer weathers coming soon and recreational water activities on the horizon ensure you remove garbage from your picnic or riverside camping site, maintain boats and other watercrafts to ensure chemicals are not polluting the waterways, and make sure your own lakeside cottage has a properly functioning septic system.

SUPPORT—Keep striving to work with your local governments in a professional capacity, but also as a resident, to improve upon current drinking water infrastructure and environmental protections practices. Educate neighbors and friends about the value of water as sometimes we forget that not everyone has the same insight into water as we do.

Best of luck with your own Water Week. Be sure to check out the BCWWA website for events and resources: <http://www.valueofwater.ca/event/bc-water-week-may-6-12-2018/>

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Branch Update

Greetings,

It finally feels like spring is on the way, though hopefully it doesn't get too hot too quickly – the last thing we need is a rapid snow melt leading to the types of flooding we saw in 2017! Now that the parkas and toques are put away for the winter, we're pleased to provide you with a branch update for the first BC Page of 2018.

Both Casey and I had the pleasure of attending the CIPHI National Executive Council in Toronto over the weekend of April 14th and 15th, which happened to be the weekend of the ice rain and winter storm event. Luckily we both made it back to BC without too significant delays. Topics on the agenda at NEC included mandatory membership, planning for the 2018 AEC in Saskatoon, and reviewing annual finance reports. It was great to collaborate with our colleagues from the other branches, and work together for a strong, cohesive national presence.

And speaking of national collaboration, the BC Branch is currently polling its members for a couple of volunteers: we're in need of both a CoPE committee member from the branch, as well as an Environmental Public Health Week committee member. You'll find additional info within this issue on those opportunities, both of which are a great way to work with CIPHI without having to commit too much time or energy!

The CIPHI BC Branch has two new councilors who HAVE agreed to commit their time and energy to the Executive Council, and we're incredibly excited to welcome Gethsemane Luttrell and Michael Wu aboard.

Coming off of a very strong 2017, we're both eagerly anticipating a successful 2018 for the Branch, especially as we look to formally update our Branch Constitution and Bylaws as part of remaining in compliance with the New BC Societies Act.

Stay tuned for more details to come regarding this matter and as I pass the baton for these updates now to Casey, we as the Branch Executive are looking forward to providing the membership with some exciting opportunities as we continue to work on behalf of the profession!

Yours Truly,



Gordon Moseley
BC Branch – President



Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! The spring has sprung and as EHOs/PHIs we all restlessly sit back and wait for all of the special events, farmers' markets, wildfires, and other lovely things that the warmer weather brings us. Hopefully you get a chance to sit on a patio and enjoy this edition of G's Corner. In this segment, we introduce one of our newest members to the BC Branch Executive. Take a read for the ins-and-outs of Michael Wu, BC Branch Councilor. Next time you'll get to meet Gethsemane Luttrell.

In sticking with BC Water Week:
120 litres of water is used to make
one glass of wine.....



Michael Wu—Councilor

Q1: What school did you go to for the ENVH program? What year did you graduate?

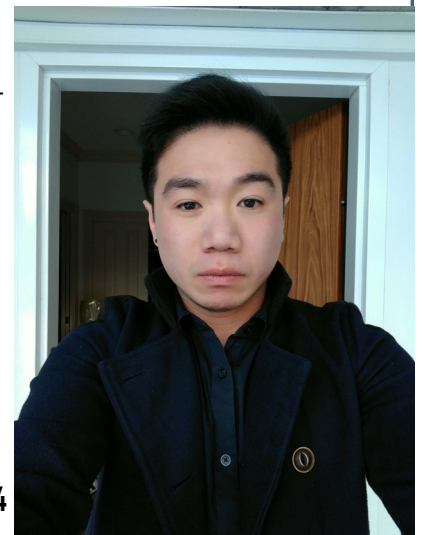
A1: I went to British Columbia Institute of Technology for the ENVH program and I graduated in the summer 2017.

Q2: Where have you worked and what roles have you been in throughout your career?

A2: Graduating with a BSc in Biotechnology honours from UBC, I have had the opportunity to take on various roles from laboratory research to front-line business development. I started my career early on as a Molecular Biology Technician at iProgen Biotech Inc., where I performed bacterial DNA recombination and protein expression to produce high quality fluorescent tags for various commercialized assays. I then moved onto working as a business development assistant at Biogate Laboratories Ltd, where I was put in charge of finding potential clients and scavenging for potential partnership opportunities to increase company profit. My first Biotechnology un-related job was working a social support worker during the summer of 1st year ENVH program, where I assisted clients with autism to develop life skills that can enable them to live independently in the community. I was hired by Vancouver Coastal Health after the practicum as a casual and have been working in Whistler as an Environmental Health Officer since end of August 2017.

Q3: How have you seen the focus of Environmental Public Health change over the years?

A3: In the past, the focus of Environmental Public Health has always been identifying and preventing health hazards through traditional routine inspections and responding to complaints. Over the years,



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environmental public health has expanded its horizon to encompass not only prevention, but promotion of healthy living through organized community planning and collaboration with other regulatory bodies. With the emergence of healthy built environment, health inspectors now have the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and play a more active role in the community. I believe in the future, health protection will become even more important, as the healthcare burden is slowly weighed down by the aging baby boomer population.

Q4: What is one of the most memorable moments or situations in your career so far?

A4: The most memorable moment in my career was when I encountered my first difficult operator during the quality assurance assessment with a Senior EHO. The operator questioned everything that we asked her to fix and believed that the health inspection system is flawed and designed to oppress local restaurant operators. Her counter argument was along the lines of "Canadians are too clean, which is why everyone gets sick so easily. In Asia, people don't get sick because they develop immunity from eating dirty food."

Q5: As an EHO/PHI, one of your primary roles is to look for problems or issues; how have you stayed positive?

A5: I stay positive by believing what I am doing is for the good of the public. It is inevitable to encounter pushback from restaurant operators, but making them realize the importance of food safety is the most satisfying feeling there is, because you feel like you are genuinely making the community a better place.

Q6: On a scale of Educator to Enforcer, where would you place your health inspector style?

A6: I would say 90% Educator, 10% Enforcer. Ever since the start of the practicum, the concept of "progressive compliance" has been drilled so deep into my head, it has become a part of my inspection style. Education is always the first method to use during an inspection because by understanding the underlying reason of why food handlers have to do things a certain way, it is more likely for the operator to change their behaviours. If we slap them with a ticket on the get go, perhaps the operator may be scared and fix the violation at first, but soon afterwards, they will forget why they are required to change and revert back to their old ways.

Q7: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in September 2013 and mandatory membership was implemented in January of 2017, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?

A7: I believe the next big goal is to raise public awareness and provide people with the opportunity to understand what our mission is as Environmental Health Officers. A lot of the negative connotations from operators and the consumers originate from the lack of understanding of our profession. If we can offer more public seminars and community engagement activities, incorporating elements of health protection and healthy living, perhaps we can achieve a higher compliance rate in the future and increase recognition of the profession of Environmental Health Inspector as a whole.

What's your favourite indoor activity?

- Favourite indoor activity is Wallyball. That's right, I didn't misspell it. There is actually something called Wallyball. It is volleyball played in a racketball court. Super fun.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

- Buy a house in Vancouver! You pretty much need to win a lottery to do so.

What songs are included in the soundtrack to your life?

- Happy—Pharrel Williams

What do you miss about being a kid?

- No serious consequences for the mistakes that you do.

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:

1. **Go to a play or musical?**
 - Musical
2. **Vacation in Hawaii or Alaska?**
 - Hawaii
3. **Go to a comedy club or dance club?**
 - Dance club
4. **Read the book or watch the movie?**
 - Watch the movie

Earn PDHs with resources on how to address health equity in environmental public health practice

Lydia Ma, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health
Dianne Oickle, National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health



Since 2013, the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) and the [National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health](#) (NCCDH) have been working together to support the role that public health inspectors (PHIs) and environmental health officers (EHOs) play to address the social determinants of health (SDH) and health equity in their practice. The enforcement, educational, and consultative roles of environmental public health (EPH) practitioners ideally position EHOs to identify and mitigate barriers associated with the SDH that interfere with an operator's ability to comply with health protection regulations. EHOs also work directly with members of the public and have the opportunity to address socioenvironmental factors that affect the ability of residents to lead healthy lives. The overall effect is a direct impact on the health and well-being of both operators and the public.

The lack of scientific literature to help define the role of EHOs in addressing health equity prompted a series of collaborative projects that began five years ago. Findings of a pilot study by NCCDH and NCCEH are presented in a report titled [Equity in Environmental Health Practice: Findings of a Pilot Study](#) and the associated journal article [Integrating equity into environmental public health practice: Findings of a pilot study](#) (published in *Environmental Health Review*, March 2016). Further consultations and knowledge exchange with practitioners took place at the CIPHI Annual Education Conference (Ottawa, Sept 2015) and CIPHI Manitoba Branch Workshop (Winnipeg, October 2015), resulting in an article that further explored EHO roles titled [Opportunities for environmental public health action on the social determinants of health and health inequity](#) (published in *Environmental Health Review*, December 2015). Collaboration with the 2016 CIPHI National Annual Education Conference education committee helped integrate health integrity throughout that event, including two sessions focused on [enabling organizational capacity for health equity action](#). This was followed by two additional workshops at CIPHI provincial meetings for the New Brunswick and the Nova Scotia branches in October 2016.

Cumulatively from these projects, we identified a number of needs among PHIs to support the application of an equity lens in their work. Broadly speaking, these include:

- guidance to overcome challenges, such as clarifying when SDH are within the scope of practice for PHIs
- organizational supports such as allocating staff resources to addressing SDH
- incorporating health equity concepts into EPH workplans,
- education and training to enable capacity building

To address these needs, a unique collection of health equity and EPH practice resources can be found on the NCCEH topic page, [Health Equity and Environmental Public Health Practice](#). This page contains links a large list of recent resources, including (but not limited to) those produced by the NCCs, as well as peer-reviewed articles.

NCCDH hosts an online community of practice called [Health Equity Clicks: Community](#) for public health practitioners and researchers with a common interest in sharing practice experiences, knowledge and skills in addressing the SDH.

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As well, the NCCDH blog post [Health equity and environmental public health practice: Stories from public health inspectors](#) highlights three practice scenarios representing real actions that can be taken by EHOs at a different levels. A [curated list](#) of key resources for environmental public health practitioners to address health equity was also developed to support the learning needs of EHOs in this area.

To encourage PHIs to consider how their practice can address SDH and health equity, the CIPHI Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) Program has approved professional development hours (PDHs) for members who use two of the resources mentioned above. Reporting upon activity completion is done by logging credit PDHs in the [CIPHI member service centre](#).

- [Toward Health Equity: Practical Actions for Public Health Inspectors – Framework for action on the social determinants of health and health equity](#) – CIPHI members can earn 2 PDHs by working through this resource alone or with a group.
- [Handbook of Health Equity in Environmental Public Health Practice](#) – CIPHI members can earn 0.5 hours credit for each section/resource they review, use, or read, up to a maximum of 6 hours for the full Handbook.

New resources from BCCDC that are forthcoming (summer 2018) that will also eligible for PDH credits include:

- **Equity 101 Video Series** - The Equity 101 video series provides a simple and quick overview of health equity concepts and issues specifically targeted to EHOs and Health Protection leaders. Each 5 to 8-minute video focuses on a specific aspect of health equity in relation to EPH health practice. (1 hour PDH credit for watching the full series)
- **Equity in Environmental Public Health Workshop Toolkit** – This toolkit can be used to plan and host a session for EPH professionals about health equity. The Toolkit is a collection of customizable resources (agendas, PowerPoint presentation modules, interactive exercises, handouts, etc.) that can be used to create a ready-made workshop session for staff. (PDH credits pending)

For more information about these upcoming resources, please contact pph@phsa.ca. Have questions about integrating health equity into EPH practice? Contact Dianne Oickle (doickle@stfx.ca) or NCEH (contact@nceh.ca).

2018 Membership Drive

The BC Branch was happy to offer TWO free membership prizes for this year's membership drive. Denis Semail (left) and Tracey Kinsella (right) were the lucky winners this year.



Congrats Denis and Tracey and thank you for everything you do for our profession!





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BC Centre for Disease Control
An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

Upcoming NCCEH Environmental Health Seminars

May 9, 2018

*Conservation as a Public Health Strategy
for Climate Change Preparedness*

*Craig Stephen, DVM PhD, Canadian Wildlife Health
Cooperative*

[Click here to register](#)

June 28, 2018

*BCIT Environmental Health (Public Health
Inspection) Student Final Research Projects*

Titles and speakers to be announced

To view past webinar recordings, please visit [NCCEH Environmental Health Seminar Series](#)

These sessions are free and eligible for CIPHI Professional Development Hours. If you would like a letter of credit validation for CIPHI PDHs, please specify this on the registration form. Letters are sent out annually in January.

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE - SASKATOON, SK
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2018
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BE FOODSAFE - DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!

Every day, food handlers in British Columbia are responsible for preparing food for the 2.7 million visits to over 14,000 restaurants¹. Add to this, that food handlers also prepare foods at processing facilities, farmers' markets, hospital and care facilities, grocery stores, schools, daycares and non-profit organizations. With the millions of meals prepared each day, it is easy to understand why food handler training is one of first and most fundamental components of the food safety system. Knowing how to safely prepare, handle and serve food helps prevent foodborne illness.

“Improved food handling skills results in safer food for people eating out in B.C”, said Sion Shyng, food safety specialist at the BCCDC.

B.C.'s FOODSAFE training program was created in 1986 as a voluntary, province-wide food handling training program for the food service industry. FOODSAFE was the first of its kind in Canada. With wide spread uptake and demonstrated benefits to food handlers, the food service industry supported the initiative for mandatory food handler training. On July 1, 2000, FOODSAFE training was made a mandatory requirement. Every operator of a food service establishment, and at least one staff member on every shift, must have a valid FOODSAFE Level 1 certificate or its equivalent.

For many employers in B.C. food safety training for all employees is a best practice and reinforces their organization's commitment to a culture of food safety. Over 900,000 FOODSAFE certifications have been issued over the past three decades. Each year approximately 43,000 British Columbian's become FOODSAFE-certified and an additional 14,000 individuals in other provinces complete the FOODSAFE Level 1 food handler program.

Food handler training and knowledge are both vital to producing safe foods, but studies have shown that food handlers do forget this knowledge over time. The good news is that retraining has been shown to reinforce food safety knowledge. With the support of the food service industry, in 2013 the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and the Ministry of Health introduced a five-year shelf life for all FOODSAFE Level 1 certificates. Effective July 29, 2018 all certificates issued before July 29, 2013 will expire.

Individuals who need to recertify can do so online, in class or by correspondence.

FOODSAFE Level 1 certification has a **five-year shelf life**. All certificates issued before **July 29, 2013**, will expire on **July 29, 2018**. With the deadline fast approaching, people with an expiring certificate can recertify online, in person or by correspondence.

For more information visit:
<http://www.foodsafe.ca/recertify.html>

¹Restaurants Canada. https://www.restaurantscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/British-Columbia_Infographic_June_2017.pdf



Tim Hibbs and his partner Susi welcomed baby Stella Rose on January 22, 2018. Stella was born at 11:02am, weighing in at 6lbs 10oz.

Congrats!

CoPE Connection

Some of our most Impactful Actions are those we take within our own Communities!

Are you a local sports coach? Do you volunteer for any charitable, community, or religious organizations? Then we have **Good News!**

EPHPs can claim **1 PDH** for every **1 Hour** of Community Involvement under the **Participation** Category in the MSC.
(Max of 10 PDHs annually)

Contributions to the community which require professional and ethical behaviour, but not necessarily the application of technical knowledge can be claimed. Our volunteers should be rewarded - we need more people like **you!**

You're not just an inspector, you're a wealth of knowledge.
Stay competent by participating in professional development activities.



PD Portal:

Did you know that organizations, employers and conference organizers can apply to have PDHs preapproved for educational activities by using this form:
<http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/orgappforhours.pdf>

A list of CoPE approved courses can be found under the Library tab in the Member Service Centre (MSC) at www.ciphimember.ca

Interested in getting involved?

The BC Branch is currently looking to fill:

Corresponding Secretary

Some of the roles and responsibilities, for this position, include: manage resignations from members, correspond out to newly retired members, receive petitions from members, send out publications, and assisting in branch activities through participation with a committee.

Participation with the Branch is a great networking opportunity with colleagues near and afar. You will also be present as decisions are made and plans are devised to move the Branch forward through the changing world of environmental public health.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Branch, please contact:

president@ciphi.bc.ca

for more information.



Keep up to date on the latest news at the BC Branch website:

www.ciphi.bc.ca

The page also contains information on membership, conferences, career opportunities, documents, and much more. Check it out regularly.

Did you know the BC Branch is on Facebook and Twitter?



Click on the icon to find the BC Branch on Facebook and *Like* the page.



Click on the icon and *Follow* the BC Branch on Twitter.

2018 Grad Class



Top L – R: Emily Wong, Katrina Wong, Abby Tabaco, Johnson Leung, Zach Di Guistini, Christina Kwong, David Wang, Andrew Low

Middle L – R: Tom Chen, Jessica Wu, Rachel Burak, Kelsey Matis, Kathy Kim, Jerry Shen, Justin Gu, Jamie Zhang

Bottom L – R: Brian Moore, Judy Tung, Chloe LeTourneau-Paci, Rittu Gill, Vincent Man, Anna Huang, Jack Davidson, Viktor Lazouski

BC Branch Awards

Vancouver Coastal Health hosted a small event in February where the BC Branch Member of the Year Award—2017 and Alex Nilsson Award—2017 were presented to their respective recipients. These awards were highlighted in the Winter 2017 Edition, however, in light of some technical issues and some editing mishaps we felt it was prudent to re-highlight these awards. Congratulations to Claudia Kurzac for being the successful candidate of the BC Branch Member of the Year Award for 2017 and to Karen Rehbein for being the successful candidate of the Alex Nilsson Award for 2017. Each of the glowing nominations can be seen on the next page!



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BC Branch Member of the Year Award—2017



Above (left to right) - Jessica Ip, Claudia Kurzac, Dr. Patty Daly.

Claudia Kurzac received her Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada) in 1980 upon graduating from BCIT. She worked as an EHO in Manitoba before moving to BC in 1991 where she joined the Vancouver City Health Dept. as an EHO. While working in Vancouver, she volunteered her time and joined the BC Branch Executive team. She reached out and worked tirelessly and encouraged EHOs to participate in the Institute.

In 1999 Claudia was elected President of the of the BC Branch, a position she held until 2004. That same year Claudia took on the challenging role as CIPHI National President for two terms concluding in 2008 plus 2 years as Past National President.

As her colleague Jessica Ip has stated, “She showed exemplary leadership, worked hard over the years, and made a significant contribution to the advancement of the association and promoted our profession.”

When the Saskatchewan Branch was unable to host the CIPHI Annual Educational Conference in 2017 as planned, the National Executive looked to other branches to pick up the torch at the last minute. With the support of Dr. Patricia Daly, MHO for the VCHA and Richard Taki, Executive Director of Environmental Health Protection, and the BC Branch Executive, it was agreed that the conference would be held in Richmond. The next task was to locate a person or persons to take on the task of chairing the conference. We are most fortunate that Claudia Kurzac & Richard Taki agreed to Co-Chair the Conference. As we all know now, as a result of the hard work, dedication and support of many members, most of them with the VCHA, and great leadership, the conference was a real success in every sense. We therefore nominate **Claudia Kurzac & the 2017 Conference Committee** (including Richard Taki) for the **BC Branch Member of the Year Award** for 2017.

Nominated – Gordon Stewart

Seconded – Martin McLeod

Alex Nilsson Award—2017



Above (left to right) - Jessica Ip, Dr. Patty Daly, Karen Rehbein

Karen Rehbein graduated from BCIT in 1982. After receiving her CIPHI(C) she was immediately hired as a Public Health Inspector by the City of Burnaby. She stayed with Burnaby for 24 years working in all areas of their diverse environmental health program. She served in Burnaby with distinction, due in large part to her strong work ethic and her very positive attitude. In 2006 Karen accepted an EHO position with the Vancouver office of VCH where she really enjoys working with the operators in her district.

Karen has been a longstanding member of the Institute. She’s always has a smile of her face and a very positive attitude. When VCH decided to host

the 2017 National Educational Conference in Richmond with the BC Branch, Karen volunteered to participate as a member of the Conference Organizing Committee. She participated on the Education Committee, the

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Exhibits and Sponsors Committee and the Silent Auction Committee. She assisted Shelly Beaudet on the Flower Arrangement Committee.

Finding agencies to provide donations for the Silent Auction proved to be much more difficult than expected even though the funds raised were going to a Registered Charity. It became her major objective and she spent many hours seeking donations but they still did not come easily. However, Karen was not deterred and with determination plus her wonderful smile and very positive attitude she persevered and arranged for over 50 donations through friends and colleagues. This included Kirk McLean's signed goalie stick from the 7th game of the Stanley Cup playoffs between the Vancouver Canucks and the New York Rangers in 1994. Not only did Karen locate many gifts but also organized the display to be as efficient and attractive as possible.

The payoff was a huge demand for the many gifts that Karen had arranged. Over \$3,500.00 was raised and will be donated to the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, a Registered Canadian Charity and division of CIPHI.

We the undersigned believe that Karen should to be recognized for her dedication to her work, her amazing volunteering during the 2017 CIPHI Educational Conference and in particular her determination to ensure the success of the Silent Auction. We therefore nominate Karen Rehbein for the **Alex Nilsson Award** for 2017.

Moved: Tim Roark

Seconded: Alex Kwan

Congratulations Claudia and Karen!!!



**YOU KNOW WHAT
REALLY GRINDS MY
GEARS . . .**

“Why would I change my process, I haven't made anyone sick in 30 years...”

Please submit your “heard it a thousand time before one-liners” that you hear in the field over and over to stacey.sowa@viha.ca. Let's all share in the hilariously annoying joys of our environmental public health experiences.

Retirement—Angelo Kouris



Richard Taki (left) presents Angelo (right) with his framed EHO badge.

Angelo was born in Sparta, Greece. His family moved to Vancouver when he was at an early age. He graduated from Kitsilano High School and attended Simon Fraser University, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Science and a Minor in Kinesiology in 1978.

After obtaining a diploma in Environmental Health from BCIT in 1982, Angelo started his career with Alberta West Central Health Unit. He later worked for Mount View Health Unit (Calgary) from 1984 to 1986 before accepting employment with Vancouver Health Department in 1986.

After 5 years in the field at Vancouver Coastal Health, he was promoted to a supervisor position. In this position, he did an admirable job at supporting the district inspectors and earned much respect as a leader. Of his many accomplishments, he speaks most of the work he did around introducing one of the/if not the, first smoking bylaw in Canada. Angelo was promoted to Manager of Environmental Health in 2008 and in 2013, he became the Director of Environmental Health for the Vancouver office.

Over the many years, Angelo has become a respected leader in the Environmental Health profession; in 2016, he was nationally recognized by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors with the Hedgerow Award for Leadership in Environmental Health.

In his spare time, Angelo teaches FOODSAFE, volunteers as a manager for youth ice hockey, and also enjoys trail running, visiting the gym, playing guitar and spending time with his family, which includes his 6 grandchildren.



Dr. John Blatherwick (left) and Angelo (right).



Retirement festivities

(left, bottom, and right)



CONGRATS ANGELO!!



Council of Professional Experience (CoPE) Volunteer Position – BC Committee Representative

CIPHI BC Branch has an exciting opportunity for an individual to participate on the national Council of Professional Experience (CoPE). CoPE is responsible for administering the continuing professional competency (CPC) program, and is comprised of representatives from each Branch of CIPHI. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to serve a three-year term, commencing immediately after their selection.

CoPE members participate in monthly one-hour teleconferences and one or two face-to-face meetings each year. Each CoPE member also actively participates within one or two assigned Portfolios, each of which are assigned tasks intended to move the activities of CoPE forward in support of the profession. Portfolio work accounts for approximately two to three hours of commitment per month.

If you hold a CPHI(C) with at least five years' field experience, and are interested in this chance to contribute to the direction of your profession at a national level, please email a cover letter and resume to: cope@ciphi.ca, by May 18, 2018.

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DON'T DELAY, RECERTIFY TODAY!

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For more information visit www.foodsafe.ca/recertify.html

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