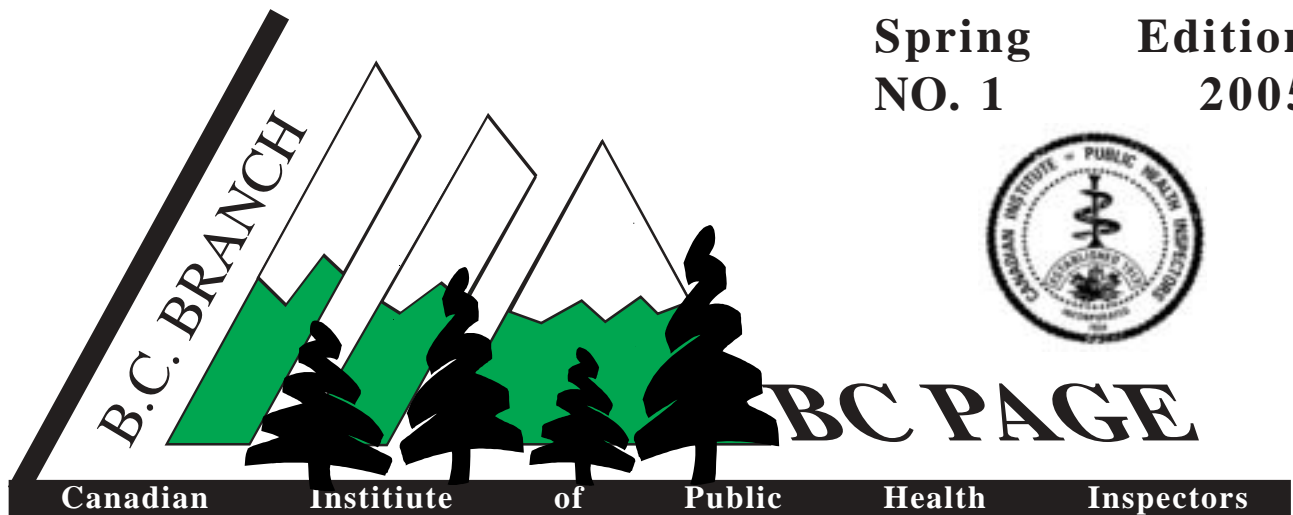


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Greg Baytalan: 2005 Member of the Year



Greg Baytalan, a Senior Public Health Inspector with Interior Health in Kelowna, is pictured receiving the 2005 Member of the Year Award from Steve Chong, BC Branch President, at the Annual General Meeting in March. Greg is a long standing Branch member who was recognized for his years of service and, most recently, his humanitarian volunteer work in Thailand in January following the devastating tsunami late last year. The complete nomination can be found on page 4; some pictures that Greg provided are found on page 9.

Greg has many stories to tell since returning from Thailand; he gave a presentation at the Branch Conference about his experiences volunteering there, and he will be doing so again at the National Conference later this year. If you are attending, this is something that you won't want to miss.

We honour Greg for his selfless dedication to help others in their hour of need, and for holding up our profession in doing so. Congratulations on being selected as the 2005 BC Branch Member of the Year!

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BC Branch Update: April 2005

The first three months of 2005 have been very busy for the Branch. We participated in Environmental Health Week, which was scheduled for the first week in January.

Our Annual Education Conference was held on March 15 and 16th at the Hilton Hotel in Burnaby. Overall, the conference was a huge success. We had 7 exhibitors and over 20 excellent presenters, and one 'attention-grabbing' video update. (We must all be thankful that Nick Losito has been successful in this field – otherwise, I fear, he would have pursued his passion for the performing arts). The conference drew over 90 delegates on each day from all over this province. It was fantastic to have EHO's from all of our Health Authorities join us for this great event! Thank you for participating and we hope to see all of you next year at Sun Peaks.

I would like to express gratitude to the members of the education committee and the many volunteers who made this conference an enormous success. Your hard work and enthusiasm is hugely appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of March 15th. As you will read in this edition of the BC Page, Greg Baytalan was nominated for the Member of the Year Award for his selfless and courageous volunteer work in Thailand, aiding in the Tsunami Relief Efforts. His dedication to our profession and to the global community is exemplary. I hope many of you, who were unable to attend our conference, will have a chance to speak with Greg and hopefully even see his presentation.

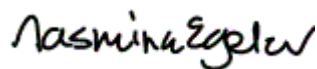
We also have several new additions to the executive of the Branch. I would like to welcome Tara Hluchy, Shawn Parhar and Keir Cordner. I am sure their energy and dedication will be of huge assistance as we progress on with branch business.

We currently have two vacancies on the Board of Registration. If anyone among our membership is interested in volunteering, please contact Steve Chong for further information.

The Branch is presently in the process of redesigning our website. One major and important change, already in effect, is that our domain name has changed to www.ciphi.bc.ca. Other changes will follow and the Branch hopes the website will provide necessary educational resources as well as information relating to the Branch.

Finally, I would like to remind those of you who have not yet renewed their membership to please do so. I also would like to welcome those of you who have joined our Branch for the first time. We value your membership and always look forward to receiving your feedback and new ideas.

Respectfully,




Jasmina Egeler
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Member of the Year, 2005

We the undersigned hereby nominate long-term CIPHI member Greg Baytalan as the BC Branch CIPHI Member of the Year for 2005. Greg has shown an outstanding commitment to public health, and in particular his response to the Asian Tsunami of December 2004.

Greg graduated from the BCIT Environmental Health program in 1986 and began his EHO career in Fort St. John covering general EHO duties and labour camps. After a number of years Greg accepted the Chief EHO position for the then Peace River Health Unit. From Dawson Creek, Greg transferred to a field EHO position in Kelowna and has since been promoted to Senior EHO with the Interior Health Authority, stationed in Kelowna.

Greg has sat on various provincial committees, including the land-use committee, the Implementation Working Group for WCB Environmental Tobacco Smoke legislation, and was very involved in the Health Protection response to the 2003 Kelowna fire.

Greg has recently completed an Environmental Science degree from Trent University in Ontario.

In December 2004, while on vacation in Australia Greg saw a call on the WHO website for Water and Sanitation Officers to assist with the South East Asia Tsunami; he immediately offered his services, and was placed on their roster. Following such, he went to Thailand on his own to help in the recovery efforts north of Phuket and on Phi Phi Island. Greg worked for several weeks providing assistance with Victim Identification, Body Search & Recovery, Debris Clean-up, and assisting the locals in putting their lives back together.

Greg has put his best foot forward and stepped into a catastrophic situation to do the best he can for his fellow person, and in doing so has also honoured the EHO profession. For this we nominate and applaud him.

Nominated by Arne Faremo

Seconded by Alice Munger and Sajjan Joseph



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Treasurer's Report – Annual General Meeting

This report covers January to December 2004. The following items are included in the report:

1. Financial Statement
2. Revenue Detail
3. GIC Accounts

1. Financial Statement: January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Particulars

RECEIPTS: \$28,662.36

EXPENSES:

EXECUTIVE TRAVEL	1379.19
CONFERENCE DONATION	200.00
MEETING EXPENSES	2279.79
HONORARIUM	600.00
CONFERENCE	6940.04
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	1600.00
PRINTING	762.00
TELEPHONE	784.43
AWARDS	1039.80
BURSARIES	2369.50
BOR	3632.25
WEB/INTERNET	141.58
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEEK	414.50
BANK FEES	358.69
MINISTRY OF FINANCE	25.00
GIC	5000.00
PROMOTIONAL	1408.35

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$28,935.12

NET DIFFERENCE: (\$272.76)

2. REVENUE DETAIL

RECEIPTS:

MEMBERSHIP DUES:	12,081.33
EDUCATION CONFERENCE:	11,573.53
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:	1,650.00

3. GIC ACCOUNTS:

Total: \$25,774.10

Christmas Luncheon In Victoria Another Success

Close to two dozen Branch members and colleagues enjoyed the BC Branch Christmas Luncheon at the Fifth Street Bar & Grill in Victoria. Members from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, Health Canada plus a large contingent of retirees had a great time meeting old friends, telling stories and eating the delicious food. Many thanks to Maxine Marchenski for organizing the event and John Gibb for bring fellow Health Canada colleagues along with him. Thanks also to Ann Thomas and VIHA for supporting staff attendance at the annual Christmas luncheon.

Photos clockwise from left: Erwin Dyck, Michael Riefeman and Ann Thomas are ready to eat; Bob Stickland (left) and Michael Riefeman chat with Ken Ainsley, the recently retired Health Educator for VIHA; Bob Scott, Life Member, and Laurel Benham, former CIPHI National President, chat with colleagues; and John Gibb and Andrea Hall-Darcy discuss John's recent difficult consulting assignment in the Bahamas.



BOC Corresponding Member's Report

A discussion paper was presented to the BOC on November 07, 2003, recommending that the BOC alter the administrative policy and/or requirements for certification to reflect a mandate for continuance of certification based on the maintenance of continuing education credits.

Since that submission the NEC has partnered with Health Canada's Public Health Agency to form a Core Competency Steering Committee and a Core Competency Working Group. The NEC/BOC has representatives on these committees with our goals being providing educational opportunities for members and the enhancement of the profession.

Corresponding members report to date:

I regret I will be unable to report to the membership in person and I send my best wishes to all Public Health professionals and members attending the educational conference and the AGM.

A lot of things are happening since the conference in Charlottetown and we are very fortunate to have Anne Thomas leading us as the new chair of the BOC. Anne's forward leadership, goal oriented approach and, passion for our profession will benefit all practicing Public Health Professionals. I know you share with me our best wishes and our sincere appreciation to Bernie Chrisp for all the years he has volunteered in the position of Chair of the BOC.

Change in the form of integration or segmentation is one of the consistent forces facing us in public health. We are up to the challenge and are supported in our partnership with Health Canada and the Public Health Agency. The NEC, through the strong leadership of our National Executive, and the BOC are involved in the Core Competency Project with our vision being enhanced education. You will hear or have heard our National President's presentation on Core Competency and you will undoubtedly have some questions or possibly concerns. This is the time we need you to become involved and ask those questions and voice those concerns. It is the voice of this membership that will help your National Executive and the Board of Certification develop a profession that meets the core functions of Public Health in Canada and exceeds the professional competency expected by the public.

Regulatory Negligence, Due Diligence and Professional Competency are the new measure of a professional in this field of Health and both the NEC and the BOC are working to ensure as a professional "WE" and "YOU" measure up. So what we need of you is to consider all the points our National President has expressed during the presentation and visit the webpage, submit comments to the committee and help shape your future.

On the business side of the BOC we had a significant number of appeals in the last set of exams and these appeals were reviewed by the appeal panel. All appeals were rejected except one that was reviewed with the examiner and sufficient grounds were found to accept the appeal. The BOC continues to consider PHI Technicians issues, the need for examiners workshop training, and reviewing schools offering Public Health Inspection training. At the BOC we are continually reviewing our policy and procedures to ensure they meet the present and future needs of practicing PHI's, and students.

Recently, the Core Competency facilitator Robert Bradbury brought together the educational institutions in Toronto. The various educational institutions represented at the meeting support the efforts of the Core Competency committee and are excited to work with the NEC on this project. The Working Group continues to develop a plan, model and terms of reference.

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Alison, Art & Family

Pictured in front of the Christmas tree are Alison Speirs and hubby Art Demsky with their recent twins Leighton with Art and Asiah with Alison. Dee is standing guard in front. The twins were born on June 29/04. Leighton weighed 2 lbs 12 oz and Asiah weighed 3 lbs 4 oz. Both spent a month in the special care nursery but as you can see they are doing well now.

For those of you who don't know Alison she hails from Ontario and is a 1990 Ryerson U. grad. Upon moving to BC in 1991 Alison started with the Central Fraser Valley Health Unit until 1995. After a short period with the North Shore Health Department and BCIT, Alison joined the Food Protection Branch of the Ministry of Health in 1998. Recently Alison moved to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in Abbotsford as a Food Safety and Quality Specialist. Art is a Fisheries Officer with Fisheries and Oceans Canada stationed in the Fraser Valley.

Congratulation to Alison and Art on their wonderful new family.

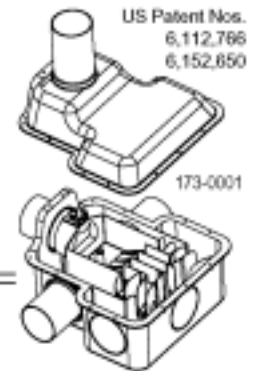


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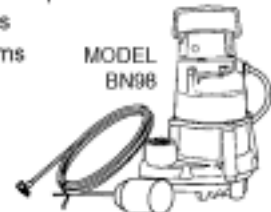
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BOC Corresponding Member's Report (continued from page 7)

The NEC and the BOC support and encourage C.I.P.H.I.'s vision of developing a Pan-Canadian response to Public Health education and hope this will lead to competent highly skilled professionals that can diligently solve the issues of the future.

I appreciate the membership supporting my continued involvement in the BC Branch and the Institute and as I too transition into a new position in North Vancouver I hope to be physically present to accept your questions and discuss your issues.

Respectfully submitted by:

D. Shawn Mitton, REHO, CPHI(c)
BC Branch Corresponding Member
C.I.P.H.I. Board of Certification



Above: bodies in bags, exhumed for further identification including rib removal; Greg Baytalan cleaning instruments between rib removal for DNA analysis. Photos by David Gross Photography, Istanbul, Turkey. Left: a bent gate speaks to the power of the tsunami.

President's Report

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, BC Branch Annual General Meeting March 15, 2005

My first term as BC Branch President has been hectic to say the least. It has been a challenging year, but has had many rewards from opportunities in meeting with the membership to liaising with the National Executive Committee, which has given me a more national perspective on issues across Canada. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support of my employer at Vancouver Coastal Health, and manager, Kelvin Higo, who continues to be an ardent supporter of the Branch and its activities to further the profession.

I am disappointed to report that there has been no progression in our attempts to have Environmental Public Health Officers designated as professionals. We were recently set back with the appointment of a new Minister of Health Services, the Honourable Shirley Bond, on December 15, 2004. Correspondence has been sent requesting a meeting to discuss the status of our application, but there has been no response and I am of the feeling that there will be no consideration until after the Provincial Elections in May 2005. The Branch will renew its efforts when the political environment stabilizes.

The 2004 BC Branch Education Conference was another huge success. The 2-day format has been well received by membership and the feedback is encouraging. The Education Committee of Roopy Khatkar, Jasmina Egeler, Joanne Lum, Patricia Tymiak, Salima Kassam, Nigel Headley, and Jennifer Montgomery, continues to improve the quality and format, and will take this expertise into the joint 2010 IFEH World Congress and CIPHI Annual Education Conference. Support from the Regional Directors has validated our efforts in providing these educational opportunities to assist with the professional maintenance of their staff. Interest has been expressed from other regions to host the conference, and the Branch is looking at the possibility – this is a definite first for the Branch!

The electronic distribution of the BC Branch newsletter, the BC Page, continues to be well received via email. Roger Parsonage is to be commended for his tireless efforts in putting the publication together. I am sorry to report that Roger will be stepping down as Editor at the end of 2005. On that note, we will be looking for another volunteer(s) to take on this important role of keeping the membership informed on current events.

The Branch website is currently in the process of undergoing a major facelift. We are reviewing several proposals from contractors to redesign our site to improve the look and layout – the primary goal will be to make it into a “must” resource for membership, where they will be able to find all the information related to the Branch and educational resources. Furthermore, I am happy to report that our webmaster, David Butt, has been able to secure the new domain name of www.ciphi.bc.ca, which is consistent now with other Branches across Canada – something that we've tried to do for the past several years.

Advocacy on behalf of membership is a large part of the daily activities conducted by the BC Branch. An example of this was the position statement (Attachment 1. Sewerage Regulation Position Statement) issued by the Branch supporting the inclusion of Environmental Public Health Professionals as “authorized persons” under the new BC Sewerage System Regulation, which comes into force May 31, 2005. The Branch has received correspondence from Sewerage System Regulation Steering Committee that a formal response will be forthcoming addressing the Branch’s statement.

25-year Membership Awards were presented to:

- Daniel Moreau
- Graham Cobb
- Lori Frame
- Michael Riefman
- Sally de la Rue Brown
- Lorraine Woolsey

It is this type of dedication to the Institute that ensures our future success!

Below is a 5-year membership comparison. Numbers for 2004 have rebounded from the low experienced in 2002/2003. The membership committee continues to work hard promoting the values and benefits of membership. One such initiative was a letter sent out by the Vice President, Jasmina Egeler, which outlined some of the benefits of membership.

YEAR	LIFE	REGULAR	RETIRED	STUDENT	HONORARY	INTERNATIONAL	FRATERNAL	TOTAL # MEMBERS
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2002	5	166	5	13	2	0	0	205
2003	4	189	8	15	3	1	0	220
2004	3	214	8	15	3		1	244

It has been a very busy year for the Branch Executive and all its volunteers. We can only hope that the needs of membership are being met, and look forward to another year of service.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Chong, President
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, BC Branch

BCIT Environmental Health Student Awards



Eric Urteaga in the centre and **Bryn Lord** on the right, Environmental Health Program students at BCIT, are pictured receiving Environmental Health Achievement Awards Medallions from Lorraine Woolsey, Program Head, at the BCIT Scholarship & Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to both Eric and Bryn.

Lorraine Woolsey, Head of the Environmental Health Program is pictured presenting one of two awards received by **Isher Deol**, a student in the EH program at BCIT. Ms. Deol was chosen to receive both the Sam Parrish and Gladys Cranke Memorial Scholarship plus the Joe and Gladys Woolsey Memorial Award. A special congratulations to Ms. Deol .





Jeffrey Lowry is pictured receiving the Canada Millenium Scholarship Foundation National In-Course Award from Tony Knowles, President of BCIT. Congratulations to Jeff.

Barbara Howarth, an Environmental Health Program student at BCIT, is pictured receiving a cheque for \$625.00 and a certificate of recognition from Steve Chong, President of the BC Branch of CIPHI. Barbara was chosen to receive the CIPHI, BC Branch, Bob Herbison Award at the BCIT Scholarship & Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to Barbara.



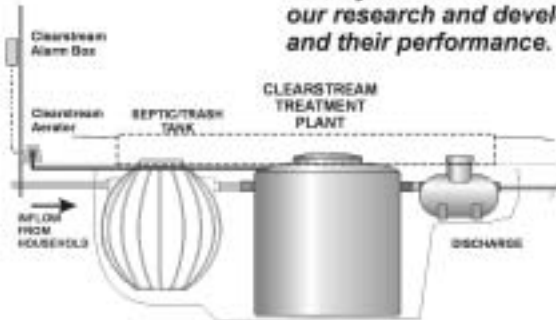
Tony Knowles, President of BCIT, is pictured with four BCIT students David, Scott, **Laurie McClellan** and Tasha who are all recipients of the BCIT Board of Governors Entrance Award for Bachelor of Technology students. Laurie (second from the right) is a student in the Environmental Health Program. Our congratulations to Laurie and well as the other award recipients.

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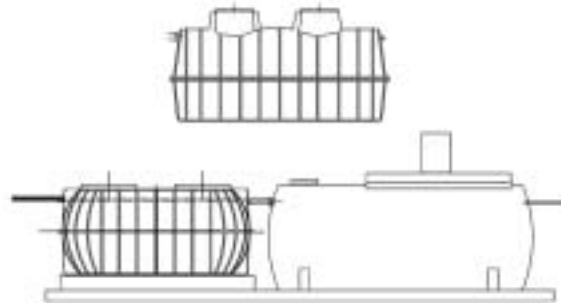


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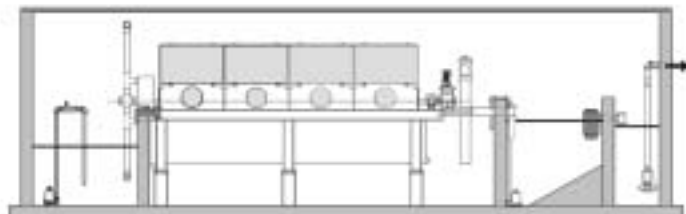


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