

2015: Year in Review

Environmental public health held a steady stream of air waves throughout 2015. There were highlights in food safety, or lack thereof, clinical health and the never ending public debate with routine vaccinations, and further detriment in the world of recreational drugs.

Food Safety Woes

An uncharacteristically high number of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* cases were seen this past summer. The bacterial infection, generally associated with shellfish, was linked to BC born and raised shellfish, most of which were oysters. Shellfish harvested locally were subsequently served raw and 82 people, 60 of which were in BC, became ill from late May to early September (PHAC, 2015). Warmer waters were one of the key factors responsible for the increased instance of *V. parahaemolyticus*; the bacteria were allowed to proliferate in these conditions and shellfish inevitably became contaminated. After an emergence of cases, CFIA issued a recall on oysters and each health authority took a different stance on how to manage the serving of raw oysters in food service establishments under their jurisdiction (BCCDC, 2015). BC's shellfish industry discontinued the distribution of shellfish during the outbreak; the raw oyster bans were only finally lifted in mid-September. Luckily, there were no deaths associated with this outbreak but as we watch the global climate shift and salt water temperatures rise, we've been assured that similar outbreaks are in our foreseeable future.

The food chain "Chipotle Mexican Grill Restaurant", in the US, was in the limelight in the latter part of the year. There were 53 confirmed cases of Shiga-toxin producing *E.coli* O26, spanning 9 states, all linked to the chain. The investigation into a possible cause did demonstrate a link to a common food but the food type has not been released to date. In addition to the 53 cases, another 5 cases were identified with only a small variation in genetic composition to the main outbreak. Nearly 40% of

the cases were hospitalized; fortunately there were no cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome or deaths associated with this outbreak (CDC, 2015). The scope of broad range food distribution and the importance of foodborne illness investigations were highlighted during this incident.

Clinical Health Battles

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a preventable bacterial infection that has been controlled by vaccinations since the early 1900s (Health Link BC, 2014). Communities all over BC observed whooping cough outbreaks during the later part of 2015; of particular concern were the numbers observed on Vancouver Island. On average, Island Health sees about 80 cases of whooping cough throughout the year; in 2015, over 300 cases were observed. The low rate of vaccination for pertussis was an attributable cause and of particular concern for health officials, as the numbers climbed. For the general population, whooping cough is simply another annoying seasonal cold; however, this illness can be devastating for infants (CBC, 2015b).

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Branch Update

Greetings Environmental Public Health Professionals,

On behalf of the CIPHI BC/Yukon Branch, I trust that you were able to ring the New Year to your satisfaction and have gotten off to a great start thus far, especially if you have already vacationed in some tropical destination.

Anyway, to kick off the year in style, the 2016 Winter Edition of the BC Page includes the return of our “What Does CIPHI Do for You” column, a Giardia’s Corner introduction to our National Chair of CoPE, and highlights from the Christmas Season.

As always, the New Year prophetically signifies a time to reflect on the successes and challenges faced last year, as well as a time for new beginnings. With the conclusion of another great year for the CIPHI BC Branch, I would again like to offer my sincere gratitude to Ms. Jessica Ip and Ms. Nadia White for their hard work and effort to organize the 2015 AGM and Christmas Luncheon. Great work! I would like to offer sincere appreciation to Ms. Crystal Brown for her tireless effort and dedication as she moves into the position of Past President and I extend my support and best wishes to Mr. Dale Chen the new President of the BC Branch. I also find myself in a new role with the Branch as I take over the duties and responsibilities as President Elect, which at present leaves a vacancy for the position of Recording Secretary.

Your BC Branch Executive got right back to work after the holidays and we have already identified some key priorities for the next two years. Some of those priorities identified include: looking for opportunities to partner with the Health Authorities and the NCCEH to host collaborative continuing educational events, the review and update of our constitution and by-laws, in light of recent changes to the Societies Act, the development of an effective recruitment and retention strategy to bolster membership, and actively improve our public image and presence. We will also be sending out an expression of interest for the vacant Recording Secretary and two Councillor positions. In addition, we will be posting an Associate Editor position for the BC Page Newsletter. So if you are interested in increasing your involvement with the Institute or you are just looking to find something else to keep yourself busy, consider volunteering for one of the positions.

In closing, please do not forget to renew your CIPHI membership, if you have not already done so for the year. Your on-going support is vital for the success of, not only the branch, but the Environmental Public Health profession. Your support allows us to promote public health risk reduction, offer continuing educational opportunities, and improve public education and awareness.

Stay tuned for more on how you can help this year!

Sincerely,

Gordon Moseley
President Elect – BC Branch



2015: Year In Review Continued

The detrimental effects of the anti-vaccine movement are being seen once again.

“Not Such a Good Time” Drugs

Fentanyl reared its ugly head in the media as the number of drug overdose deaths linked to the drug soared. Fentanyl is a very potent pain reliever that is prescribed in very low, slow release doses. During 2015, an increasing trend was observed with 25% of drug overdose deaths being linked to fentanyl; this was an increase from 3 years previous, where only 5% were associated. In some instances, the drug was being distributed in high doses to knowing users. In other instances, the drug was being laced into other recreational drugs unbeknownst to the user. Regardless of the means, the drug took the lives of too many people (CBC, 2015a). Enforcement officers and health officials were stressing to drug users to be weary of their source and be aware of the potential risks (Vancouver Coastal Health, 2015). The educational campaign helped spread the word and improved the outlook for the issue.

Another year has come and gone. With it, the world of environmental public health has changed and grown within BC, Canada, and the world. Here’s to 2016!

Stacey Sowa, CPHI(C)

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Hello CIPHI members and environmental health professionals alike! Welcome back again to Giardia's Corner with me, Giardia! Another year has come and gone. 2015 brought us all sorts of delights: the national conference in Ottawa took place, a changing of the guard shifted Dale Chen into the position as Branch President & Gordon Moseley was elected as our Branch President Elect, and environmental public health made headlines with a number of topics including *Vibrio* and Fentanyl. In this segment of Giardia's Corner, Keir Cordner, our National Chair for CoPE gives us an insight into himself and CoPE.

The incidence of Whooping Cough in 2015 was nearly 4 times the average within Island Health's coverage area.

The vaccine, against Whooping Cough, was developed in the early 20's. Prevention through vaccination is the key.



Keir Cordner—National Chair of CoPE

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

A1: Ryerson, 1992

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

A2: Simon Fraser Health Unit (now Fraser Health) - generalist EHO, Drinking Water Program Specialist, Land Use Specialist; Vancouver Island Health Authority - generalist EHO, Project Manager - Food Safety Initiative, CD EHO, Remote Facilities EHO; First Nations Health Authority - generalist EHO

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

A3: There has been a steady shift from a traditional food inspection focus towards a strong drinking water program focus, as well as a move toward healthier lifestyles such as healthy built environments, trans fats, and nutritional declarations.

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

A4: Staking out Willy Picton's Port Coquitlam farm on various occasions with a colleague EHO to investigate an illegal slaughterhouse complaint. We actually questioned him on the property and looked at several outbuildings on our last visit. We had no idea who we were dealing with until a year or so later.

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

A5: The vast majority of the clients I deal with are trying to do the right thing and it's great to help them out. The others are usually pretty interesting folks. I love 'crazy' people!

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

A6: Educator 90%, enforcer 10%

Q7: Legislative recognition for CIPHI passed in Sept 2013, what do you see as the next big goal for CIPHI's BC Branch?

A7: Building stronger partnerships between employers, the Ministry, and CIPHI – we need support for ongoing education to make the CPC Program a true success. The Branch needs to continue developing ways to deliver quality education to the membership

Q8: You're currently the National Chair of CoPE, can you tell us a little bit about why it was so important that CoPE was created?

A8: For EPHPs to be recognized with similar status to PHNs, PH Nutritionists, and other recognized professional groups, CIPHI needs to have equivalent standards of conduct, understood competencies, and accountabilities for maintaining best practices amongst our membership. The CPC program established a framework for this. CoPE is the section of CIPHI responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the program, the ongoing quality improvement of the CPC Program, and for auditing the performance of the membership against the established Professional Development standards. These are all critical components for our recognition as professionals in public health protection.

Q9: In the Fall 2015 Edition of the BC Page, you provided some highlights of CoPE's current activities. How has the progress come along in the last few months?

A9: CoPE's highlighted activities included making some changes to the Member Service Centre Professional Development (PD) Model, promoting participation in the CPC Program, and working together with the NEC and the membership to develop CoPE processes that support the move towards mandatory membership in a fair and equitable way.

Progress to date includes:

- CoPE has developed 6 priority changes for the Member Service Centre PD Model that will be submitted to and discussed with our database developers this month to start the process of improvements.
- CoPE provided a webinar on submitting PDHs in December as part of its initiatives to promote participation. There is discussion to expand PD promotional webinar delivery nationwide, as well as developing other tools to assist members in better understanding the CPC Program and how to enter their PDHs.
- CoPE, BOC, and the NEC have been discussing the move to mandatory membership at our monthly teleconferences. A legal opinion has been obtained relating to how a move for CIPHI to mandatory membership compares to other professions. CoPE, the BOC, and the NEC will be meeting in Edmonton in February for a focused session on making the transition to mandatory membership. Stay tuned members; we will need your input.

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?

- The first Sex Pistol's concert

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?

- Jim Morrison in 1967 just as the Doors start to hit it big

What songs are included on the soundtrack to your life?

- Constant Conversations - Passion Pit, Heads will Roll - Yeah, Yeah, Yeahs, Thank God for Girls - Weezer, Can You Feel My Heart - Bring Me the Horizon, Summertime - Sublime, Music to Watch Girls By - Ray Conniff and the Singers, Gold, Guns, Girls - Metric, Little Red Riding Hood - Chris Montez, Mirror in the Bathroom - The English Beat, Sedona - Houndmouth, Poison Oak - Bright Eyes . . . it'll be a long soundtrack!

What is something you learned in the last week?

- Distance does indeed make the heart grow fonder

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WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER:

1. Drink a glass of Guinness or Fat Tire?
 - Fat Tire, 'cuz I haven't tried it yet - but I prefer a local Phillips IPA
2. Visit Europe or Mexico?
 - Europe - Ireland or Portugal would work nice
3. Camp in an RV or stay in a tent?
 - Tent - you can get to better places
4. Use Facebook or Twitter?
 - Neither - unless I'm forced!
5. Win the lottery or find your perfect job?
 - Win the lottery...duh!
6. Watch sports or play sports?
 - Play sports - depends on the sport though - don't throw me in the MMA ring!

Update from BCCDC

Dr. Brian Nummer is an extension specialist in food safety from Utah State University. His knowledge of food processing is extensive. As one of a few recognized process authorities in the US, he routinely provides food safety advice to industry, the general public looking to start up businesses, as well as PHIs. On Nov 5th, Brian visited us in Vancouver and gave an excellent workshop answering questions from over 40 EHOs in the audience, including many EHO's who were on-line from across Canada. Some highlights of items we learned include:

- Dehydrated (raw) foods must be dried for at least one hour at 63°C in moist conditions to inactivate *Salmonella*, and dehydration must not occur below 48°C to prevent *Clostridium perfringens* growth
- A good healthy fermentation culture contains at least 10⁶ CFU/g of bacteria
- Keep sushi rice at or below a pH of 4.3 to control for *Bacillus cereus*

The workshop was hosted by BCCDC and NCC Environmental Health. Brian's lecture and notes from the workshop are posted here under the *Environmental Health* tab: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/education-development/grand-rounds>. To find out more, read Brian's extensive set of food processing notes at <http://food-safety.guru/>



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Continuing Professional
Competencies (CPC) Program

The holidays are over...

but you still have time to log your PDHs !!!

The deadline for PDH submission is January 31st.

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In Memoriam—Leonhard Edward Penner

Len Penner was born on August 22, 1930 in the small town of Kaleida, Manitoba. Len became a school teacher for a period of time and then in the 1950s took the training to become a Sanitary Inspector. He was awarded his **Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) # 968** in 1955. Len worked for the City of Winnipeg Health Department for a year or so and then moved to the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg as the Industrial Waste Control Supervisor. Len was a very diligent worker who had a real concern for the environment. He became aware that a university was discharging raw sewerage into the Red River. Len apparently followed the correct protocol and procedures to ensure that they corrected this public health nuisance. He continued to meet with platitudes and negative comments from the university representatives but no corrective action was taken. It is told that Len went with some of his staff to the outfall on the banks of the Red River with a number of bags of cement and poured them down a manhole to effectively plug the pollution to the river. It was soon thereafter that a proper treatment plant was constructed and the problem was solved.

Len moved to BC in the late 1960s to take on the challenge of setting up the long awaited technical course at BCIT to train Public Health Inspectors. Due to space limitations at BCIT, Len actually started work on the program at a facility close to Lion's Bay in West Vancouver. Likely these were facilities owned by Federal Fisheries. His daughter Alethea remembers, 'We spent that first summer in BC driving from Ruskin, where we lived, to Lion's Bay where Dad worked. I remember spending time at BCIT as well, waiting for dad to do something -or- other and exploring labs, looking into freezers that contained frozen cats, looking into microscopes, and so much more. What a world for a curious kid!'

John Gibb who subsequently became an instructor at BCIT stated, "*As Len was the first member on staff for the fledgling program he was, and did, out of necessity, EVERYTHING from organizing the intake of students, developing courses, dealing with the school administration over a myriad of logistical issues, oh and did I mention teaching EVERYTHING related to the professional side of our field. My hat goes off to Len for taking on such a challenging and daunting task. For those of us who have passed through BCIT both as staff and students we all owe him a debt of gratitude.*"

Len had other career aspirations as well and in the early 1970s, the Canadian Executive Service Organization advised him that the Government of Barbados needed a person with knowledge and experience in public health and waste water treatment to manage a key treatment facility. Len and family moved to Barbados where Len diligently set to work. Len's daughter Alethea Linnitt told the story of the time when several of the British naval vessels stopped in Barbados on their way home from the Falklands War. Unfortunately, one ship decided to discharge its waste into the harbour. This was contrary to Barbados regulations and so Len, in his official capacity, along with his assistant proceeded on board the ship and after some protests by staff was taken to the Bridge to see the Captain. He advised the Captain such a discharge was not permitted and he should cease the discharge or weigh anchor. It almost created an international incident but the ship did depart and the harbour was protected.

After four enjoyable years in Barbados, the Penners returned to Greater Vancouver where Len kept busy as a Consultant in On-site Sewage Disposal, in real estate, wood working, and as a Longshoreman. As his good friend Cliff Van Alstyne said "*Len was a good friend, a diamond in the rough, and a good Christian gentleman.*"

Len passed away surrounded by his family November 22, 2015. He was predeceased by his son Kurt and survived by his wife Martha, daughters Alethea, Andrea and Marina (Paul), his 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



Len Penner, Program Head, BCIT
1967-1970

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In Memoriam—Leonhard Edward Penner—Continued

A service was held for Len at the Bible Fellowship Church on November 28, 2015. You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence at the family's online obituary at: www.myalternatives.ca

Len will certainly be missed by his family, many friends, and colleagues.

Many thanks to Mrs. Alethea Linnitt (daughter) plus Cliff Van Alstyne & John Gibb for their input.

Tim Roark
Historian
BC Branch



There's still time to renew your CIPHI Membership for 2016

What are the Key Benefits of Being a Member?

Certification

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Spreading Holiday Cheer with Food Safety Education

Island Health's Oceanside Health Centre, located in Parksville, hosted a Christmas decorating contest this year. Each area throughout the facility was challenged with the task of filling their space with holiday cheer. EHOs, Bill Wrathall and Elizabeth Thomson, gave theirs an environmental health spin with an educational display on turkey preparation. The display consisted of a beautiful Christmas dinner setting complete with a handcrafted paper mâché turkey and Robbie the rodent in his Christmas attire. While the display landed an honourable mention from the judges, they are 1st place winners in our minds!



Elizabeth Thomson (left), Bill Wrathall (center), and Ann Thomas (right) all gathered 'round the Christmas Dinner for a quaint holiday pic!

Baby Announcement



Eddie Fung, Island Health, and wife Mary welcomed a baby girl on December 24th, 2015. Celina weighed in at 6lbs 11oz.

Merry Christmas to the Fung's

2015 Environmental Public Health Week Community Proclamations

A number of the 2015 Environmental Public Health Week proclamations were missed in the presentation of supporters in the Fall 2015 Newsletter. We wanted to make sure we recognized all of our supporters.

Thank you!

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portunities, documents, and much
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What Does CIPHI Do for You?

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Welcome again to our recurring column, brought to you by the Promotions and Membership Committee. It looks to explore, not only the benefits of CIPHI Membership, but also highlight some of the great work that has or is being conducted by CIPHI National and your BC Branch. Most notably are the efforts and initiatives to help advance the status of our profession by promoting and facilitating continuing educational opportunities, improving public awareness of our profession, and advocating for advancements in public health protection. In this third install we look at. . .

Membership Recognition: A Critical Element of Success to an Association

Perhaps it is a little known fact to most, but, did you know that the National Operating Policy # 5 for the Canadian Institute for Public Health Inspectors outlines the strong intrinsic value of membership recognition. This is important because without your continued support and effort CIPHI would not be where it is today. Although, there is still much work to be done to see the continued success and development of the profession; we must not forget our rich diversity and the storied history of our profession. This professional and public history may not have been quite so successful without the strong foundation and commitment of a robust membership base which founded CIPHI over 100 years ago.

In order to see another 100 years of prosperity and

growth, CIPHI needs you and all other Environmental Public Health Professionals, to dedicate themselves to improving the organization as a whole.

Regular membership, per the National Operational Policy # 5, recognizes the pledge of membership with a welcome letter from the National President, CIPHI member pin (blue background), CIPHI membership

certificate, and wallet card.

In addition members receive the decal for that year and a receipt of payment. There is also a 25 year membership recognition award for long-term allegiance, in addition to honouring those deserving

the distinction of a life membership.

It is also obvious that there remains an excellent op-

Membership is defined as:

- the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization, and/or
- all the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or a group

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What Does CIPHI Do for Me—Continued

-portunity here to recognize shorter terms of service in order to help attract membership renewal, as well as further encourage sustaining membership.

Perhaps this is just another compounding factor, but there also continues to be a declining trend in membership, largely based on the cost and the perception of a lack of valuable benefits. This is something that unequivocally needs to be changed and we need your help to do so.

As has been highlighted in past issues, there are many benefits to membership, some examples of which include: membership dues, which are by comparison to other professions are relatively inexpensive, the intrinsic value it adds to one's resume, and, as always, the opportunity to give back to your profession.

Current CIPHI Executives are keenly aware that the Institute, as a whole, could do a much better job in our collective mandate of public health advocacy and fostering a much larger and a more positive public image for the profession. Correspondingly, our mandate, challenges, and opportunities cannot be readily and effectively achieved without greater engagement from you and the environmental public health community at large.

To demonstrate the necessary level of commitment, the current National Executive, at the CIPHI National AGM held in Ottawa this past September, successfully

passed a motion mandating all newly certified PHI's/EHO's, starting in 2017, maintain their regular membership as part of maintaining their credential. So, while the details for retroactive mandatory membership, for current members, is still in development, this should be seen as yet another step forward towards garnering official professional status for CIPHI and Canadian Health Protection.

Locally, the BC Branch sponsors at least one annual academic bursary for the Environmental Health Program at BCIT. We also present three awards annually to recognize the hard work and dedication to the profession within the province. The first award, "Member of the Year", is presented to the individual who has made a significant contribution to the Branch, the Institute nationally, or an allied health professional organization, other than the Institute, over the past several years. The second award of "Honorary Member" is to acknowledge and recognize someone from outside the Environmental Health Profession. Lastly, the "Alex Nilsson Award" is meant to honour a volunteer who has given much time, skill, and effort to the BC Branch, CIPHI, or his/her community.

We hope you strongly consider renewing your membership this year if you have not already and help us continue our legacy and help the Environmental Public Health Profession grow well into the future.

Stay tuned for the next installment...

We Want to Hear from You!!

We know in this day and age, there are lots of draws on your time and we also know that we could do better. So please take a minute to tell us...

- ***What benefits would you reasonably like to see from being a member of CIPHI both personally and for the profession?***
- ***How can we, as the BC Branch or CIPHI National, serve you better?***

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president@ciphi.bc.ca

BC Branch Honorary Member Award

Dr. Murray Fyfe began his public health career in BC in 1996 as a Health Canada Field Epidemiologist at the BC Centre for Disease Control. He subsequently worked as a Physician Epidemiologist at BCCDC from 1997-2004, his areas of focus were enteric disease control and vector-borne disease control. During this time, he worked closely with Environmental Health Officers and enjoyed a good working relationship with Health Protection. He is a strong supporter of Environmental Health and is well-respected among the EHOs in the province.

Dr. Fyfe is currently a Medical Health Officer in Vancouver Island Health Authority, where he has worked since 2004. He initially led the communicable disease portfolio but has since expanded to other areas in recent years. Among his accomplishments, he undertook the evidence review and provided the scientific rationale for the successful implementation of a tanning bylaw in the Capital Regional District; the bylaw prevented those under the age of 18 from using tanning beds. Victoria became the first jurisdiction in B.C. and one of the first in Canada to adopt such a bylaw. In addition, Dr. Fyfe led the work in injury prevention, environmental health, and, more recently, tobacco control for VIHA.

Dr. Fyfe also has a strong academic career, with multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals and an impressive commitment to teaching. He established the curriculum for a Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency rotation on Vancouver Island and led the I-track study in Victoria with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada. This study assessed prevalence and trends in HIV and hepatitis C among injection drug users in Victoria. He is currently a member of the Exam Board for Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. In 2014, he received the James M. Robinson Award for significant contributions to public health.

Dr. Fyfe is a longtime supporter of CIPHI; he participates in the CIPHI Board of Certification exam panel year after year (>10 years!) without waver. Dr. Fyfe is truly part of our profession and highly deserving of the Honorary Member Award.

On December 16th, 2015, Dr. Fyfe was presented with the Honorary Member Award by Rory Beise at the South Island Christmas Luncheon. Thank you and Congratulations Dr. Fyfe!



Rory Beise (left) presenting Dr. Fyfe (right) with the Honorary Member Award.



Dr. Fyfe

Alex Nilsson Award

Richard Taki graduated from BCIT in 1983 and began his career as an EHO with Sturgeon Health Board, St. Albert, Alberta. Richard became Manager of Environmental Health for North Eastern Alberta Health Services in 1985. Despite his promising career in Alberta, Richard made the decision to return to BC for family reasons and was hired by the City of Vancouver Health Department in 1987. Richard's career path resumed in Vancouver and he was promoted a number of times from a supervisory position to his current position as Executive Director for Health Protection with Vancouver Coastal Health.

Richard has been an active CIPHI member during his career. From May 1992 to May 1995, Richard held the position of the BC Branch President. In 2006, Richard was appointed to the CIPHI Board of Certification for a 3 year term; during this time on the BOC, he also participated on the Exam Question Advisory Committee. Currently, Richard sits on BCIT's Advisory Board, providing guidance to the Environmental Health Program's curriculum.

Richard has been an active leader in his community, as well as in his profession. He has a passion for hockey and has been active in coaching, scouting, managing, directing, and evaluating at the minor, developmental, spring, and Junior hockey levels since 1987. Richard also acts as the Director of Operations for Japan-Canada International Hockey and travelled to Japan on several occasions with hockey teams from Canada. The trips combine both hockey and a cultural experience for young Japanese-Canadian players from across Canada.

Somehow between work and volunteering in the community, Richard found time to complete his Masters of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University in 2003. He also volunteers to be an admissions interviewer for the MD Undergraduate Program for the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

Richard is not only a longtime CIPHI member but also a CIPHI supporter that has dedicated considerable time, skill, and effort to his community.

On December 3rd, Richard was presented with the Alex Nilsson Award by Crystal Brown at the Lower Mainland Christmas Luncheon. Congratulations Richard!



Crystal Brown (left) presenting Richard Taki (right) with the Alex Nilsson Award

PUBLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP LISTS



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<http://www.ciphi.ca/publication-of-membership-lists/>

Member of the Year Award

Kuljeet Chattha graduated from BCIT in 2003 and has been an active member of CIPHI. She served as Treasurer of the BC Branch from 2007 - 2013. More recently, realizing the difficulty the BC BOC Coordinator had in organizing the exam panels in the Lower Mainland, she volunteered to assist the Branch BOC in 2014 and 2015. During the 2015 BOC exams, she canvassed for support from EHOs in the lower mainland to sit on the exam panels, mark reports, and re-mark when necessary. She worked long hours, even with three kids at home, and put in a considerable amount of time and effort to ensure the job was done. Kuljeet genuinely cares about the welfare of the students and the performance of the Institute. She has contributed so much this year and has directly impacted the students' futures and the profession. As the existing BOC coordinator retires, Kuljeet will assume the role of coordinator and continue to make a positive impact. She is enthusiastic and understands what it takes to support and promote CIPHI; she always has the Institute's interest in mind. She continues to aspire to do more and always find avenues to service the Institute at the provincial and national level.

On December 3rd, Kuljeet was presented with the Member of the Year Award By Crystal Brown and Dale Chen at the Lower Mainland Christmas Luncheon.



Dale Chen (left) and Crystal Brown (right) presenting Kuljeet Chattha (center) with the Member of the Year Award.

50 Year Award



Linda Pilsworth, First Nations Health Authority Regional Manager (right), and Keir Corder (left), Chair of CoPE, present John Gibb (centre) with an award in recognition of an important milestone: 50 years as a CIPHI Member.

Thank you for your dedication.

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