



President's Message

Well, summer is winding down. Saskatchewan has some of the best summer weather anywhere but as you are all aware, the season is far too short. I hope all of you were able to get away from work and enjoy some down time this summer.

Planning for the upcoming Professional Education and Development Seminar (PEDS) is in full swing. This year's event will be taking place on October 29 and 30 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon, SK. Updates to the agenda will continue to be provided over the next two months as the agenda takes shape. I encourage you all to submit your registrations and book rooms as soon as possible. As a part of our PEDS event, we will again be holding our Annual General Meeting. We encourage all members to attend.

With PEDS coming up, we will be looking for nominations for the CIPHI SK Branch Member of the Year Award. If you know a colleague who has made a significant contribution to the profession either provincially, and/or nationally, as well, contributing to prescribed professional standards in environmental health and feel that they should receive recognition, nominate them for this great award!

The branch has also made some changes to the student award. It is now called the CIPHI SK Branch Student Membership Award. Students who are going into or are in their final year of a Board of Certification accredited program and are student members of the branch, can apply to have their student membership fees covered by the branch. If you are a student member, watch for more information that will be coming soon.

As always, if you have questions or ways to improve our branch, please feel free to contact myself or one of the members of the executive.

Kevin Kapell

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Expression of Interest 2019 Board of Certification (BOC) Examiners

Interested in becoming a Board of Certification Examiner??? It's easy, just complete the BOC Examiner Application and email to examcoordinator@ciphi-sk.ca

BOC Exam Date:

Wednesday October 23, 2019

Location:

Saskatoon or Regina- To be determined by the number of BOC examiner applicants

Benefits:

- Earning CIPHI Professional Development Hours
- Helping to keep knowledge current
- Advancing the profession
- Experiencing increased networking opportunities
- Support student EPHPs

Ideal Candidates:

- EPHPs must be current CIPHI members with 80 PDHs in previous year
- Other public health related professions such as public health physician or public health veterinarian
- At least 5 years work experience in EPH
- Have participated in the BOC examiner workshop
- Employees who have received employer support to participate

Both new and experienced examiners are encouraged to apply!



2019 Board of Certification (BOC) Examiner Application

Application Period: January 1 to December 31, 2019

Applicant's Name (Please Print)		
Position/Title:	Employer:	
Home Address:	Work Address:	
City: Province:	City:	Province:
Postal Code:	Postal Code:	
Home Email:	Work Email:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Are you currently employed in the field of environmental public health? If Yes , years of experience: years If No , skip to question#3	Yes	No
Are you currently a regular CIPHI member with 80 PDHs for the previous year? Please attach a copy of last year's PD Hours Report from the MSC.	Yes	No
Are you fluent in French?	Yes	No
Have you attended a BOC Examiner Workshop?	Yes	No
Will your employer support your participation as BOC Examiner?	Yes	No
Have you ever been a BOC Examiner? If yes, when:	Yes	No
Were you an instructor (full or part-time) or have you had regular involvement with any of the BOC accredited schools in the last 5 years? If yes, please specify:	Yes	No
Did you train or supervise any practicum students who are eligible to challenge a BOC exam in 2019? If yes, please specify whom:	Yes	No
Reason (s) for participating as a BOC Examiner CIPHI Professional Development Hours Other reasons. Please specify:		
Applicant Signature:	Date: Month/ Day/Year	

Please return to Nimone Campbell, SK Exam Coordinator by email: examcoordinator@ciphi-sk.ca

The personal information collected on this form will only be used by the Saskatchewan Exam Coordinator for the purpose of business associated with 2019 Board of Certification Exams

First Nations University of Canada Student's Corner

As most know, the First Nations University of Canada has stopped admissions to the ENHS program. We are now in the process of finishing the education of the 18 enrolled students. The university appreciates the help provided by CIPHI members over the years and we hope that your assistance can continue to wrap up the program on a positive note.

We currently have four students completing field training this summer and have had several more students complete field training over the past year. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the field training process! I also ask for your consideration in offering field training in the coming years. Many of the 18 remaining students will be looking for practicums within the next year and it would be great to keep them in the province.

Finally, please join in congratulating Troy Friesen, Opeyemi Olabode, Abimbola Olaobau, Md Rahman on their convocations this spring. Good luck in all your future endeavours!

Alanna Senecal
ENHS Program Coordinator

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH GRAPEVINE

Have you seen?! The Provincial Personal Services task force group has been working hard at making new fact sheets to help you and your operators during inspections. Please take a look!

 Click Here

[https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/
environmental-health/personal-service-facilities](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/environmental-health/personal-service-facilities)

IN THE NEWS...

Bat encounters: What to do if you're bitten or there's a bat in your house

LYNN GIESBRECHT, REGINA LEADER-POST Updated: August 9, 2019

Bob Hilderman had a rather rude awakening at 1:30 a.m., finding a bat flying around him in the bedroom of his Regina home.

Armed with a pillow, Hilderman took a swing at the bat, knocking it down dead. He threw it into a garbage bin outside before climbing back into bed.

"I was rubbing my arm and it didn't hurt; it just felt different than it did," said Hilderman in a recent interview, recalling the Aug. 2 bat encounter. "So I had my wife take a look and she said, 'Yeah there's some marks on your elbow.'"

Believing he had been bitten by the bat, Hilderman retrieved the dead animal from the garbage. "I grabbed the bat and ... put him in a Ziploc bag and took him to the hospital with me."

At the Pasqua Hospital emergency room, he received the first shot of the post-exposure rabies vaccine later that morning. The vaccine prevents a person from getting rabies, and is a precaution in case the bite is from a rabid animal. He received another shot of the vaccine on Monday, then Friday and will get his final shot next Friday.

"It's been kind of scary," said Hilderman, who believes the bat found its way into his home through a space between his roof and an outside wall that wasn't sealed after he had his shingles redone.

Bat expert and University of Regina biology professor Mark Brigham — who has earned the nickname "the bat man" — said this is the most common time of year for people to come in contact with bats, as the bat pups are learning how to fly and echolocate. But Brigham said residents have no reason to fear the creatures and that it is "highly unlikely" for a bat to bite someone in their sleep.

"The idea of a bat actually coming at someone to bite them, to the best of my knowledge, it just doesn't happen. I've been around tens of thousands of bats and if you try to pick them up, absolutely they bite ... but in terms of attacking people and going out of their way to bite you, they just don't do it," he said.

If you find a bat in your home, Brigham recommended opening a large window and keeping an eye on the animal to see if it will find its own way out. If the bat tries to hang up on a wall, he encouraged people to help it find its way outside, but not with bare hands.

"Get on a pair of gardening gloves and get a towel. Put the towel over the bat and shmoosh it together gently and then take the towel outside and shake it, and the bat will be ever so grateful and it won't come back," he said.

If you believe you have been bitten by a bat — or have any other reason to think you have been exposed to rabies — the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) said residents should wash the bite with soap and water and then seek immediate medical treatment. The post-exposure rabies vaccines are only effective if they are administered before symptoms of the disease start showing.

"Bat bites are a relatively rare but potentially serious situation, and your personal safety needs to come first," said the SHA in an emailed statement.

Any animal suspected to have rabies — whether dead or alive — should not to be brought into the emergency room, said the SHA. Instead, dead animals can be stored in a closed container and put in a cool place until someone from Public Health Services can decide if the animal needs to be tested for the disease.



Educator and animal tech Jacklyn Waronek holds a Big Brown bat at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. BRANDON HARDER / Regina Leader-Post

Extra, Extra! ...

Welcome Baby Girl Chabot!

Congratulations to Chelsey & her family on welcoming their daughter, Paige on May 14th!



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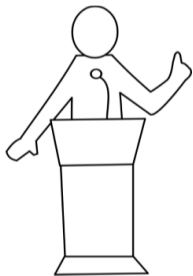
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The plaque given by the Branch to the First Nations University. Signifying the relationship between the Branch and the University for the Environmental Health program



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The CIPHI National AEC 2019 conference is getting closer. You will find all information regarding fees and the registration process on our conference website: <http://www.ciphi.ca/aec2019/>

If you have any questions concerning the conference please contact myself or the co-chairs at information2019@ciphi.ca

See you soon!

Vanessa, Sara Baird, and Kari Engele-Carter

CIPHI National AEC 2019 Co-chairs

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THE
DATE**



Learn more at
www.ciphi.ca/aec2019

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Hello from Nova Scotia!

I am pleased to announce CIPHI NS/PEI will be the host Branch for the 2019 Annual Education Conference in Halifax, NS! The theme "Exploring the Edge" will explore new, emerging and "edgy" topics in public health that are cutting edge and non-traditional. Mark September 8-11 on your calendar and be sure to stay tuned for more announcements from the Eastern "edge" of Canada!

Information for the AEC can be found at the following website:
www.ciphi.ca/aec2019

The site will be regularly updated as we progress, so please stay tuned as we provide you with more information as time goes on and we get closer to the AEC. I also encourage you to follow @ciphi2019 for those of you on Twitter and use #ciphi2019 when tweeting anything conference related.

Thanks, and see you in Halifax!

Vanessa Nickelo



Any News?! Share Your Thoughts! Share Your Pictures!

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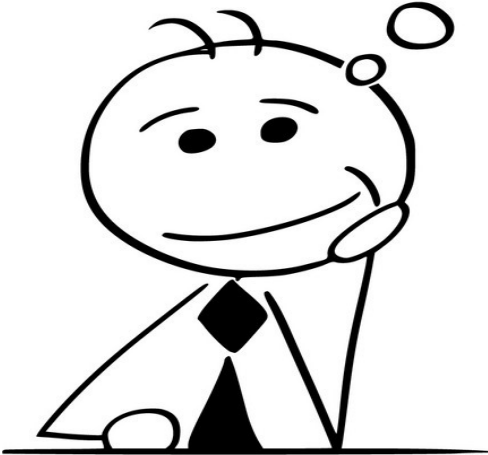
Hope you all are having a great summer! This edition was short and sweet... hoping that you all are gathering more stories and pictures for our Fall Edition. Don't forget to send it all my way! Looking forward to seeing what has been happening around our province.

Shawna Stevens

Start thinking of colleagues to nominate for

'Member of the Year!'

**A great time to recognise those who go above
and beyond!**





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