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Message from the Editor

As I write this, Environmental Public Health Week is in progress. I hope members are out advocating our profession to the public and media. If you have any interesting stories, news articles or photos from EPHW, send them to me for the May issue of the newsletter.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are staying warm this winter. We've finally had a break in the cold snap this week, after five week's of -25°C. Where's the global warming when you need it? As someone mentioned to me during the cold weather, "At least we don't have to worry about scorpions in Saskatchewan. They don't like the cold weather".

On March 20th and 21st, PHI's from Saskatchewan and Alberta are meeting in Medicine Hat for a couple friendly games of hockey. Anyone who's interested in playing, or even want to come for the networking and socializing, can call me for details.

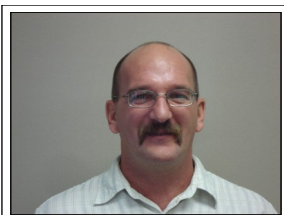
Enjoy the newsletter and if you have anything you want submitted for the May issue, please forward the information to myself or one of the executive members.

Sincerely

Michael Hayduk



Message From The President



President Ken Cross

For all those who attended SK Branch's 1st Annual Professional Education and Development Seminar I am sure you are like me and had a fantastic time. The information presented was relevant, diverse and suitable to our profession.

Congratulations to the Conference Chair, Ryan Philipation for all his work on organizing such a successful conference. In conversations with various Members and non-members all had very positive things to say about the seminar. The educational presentations, the exhibitor booths, nutrition breaks and social activities were all positive experiences for those in attendance. Many non-members have shown interest in becoming Members and supporters of CIPHI because of the professional delivery of this Educational Seminar. Membership Application forms can be found on the national website www.ciphi.ca.

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and I would like to welcome the new Members who have volunteered their time to the SK Branch. Welcome and thank you to: Councilor Verna Law, Treasurer Paul Ross, Newsletter Editor Mike Hayduk and Web Master Brent Latimer. I would like to thank the SK Branch Executive for all your hard work and commitment to the Branch. All of you bring diverse interests and ideas to the betterment of the SK Branch and its operations. All this combines to allow us to give the best for

our Members.

I would like to thank Roger Piatt outgoing Web Master for his 10 years of committed service to the SK Branch. He was instrumental in developing and running our webpage from its inception. Roger was awarded a plaque in honor of his years of dedicated service to the SK Branch. Thanks Roger. I would like to thank Jackie Treen for her years as Newsletter Editor. Jackie transformed the Newsletter into its look today. The development of a template and layout will assist Mike in his new role.

Paul Ross has taken on the daunting task of being the SK Branch Treasurer. He and Ron met prior to Ron's passing and was able to gather most of the books and documents required to get our finances in order. With change of Treasurer also comes change in venue of banks, establishing address changes, signing authority changes etc. so please be patient when ordering or purchasing merchandise from the Branch. Paul is making the transition his priority and all will be up and operating soon. Thanks Paul.

Verna Law is our newest Councilor to join the SK Branch Executive. I had the privilege as did the other Executives working with Verna on our last Annual Educational Conference. She brings with her new ideas and a strong commitment to the betterment of the profession. I look forward to working with Verna and I know she will be a great asset to the Executive.

Michael Hayduk has accepted the position as our Newsletter Editor and already has shown his commitment to the job. All the flashes you saw throughout the Conference was Mike gathering photos for upcoming issues of the Newsletter. He has set his schedule for interviews of retired Members and is working to publish his first issue. I urge all too forward information to Mike for the Newsletter as it's our commu-

nication tool that is sometimes overlooked.

Brent Latimer is our new Web Master. He has already started working with the webpage and will continue to update the page. Brent brings with him new ideas and will continue to liaise with Roger during his transition into the new role. Please be patient as the site is under construction but continue to forward information and ideas to Brent.

Travis Philipation has stepped off the SK Branch Executive for a breather. He has been a huge asset to the Branch. He was responsible for the updating of our Constitution and policy developments; a daunting task that he took on and handled with ease. He was also the Membership Chair and was instrumental in recruiting many new Members. One of his biggest accomplishments was the development of the Annual Report Document that is and will continue to be an essential part of our Annual General Meetings. This collection of all Committee Reports and Branch business in one document is an excellent delivery of information prior to our AGM. Travis' input will still be called upon as an active Member of the SK Branch but his presence will be missed at our Executive Meetings. I thank you Travis for your years of dedicated service and in helping in the betterment of the SK Branch.

The SK Branch continues to move forward and grow. Plans are already proceeding to submit a bid to host another Annual Educational Conference. Saskatoon was the chosen venue and from all indications from those who I talk to nationally is anticipating another fantastic Conference. Those who were unable to attend in Regina have commented they won't miss Saskatoon. All those who are interested in helping please contact Ryan and let him know your interests. The first step is developing the bid package and event Chairs.

SK Branch is also investigating options for PHI's to attend this years Annual Educational Conference in Alberta. Preliminary ideas were to ex-



Roger Piatt Receiving Plaque from Ken Cross

plore travel with neighboring Manitoba Branch by means of a bus. As plans develop all Members will be notified, stay tuned.

Venues are being sought for the 2nd Annual Professional Education and Development Seminar. The sponsors and exhibitors who attended our 1st have asked to return and additional exhibitors will be sought out. Members are requested to send educational needs and ideas

to Ryan as SK Branch wants to give you the tools you require.

Nationally the Core Competency Project Committee and the NEC will meet November 20 and 21 in Toronto. This meeting will hopefully ratify the framework for the educational components and outlines for continual competencies for CIPHI Members. This is one more step in the process to implement mandatory Membership in CIPHI. More information will be found on the CIPHI website www.ciphi.ca.

A SK Branch Executive Meeting is being planned to acquaint the new Executive to the operations of the Branch.

I thank you all for your continued support in CIPHI SK Branch.

Ken Cross, President
CIPHI SK Branch

City council beefs up own food inspections

Patrick Dare , The Ottawa Citizen

Published: Thursday, August 28, 2008

OTTAWA - Ottawa Council moved to beef up its food inspection system Thursday by hiring more public health inspectors and raising their salaries.

Council voted to hire seven more inspectors as soon as possible to handle the job of inspecting the city's 6,000 food establishments. Beacon Hill-Cyrville Councillor Michel Bellemare said he wasn't satisfied with the city administration's response to a report by Auditor General Alain Lalonde, who found that provincial guidelines for food safety are not being met in Ottawa, in terms of the number of inspections of restaurants.

That report found that only about 63 per cent of high-risk establishments were inspected at the prescribed rate, which is three inspections a year.

The report also found that the city's budget for food inspections had been increased but was underspent by \$894,000 over three years.

The problem of substandard restaurants is a real one in Ottawa. Through freedom of information, the Citizen obtained reports for restaurants with the most recent health-inspection violations and it's clear that inspectors see serious problems. There were rats and mould in a bakery, no hot water for days in one restaurant and pervasive dirt and grease in another.

The city says there are about 500 complaints a year about restaurants that prompt some of the city inspections. About 100 of those complainants get sick, though it's difficult to clinically confirm it is food poisoning from a particular restaurant.

One of the problems that's clear in the reports on the 10 establishments released to the Citizen is that kitchen staff often don't have proper training on correct procedures for defrosting food, the need to keep hazardous cold foods at or below 4C and the need to keep food-preparation areas clean. In one report, a worker licked food off a

finger, then resumed making the food. The city will try to find ways to get training for more food handlers.

In the most serious cases of restaurants with public health problems, they are ticketed and shut down, typically for a brief period while the problems are corrected. The problem is that it's hard for the public to know what the inspection process has found. Citizens can call the public health department (613-580-6744) and ask about a particular restaurant, but it takes 24 hours to get a response and is clearly a cumbersome process for the public health staff.

Dr. Isra Levy, Ottawa's medical officer of health, told the Citizen Thursday that the city is moving to a digital solution in early 2009, when inspectors will be equipped with handheld computers which will be used to fill out the inspection reports. Those reports will be uploaded to the city's web site so that citizens can look at the latest inspections for all restaurants.

Dr. Levy defended the city's record of inspections, saying Ottawa has a more targeted approach that places extra effort in going after the most high-risk food establishments. He said the worst are inspected 12 to 15 times a year because they present the greatest risk to the public's health.

Dr. Levy acknowledged, however, that recruitment of health inspectors is a problem and "more is better" when it comes to inspection. Public health inspection has become a sophisticated field that includes everything from water quality to tattoos and rabies. The program to train inspectors is four years and there are only four universities in Canada doing that training. After university the graduates must do a one-year internship followed by a tough exam.

Ottawa's maximum salary for a public health inspector is \$63,000 and Dr. Levy says it needs to go up by \$10,000 to \$15,000. He said the city is also bringing public health trainees into the city before they receive their certification as inspectors, as a way to recruit young staff.

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Mr. Lalonde, who did the audit of the branch, said Ottawa has been falling behind in food inspections and needs to use technology - and spend the money that's been budgeted - to get the branch up to speed.

Mr. Bellemare said the city is underpaying the scientists who are protecting the food supply and the result is not enough inspectors. But for the public, he said, "This is a top priority."

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In Memoriam

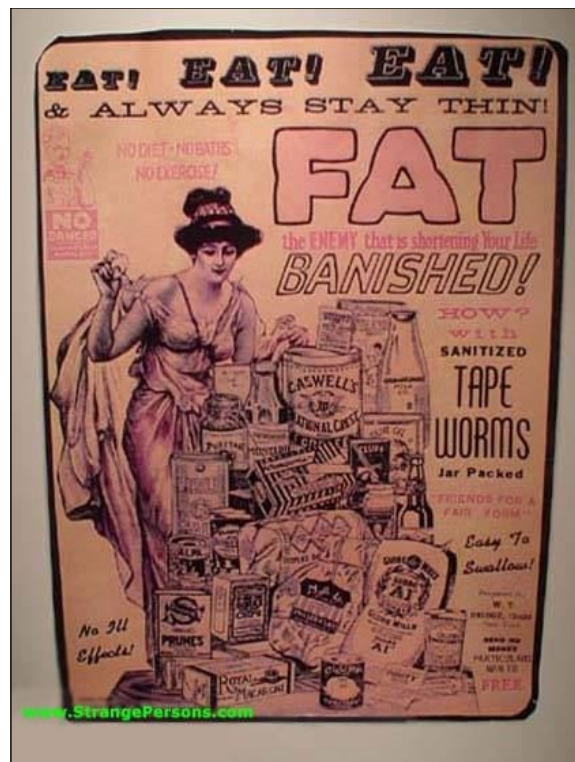
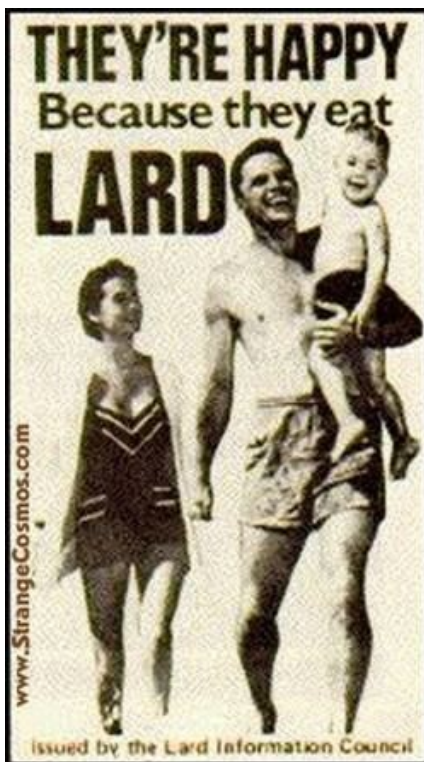
Darcey Srochenski



On Sunday, October 19, 2008 Darcey Srochenski passed away suddenly at home at the age of 42 years. He was predeceased by his father Edward Urjasz. Darcey will be lovingly remembered by his wife Darlene Brunen; son Jonathan; mother Mary (Don) Morrison; brothers Terry, Jason and James (Tanya); nieces and nephews Amanda, Emily, Matthew, Adam, Ashley and Sabrina; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A memorial service was held at the Regina Funeral Home, Hwy #1 East, Regina, SK on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Interment took place at Regina Memorial Garden Cemetery. In Donations may be made in Darcey's memory to the Regina Humane Society, PO Box 3143, Regina, SK S4P 3G7.

Darcey graduated from BCIT in 1991 and completed his field training with the City of Regina immediately before he was hired. The City of Regina Health Department was then transferred to Regina Health District which later became the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Darcey was an inspector for 17 years, all in the Regina health region.

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In Memoriam

Ron Belak

CIPHI Certificate #1626

The passing of Ronald Leo Belak, of Biggar, SK, occurred in the Biggar Hospital on October 8,



2008 at the age of 64 years. Ron is survived by his wife, Linda of Biggar; mother, Katherine Belak of Battleford, SK; two brothers, Barry (Lorraine) Belak of Battleford, SK and their children, Wade (Jennifer) Belak of Delray Beach, Florida and Constable Graham Belak of Whitehorse, NWT; Roderick Belak of Battleford, SK and his children, Zachery, Tyson and Zennovia Belak, all of Saskatoon, SK; father-in-law, Dave Rings of Melfort, SK; and brothers-in-law, Jim (Sandra) Rings of Chitek Lake, SK and their children, Justin (Lynette) and Kevin (Shannon), both of Saskatoon, SK; special friends, Dale (Sherry) Martin of Biggar, SK and their daughter, Heather (Jason) Mohr of Bradwell, SK.

Ron started his Public Health career in Saskatoon with Saskatoon Rural Health Region, October 28th 1965 where he completed a 6 month correspondence course from Ryerson and completed his field training at the same time. It was a hectic schedule of studying in the morning and conducting inspections in the afternoon.

Ron moved to Biggar in May of 1966 and spent the remainder of his career with the Rosetown Health Region. In September 2008 Ron became the longest serving Member in Saskatchewan. He surpassed Frank Peter's previous record with

43 years and 2 months in the Public Health Field.

Ron was an active member on the SK Branch Executive and strong advocate for CIPHI. He handled CIPHI SK Branch's financial and secretarial roles for 20 consecutive years. He attended his last Executive Meeting September 9th and 10th where he assisted in-coming Treasurer Paul Ross. Ken Cross presented Ron with an award at this meeting recognizing his dedication to CIPHI SK Branch.

Ron will be missed but not forgotten at our Executive Meetings.



Ron Receiving His Award from Ken Cross

In Memoriam

Francis Peters CIPHI Certificate #0285

In April 2008, Frank Peters, passed away at age 89, while recuperating from major surgery.

In 1941, Frank qualified as a Sanitary Officer (title changed to Sanitary Inspector, and finally to Public Health Inspector), and spent most of his 43 year career as a District, and later a Senior Public Health Inspector, working out of offices at Swift Current. Initially, he was one of four inspectors covering a quarter of the province, under the direction of engineer, Joe Schaeffer, who was the Director of the Division of Sanitation in the Department of Health.

Providing a meaningful routine sanitation program during his early years was difficult. The World War II years posed many obstacles because of the large area of coverage and the fact that gasoline and vehicle tires were severely rationed. In addition, winter travel was difficult since roads, including highways, were not gravelled nor cleared of snow. In these situations, Frank would travel by train, often leaving headquarters on Monday and returning on Friday. Saturdays were always reserved for doing reports and other office activities (there were no secretaries).

The early years also created food safety problems. Rural and smaller urban centers lacked, or had only temporary operating electrical generating plants. Perishable food, therefore, was refrigerated in an ice box. Raw milk and bovine T.B. were a bad combination. Frank prioritized his activities to eliminate unscrupulous peddlers, help develop suitable bylaws and initiate producer inspections.

A recurring problem plaguing the Inspectors was the Commonwealth Air Training Bases. As the war progressed, many additional pilots were trained at bases in rural Saskatchewan and the increase in manpower severely overloaded the primitive sewerage systems (an Imhoff tank and a trickling filter). On a fairly regular basis, raw sewage would flow onto adjacent farmland or roadside ditches. On complaint, Frank and other

inspectors would investigate the problem. If it was operational, they would offer procedural changes, however, if the problem was of engineering design, the Director was asked to do a follow-up visit.

At the end of the War, a new government in the province recognized the need for preventive health services and therefore established, at Swift Current, a pilot project for a Regional Health Service. Dr. Vince Matthews was appointed the first Medical Health Officer, and Frank Peters was appointed the first Senior Sanitary Officer. After several years, an evaluation confirmed that similar Health Regions should be developed in the entire province. Staff from the Swift Current Region (H.R. #1) helped promote the concept and in time, thirteen Health Regions were developed.

In the early 1950's, the city of Winnipeg experienced severe flooding and Frank, together with several other Sanitary Officers, was dispatched to help with the required clean-up. Later, Frank and the others used this experience to help educate health staff and municipal officials on appropriate procedures to minimize hazards to health during floods in Saskatchewan.

In the early 1960's, Frank received a one year leave of absence, taking employment with the World Health Organization. He was assigned to help develop basic policies for food and water safety, and procedures to deal with human waste in Fiji, a developing third world country. On his return, the Saskatchewan Branch of the C.I.P.H.I., impressed with his work, honored him with life membership in the Institute.

During his career, Frank acquired a Journeyman Plumbing certificate and this qualification helped the Department to develop meaningful plumbing and drainage regulations.

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Frank enjoyed life. He was an ardent tennis player. He liked nice cars, fashionable clothes, grew a beard in his younger days, and puffed on expensive cigars. He will be missed by his many colleagues. He is survived by two sons, Lloyd and Lyle.

Note: This article was prepared by William Koroluk, a fellow Senior Public Health Inspector, who recalled Frank's personal stories. Additional comments were solicited from staff who worked in Health Region #1.



Doug Terry presents Frank Peters with CIPHI Life Membership in 1984

Secretary's Report

Submitted by: Jon Gaudry



The secretary's position has been busy with minute's preparation, pool manual printing and preparations for the Educational Seminar. With the recent changes of personnel within the SK Branch, the duties of the secretary's position will be reevaluated to ensure service to the branch members remains constant. A large part of the secretary's position is providing support to the President, Councilors and Treasurer. The secretary will work closely with the treasurer to provide pool manuals, code books, test strips and thermometers for the health regions in the province.

Specifically, items completed in the last year are finalizing minutes of executive and AGM minutes, ordering pool manual supplies and sending them out, assisting with education seminar preparations and ensuring feedback from our Members reaches the Branch Executive.

Education Report

Submitted by: Ryan Philipation



In 2007, The SK Branch Executive made the decision to provide educational opportunities for our members. Shortly thereafter, planning for the 1st Annual Professional Education and Development Seminar commenced. Unfortunately the Provincial Election was called and the anticipated event had to be cancelled.

The agenda and venue for the 1st Annual Education and Development Seminar was finalized in August 2008. After a screening process, the Saskatoon Travelodge was selected to host this event. The combination of meeting room facilities, catering options and cost all played a factor in choosing a location.

In an effort to provide the best knowledge to delegates, I contacted presenters from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. I believe the educational track for the event provides a variety of topics sure to please all who attend. Along with these excellent presenters, I was also able to contact sponsors and exhibitors who were excited to support this initiative.

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It is the intent of the SK Branch Executive to continue providing an annual education opportunity for members. As Education Chair, I believe the Branch should be charging a registration fee to help offset costs associated with providing a seminar. As per other Branches across the country, the registration fee should be significantly less for members compared to non-members. I will continue to encourage the attendance of all Public Health Inspectors to our events for both the learning and the networking opportunity.

Finally I would like to encourage all members to "jump on board" as CIPHI SK Branch is moving forward. These events are a lot of work and the future success depends on members supporting and contributing to the planning and hosting of such events. If you have ideas for presenter topics or you would like to help with planning, sponsors etc., please contact me.

I look forward to working with you.

As a young piper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man, with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and being a typical man, did not ask for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew, who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played, the workers began to weep. I played, and I played, like I never played before: From My Home and The Lord Is My Sheppard to Flowers of the Forest. I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers say to another, "Lard Jeezuz b'y, I've never seen nothing' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years."

Marketing Report

Submitted by: Michael McCann



Your Branch continues to purchase and make available to members various pieces of merchandise. The Branch currently sells:

- The Food Safety Code of Practice
- The Safe Food Handling Home Study Package
- The Swimming Pool Operators Manual
- Chemical Test Strips: Chlorine, Iodine and Quats
- Metal Stemmed Probe Thermometers
- Clothing
- Toques
- Hats
- Pins

● Handbags

Please forward merchandise requests you have to any Branch Executive member.

Keep watching the web page for new merchandise as it becomes available.

Membership Report

Submitted by: Travis Philipation



As of September 8, 2008 there were 74 Members of the Saskatchewan Branch. This is a slight increase from 2007.

Membership is broken down as follows:

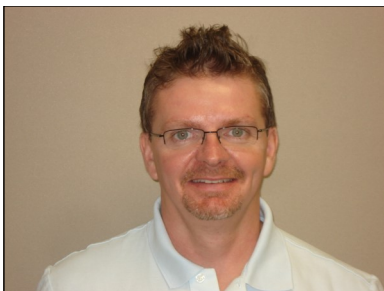
- 67 Regular Members
- 3 Student Members
- 3 Life Members
- 1 Affiliate Member

CIPHI Saskatchewan Branch would like to acknowledge those employers who pay for their employees memberships. Your support is appreciated! As of September 17, 2008, employers who pay for membership are:

- Saskatoon Regional Health Authority
- Five Hills Health Region
- Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority
- Sun Country Health Region
- Sunrise Regional Health Authority
- Cypress Health Regional Health Authority
- Heartland Regional Health Authority
- Population Health Unit / Athabasca / Keewatin / Yatthe / Mamawetan Churchill River Regional
- Health Authorities
- Prairie North Regional Health Authority

FNUC Report

Submitted by: Michael McCann



The First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) is very pleased to announce that there will be two graduating students in 2008. These students will be completing their required practicums in various health regions in Saskatchewan and plan to complete their Board of Certification Exams (BOC) for October 2008. A special thank you to the health regions for supporting the ENHS students by providing the time, energy and other resources required to facilitate students in becoming competent and successful PHI's/EHO's.

The Environmental Health and Science Program welcomes 10 new students to the program this year. These students come to FNUC with a variety of back-

grounds and we look forward to guiding them through the exciting and rewarding career path of environmental health with the help of many of their partners.

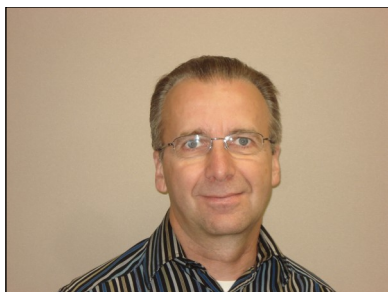
Student Overview - Academic Year 2007/2008/2009

Graduates	Number of Students
Convocation June 2007	5 (3 males, 2 females)
Convocation October 2007	2 (1 male, 1 female)
Convocation June 2008	1 (female)
Convocation October 2008	1 (female)
Convocation 2009 (anticipatory)	6 (1 male, 5 females)

Academic Level	Number of Students
4th Year	4
3rd Year	5
2nd Year	6
1st Year	10
Total	25

Advocacy Report

Submitted by: Dwayne Djkowich



The purpose of advocacy within the branch is to provide support, encouragement and backing to the membership; and to promote our profession. This work has been stable over the last year as our executive has been adapting to new structure and committed individuals to fill those new roles. Recognition of success in this area is to be given to the Saskatchewan Branch Executive, as a whole, who are tirelessly advocating on the behalf of members of our profession or providing visibility in the community.

An example of successful advocacy activities by members at large is Environmental Public Health Week. EPHW was held January 13 to January 20, 2008. I encourage all to participate in planning and executing next year's event to maintain the success achieved in this key promotional and recruiting opportunity.

Some worthy ideas that we have used in the past

are:

- Get communities to proclaim the week.
- Get a provincial proclamation.
- Approach the media to do a feature on Environmental Public Health Professionals.
- Members in each Region should set up a display highlighting the work of our profession.

As an effort to maintain a strong partnership with the educational component of our profession we continue to hold a "pizza night" at First Nations University of Canada. This event is also important in forging relationships with the students. Another notable achievement is the first time offering of a quality professional education and development seminar on November 4th and 5th, 2008 in Saskatoon. This seminar is being offered to the members and profession at no charge. Speakers and sponsorship from across Canada have partnered up to provide an excellent opportunity for training and development for the participants. This special event will also host a social evening.

In closing, the CIPHI: Saskatchewan Branch has resource materials and contacts to assist you in many of your work needs and promotional activities. I look forward to working together on improving our roles and recognition as Environmental Public Health Professionals.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS PIZZA NIGHT

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) welcomed Ken Cross and Mike McCann once again to their university for the 2nd Annual CIPHI Pizza Night on January 14, 2008.

Ken and Mike highlighted all the benefits of becoming a member with CIPHI at both the student level and PHI level. Ken and Mike offered personal experiences as students and as PHI's which the students found very intriguing.



Keri Engele-Carter receives her trophy for winning the NHL Playoff Hockey Pool

Dr. John Blatherwick Receives Honourary Degree

Dr. John Blatherwick (Honourary Chair of the EHFC) has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of British Columbia. Below is a copy of his nomination plus a great photo of John with the President and Chancellor of UBC. Please join me in congratulating John on receiving this significant award for his years of contribution and service in the field of Public Health. John has been a long time supporter of PHIs and the field of Environmental Health. He is also an Honourary Member of CIPHI.

Madam Chancellor:

It is a privilege and honour today to recognize the outstanding contributions Dr. Francis John Blatherwick has made to improving the health of Canadians and to serving his country.

Dr. Blatherwick is Canada's longest-serving medical health officer. He has served as a B.C. medical health officer for 36 years and as the Chief Medical Health Officer in [Vancouver](#) for 23 years.

As one of British Columbia's best-known public health advocates, Dr. Blatherwick has been a catalyst, innovator, and the driving force behind a number of important public health initiatives.

These include: leading Vancouver's public health response to the [SARS](#) epidemic; advocating for harm reduction programs for injection drug users which resulted in the opening of the first supervised injection site in North America; and campaigning against exposure to tobacco smoke which led to the establishment of municipal smoking by-laws and reducing population exposure to second-hand smoke – to name just a few.

He is also the recipient of an impressive set of awards including the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia for his work in public health, the George Elliot Award for lifetime contribution to public health in British Columbia and the Silver Medal of Service from the BC Medical Association.

Dr. Blatherwick has served for 39 years in the Canadian Forces Reserves. He represented Canada at NATO as the head of the Canadian Forces Reserve Medical Group for six years. He is the Honorary Colonel of 12 Vancouver Field Ambulance. He has written 20 books, mainly about Canadian orders, decorations and medals, and airplanes. He is a father of four and an active participant in community sports.

Madam Chancellor, to recognize his outstanding leadership in public health, his unyielding dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of citizens locally, nationally, and internationally, and for his relentless courage to tackle controversial issues in trying times, I ask you to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, upon Francis John Blatherwick.



Health and Science Camp

The First Nations University of Canada, Science Department celebrated its 11th Annual summer Health and Science Camp on July 13th – 18th, 2008. The camp hosted approximately 30 Aboriginal youth who have a long-term goal of improving the quality of life in their communities by choosing to become a health professional. Activities included educational, cultural, and physical activity components. Campers had the opportunity to participate in activities such as a daytrip to the fish hatchery in Fort Qu'Appelle, tour the Provincial Lab, Medicine Walk with elders, tour at Four Directions Health Clinic and IMAX theatre.

Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) Project Update

I recently attended the CPC Meeting in Toronto November 20 & 21, where work continued at finalizing the project. 30 attendees representing all provinces assisted the Working Group and Health Canada to make the project a reality. As you know we were mandated to develop Core Competencies for Public Health Inspectors with financial assistance from Health Canada. Other professional disciplines (dentists, epidemiologists, etc) have been tasked as well. CIPHI is leading the way with this project's development.

It was a learning experience for all. The meeting was facilitated by representatives from Meyers Norris Penny to the NEC, Stakeholders, the Senators Group, the CPC Steering Committee and the CPC Working Group. From the work completed in the two fully packed days, the "*Proposed Design of the CPC Reporting Model & CIPHI Board of Practice and Discipline Specific Competency Statements*" documents were revised and will now go back to the Working Group for redevelopment and clarification.

The CPC Model will be tested on focus groups decided upon at the meetings conclusion. Three levels of professional development will be selected and they will test the CPC's against the work they are presently doing. The three levels are: Front Line Practitioners (holders of CPHI(C)), Consultant/Specialists and Manager/Supervisors. Each level will be tested against the Competency model to assist in the final model.

Progression is continuing as the projected release is slated for the AGM in May 2009.

Please visit the national web page www.ciphi.ca if further clarification is needed.

Ken Cross, President
CIPHI SK Branch

To: Saskatchewan Branch Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

I would like to thank the SK CIPHI Executive and SK CIPHI Members for the SK. Branch AEC Bursary. I would like to especially thank the Saskatchewan PHIs for your continuing support through your membership of our Branch making this bursary possible. This bursary allowed me the opportunity to attend the Annual Education Conference in St. John's Newfoundland. This was the first out of Province Conference that I have attended.

This year the conference theme was titled "Beyond the Horizon". As in past conferences this year's program featured three concurrent sessions focusing on a number of different topics making it very difficult deciding which to attend. Key note speaker Dr. TA Loeffler's personal goal was to climb Mt. Everest, she talked about her experiences both successful and failures. She tied this to our work in the fact that we must have a goal, we must plan, we must implement the plan and evaluate the outcome. I found it very interest to hear that PHIs elsewhere across the Canada and the World continue to have an identity problem. Stewart Petrie in his key note address did reflect on this issue as well.

I certainly met lot of Inspectors and the after hour discussions and sessions were really enjoyable. Three of my classmates from the BCIT (76) were in attendance it was great seeing them again. As you may know Newfoundland is a very friendly Province and the people we met went out of their way to make our stay enjoyable. Many of us were made honorary Newfoundlanders which involved being Screeched-In , kissing the cod, and when asked if you are a Newfoundlander repeating "Indeed I is, Ye old cocker, long may your big jib draw" and of course drinking a small amount of screech.

Again thanks to all and I hope you have the opportunity to attend an out of Province Annual Education Conference.

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2008-2009 Saskatchewan Branch Executive

(Top row l-r) Ryan Philipation, Doug Terry, Ken Cross, Michael McCann, Jon Gaudry, Dwayne Djkowich
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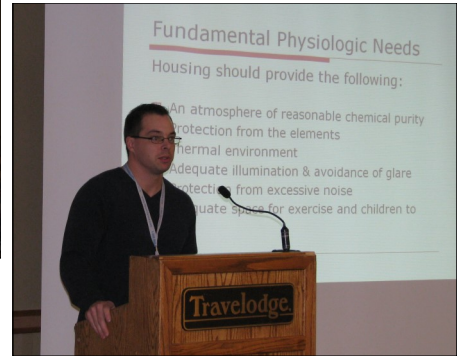


Paul Silvester receives his 25 Year Membership pin at the 2007 AGM meeting



Gordon Button - CIPHI Life Member

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