



IN MEMORIAM

By Dennis Persaud & Peter Heywood

Dr Sheela Basrur, the former Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), passed away peacefully on June 2, 2008 at the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre in Kitchener, Ontario. She was survived by her family, friends, colleagues and admirers not only in Ontario, but throughout the international community.

Her battle with Leiomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer, was a battle that she bravely disclosed to the world upon stepping down from her position on December 6, 2006 to undergo treatment. Her struggle with this personal challenge and ability to speak openly about her diagnosis and progressive treatment were an inspiration to many whose lives were being threatened by cancer.

After completing her Masters degree in Health Services in Community Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1987 Dr. Basrur was appointed Medical Officer of Health (MOH) at the East York Health Unit. In 1988 she became the first MOH for the newly amalgamated City of Toronto. It was during her tenure here that she championed a range of public health issues including the Dine Safe inspection system, cosmetic pesticide control and banning smoking in restaurants. International recognition came when Dr. Basrur was thrust to the forefront during the SARS crisis of 2003 which she handled in her usual calm and proficient manner.

In 2004 Dr. Basrur was appointed Chief MOH and Deputy Minister of Public Health for Ontario in an unprecedented move by the Legislative Assembly. Also to her credit is a comprehensive 2005 report to the Legislature that revealed the many challenges and initiatives necessary to rebuild the public health system in Ontario.



Dr. Sheela Basrur

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Letter to the Editor	3
M. Lee Awarded	6
Stanier Institute	7
Notice of AGM	8
2009 National Conference	9
Membership Form	10

Continued on Page 4

Editor**Communications—Sandy Stevens**

Brant County Health Unit
 e-mail: communications@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (519) 753-4937 ext. 252 Fax: (519) 753-2140

Published quarterly by the Canadian Institute of
 Public Health Inspectors—Ontario Branch Inc.
 Subscriptions for non-members available for \$12.00
 per year.

Mailing Address: Attention: Sandy Stevens
 Brant County Health Unit
 194 Terrace Hill Street
 Brantford, ON N3R 1G7

Submissions Criteria:

- All topics must be relevant to the Public Health Inspection Field
- Articles must be submitted either on computer disk or by e-mail in MS Word (hand-written articles will not be accepted).
- Articles submitted should be approximately 150 words (feature articles a maximum of 500 words).
- Feature articles will be determined by the OBN editorial team.

Ontario Branch Executive—Councillors 2007-2008**President—Adam Grant**

Ministry of the Environment
 e-mail: president@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (519) 873-5090 Fax: (519) 873-5096

Past President—Mike Duncan

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
 e-mail: pastpresident@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (705) 382-2018 ext. 4204 Fax: (705) 382-2931

President Elect—Peter Heywood

Oxford County Health Unit
 e-mail: pres-elect@ciphi.on.ca
 Phone: (519) 539-9800 ext. 3402 Fax: (519) 539-6206

Communicable Disease—Lucie Imbiscuso

Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Health Unit
 e-mail: communicable@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (519) 821-2370 ext. 2229 Fax: (519)836-7215

Food Safety—Ken Diplock

Region of Waterloo Public Health
 e-mail: foodsafety@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (519) 883-2008 ext.5435 Fax: (519) 883-2226

Healthy Environments—Sandi Amorim-Daly

Brant County Health Unit
 e-mail: healthyenviro@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (519) 753-4937 ext. 305 Fax: (519) 753-2140

Health Promotion & Professional Devel.—John Cannan

Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit
 e-mail: healthpromo@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (613) 966-5500 ext. 209 Fax: (613) 968-1481

Membership Services—Dennis Persaud

Region of Peel Health
 e-mail: membership@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (905) 791-7800 ext.7527 Fax: (905)501-0305

Partnership & Liaison—Cameron Weighill

Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit
 e-mail: partnership@ciphi.on.ca
 Tel: (705) 684-9090 ext. 7713 Fax: (705) 721-1495

Secretary Treasurer—Elaine Reddick

Oxford County Health Unit
 e-mail: treasurer@ciphi.on.ca
 Phone: (519) 539-9800 ext. 3405 Fax: (519) 539-6206

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**Letters to the Editor...**

*To submit comments, questions and any other letter to the editor,
please email communications@ciphi.on.ca*

Newlywed Alert!!

**Congratulations to Christian Lapensee and Jessica Brunet
who were married on April 21st in Jamaica.**

**Christian is our “go-to” guy for all things PSS, and Jessica is a PHI
currently working for the MOHLTC as an Environmental Advisor.**

Here’s wishing you both all the best in your future together!

Continued from Page 1

Dr. Basrur

As well, she oversaw the passing of the Smoke Free Ontario Act in 2006, the establishment of the arms-length Agency for Health Protection and Promotion in 2007 and the release of a major report on childhood obesity.

All of these achievements earned Dr. Basrur the Amethyst Award, which is the highest award granted to a member of the Ontario Public Service. She also received the Order of Ontario, Ontario's highest honour, from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable David Onley, at a special ceremony held by her hospital bedside on April 10, 2008.

The scope of the many awards and honours bestowed on Dr. Basrur defy description. Among others, she was awarded honorary doctoral degrees from Ryerson and York Universities and a similar honour was being planned by the University of Toronto in the same month that she died.

Ontario and the public health community have lost a woman who was the epitome of an honourable public servant and public health leader. As we mourn her passing let us take comfort in the former CMOH's exemplary life as a person of great wisdom, warmth and integrity who was particularly committed to the people of Ontario. Her leadership, conviction and courage earned her the love, respect and admiration of all Ontarians.

The Province, the public health community and particularly the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI), Ontario Branch Inc. join in mourning the passing of an outstanding public servant whose name and contributions will be immortalized in our history. She was undoubtedly not only Ontario's petite and perfect CMOH, but also a true doctor whose character, knowledge and wisdom will keep the pages of public health history alive.

Cast Your Ballot!!!

This year's nominees for election at our AGM are:

***LUCIE IMBISCUSO
LINDA MCINTYRE
DENNIS PERSAUD
CYNTHIA ROCCA
JOHN YAN***

Candidate biographies and ballots will be mailed out shortly.
Please support our members who are offering **their** time to work for **our** membership.
Even if you are unable to attend the conference in Peel, ballots can be mailed in or given to colleagues to bring to the AGM.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!

Member Recognition at AGM

During our upcoming Annual General Meeting in Peel Region on Monday, September 15, 2008 we will be taking a moment to recognize members who are celebrating

25 or 50 YEARS of MEMBERSHIP, those who have recently retired, and those who have passed away.

Please forward your name or name(s) of people you would like to see recognized to Peter Heywood at pheywood@county.oxford.on.ca.

Thanks.

Peter Heywood

President-Elect



CIPHI Needs YOUR Help!!!



Our web-page desperately needs to be redesigned.

www.ciphi.on.ca is our home in cyber-space. The Ontario Branch Executive recognizes that its current design does not meet the needs of our members.

**A Committee is being formed under the
Communications Division to create a whole new look for our
website.**

If you have an interest in graphic design or marketing, or would just like to get involved with this project and share your ideas, please contact

Sandy Stevens at 519-753-4937 ext. 252, or at communications@ciphi.on.ca

Marilyn Lee Gets What She Deserves!

By Antoinette Mercurio

Teaching excellence was celebrated at the annual Faculty of Community Services (FCS) Scholarly, Research and Creativity (SRC) Poster Exhibition and Award Presentation. A gamut of research conducted by faculty and student research assistants from all ten schools within FCS was showcased and also, the Sue Williams Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to an outstanding professor.

Named after Sue Williams, former Dean of FCS in honour of her dedication and commitment to teaching and students at Ryerson, Professor Marilyn Lee, School of Occupational and Public Health, received the prestigious award.

“Prof. Lee is an exceptional teacher who is valued by her students and admired for her passion, knowledge and work ethic,” said Dr. Usha George, Dean, FCS.

In the student testimonials, Prof. Lee was described as “tough but fair; someone who challenges students in their learning but remains a helpful and approachable mentor. She’s passionate about public health topics and she lectures with an enthusiasm that keeps her students interested.” Committed to giving students the best education, Prof. Lee’s classes were noted for being “stimulating and very entertaining because of her great sense of humour and amusing anecdotes.”

“Thank you to all the students that wrote the testimonials. I feel really flattered to receive this distinguished award because there are so many great teachers in FCS,” said Prof. Lee, who appreciated the tough but fair comment.

“It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the excellence that keeps happening in FCS,” Sue Williams said. “It’s wonderful that Prof. Lee is being recognized for her exceptional work.”



Sue Williams, right, offers a congratulatory smile to Prof. Marilyn Lee, left, recipient of the Sue Williams Excellence in Teaching Award at the Faculty of Community Services SRC Poster Exhibition and Award Presentation held March 26, 2008.



Linking Hygiene to Health

Stanier Institute

Stanier Institute Opinion Paper Project

The Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier with support of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (www.ciphi.ca) invites practicing certified Public Health Inspectors to submit a feature opinion paper – in English or French – comprising ideas and suggestions that address any issue applied to the present day activities of Public Health Inspectors.

Who Can Enter?

The invitation is directed to Certified Public Health Inspectors across Canada who are members in good standing of CIPHI.

Award

The Stanier Institute will provide a \$1000 award (Stanier Prize) for the opinion paper assessed to be the most interesting and original submission.

Details

The submissions should be 1000 to 1500 words in length, typed double-spaced and sent by email as an attached plain text document to stanier@mco.ca or as a hard copy mailed or faxed to the Stanier Institute at the address given below. Opinion papers should be received at the Administration office of the Institute by no later than December 31, 2008.

Stanier Prize Awardees

Sharon Regimbald and Keara Shaw, 2007

Warren Boychuk, 2006

Allan Stirling, 2005

Adam Grant, 2004

Shawna Bourne, 2003

Objectives and Address

The Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier is a scientifically-minded group committed to development of the public health sciences. The aim is to provide ways and means to advance education and research in these disciplines. Those preparing to submit an essay should inform the Institute ASAP at the given address

where further information may be obtained. A note will be sent to acknowledge all submissions upon receipt.

Stanier Institute
c/o MCO Business Group Inc.
11 Rosemount Ave., Suite 400
Ottawa, ON K1Y 4R8 Canada

Telephone: (613) 728-2188 Fax: (613) 728-5298 Email: stanier@mco.ca

The Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier reserves the right to alter contest details as conditions warrant.



ciphi
ontario

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

L'Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- ◆ The Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Ontario Branch) Inc. will be held on **Monday, September 15, 2008**.

DELTA MEADOWVALE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

6750 Mississauga Road,
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the annual business of the Branch, including proposed amendments to the By-laws of the Ontario Branch and to elect Officers.

- ◆ This year nominations for **President-elect and four councillors** will be accepted. Anyone interested in standing for election to the Branch executive should complete a "nomination and consent" form no later than **August 15th, 2008**.

Return the completed form to:

C.I.P.H.I. (ON. Br.) Inc.
Westmount P.O.
Box #22045
50 Westmount Rd. North
Waterloo, On
N2L 6J7

Any proposed changes to the Ontario Branch By-laws must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by **August 1, 2008**.



75th CIPHI Annual Educational Conference

Kananaskis, Alberta on

May 3 – 6, 2009

Call for Abstracts

The Annual Educational Conference (AEC) of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is the national educational and social event for all Environmental Public Health Professionals in Canada.

This year is our 75th AEC and we are very proud to be hosting in beautiful Kananaskis Country, nestled within the majestic Rocky Mountains.

This year's event promises to continue the long standing tradition of quality education and events as well as integrating new and memorable experiences. Come help us recognize and celebrate 75 years of history and development of public health protection in Canada.

If you have timely research and/or experiences in any of the 2009 conference themes or a related Environmental Health topic you are encouraged to submit an abstract.

The AEC commonly attracts over 300 delegates, educators, presenters and industry exhibitors. Attendees come from many public health jurisdictions including municipal, regional, provincial and federal.

AEC participants typically include:

- Public health inspectors from across Canada, the United States and Europe
- Public health managers and decision makers
- Medical Officers of Health & other professionals from related public health disciplines
- Private industry representatives of environmental goods and services
- Private industry professionals
- Academics in the environmental health field
- Students of environmental health and related disciplines

The main themes of the 2009 event include:

Global Impacts on Health

Toxicology: Food and Water

Lifestyles and Healthy Living

Management/Leadership in the Workplace

Living Off the Grid

New Frontiers in Environmental Health

The deadline for submissions is **October 31, 2008**.

Abstracts are to be no more than 1000 words and sent via e-mail or fax with your professional biography.

Please complete the Abstract Submission Form to begin the process. All submissions will be reviewed by the Education and Speaker Committee and a notice of decision will be sent by **November 30, 2008**.

For more details go to:

<http://members.shaw.ca/ciphi.conference2009/ciphi2009abstractpage.html>



Membership/Renewal Application Form 2008

I hereby make application for Membership (see list below) in the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. This application implies that membership is to continue until resignation is tendered, or until membership is discontinued under the conditions contained in the By-laws of the Institute. **(Complete sections with a "*"only, unless information has changed.)**

* Name: _____ * Date of Birth: _____
 _____ / _____ / _____
Surname First Middle Month Day Year

Home Address: _____
Street City Province Postal Code

Phone #: _____ / _____ E-mail address: _____

Work Phone #: _____ / _____ Fax #: _____ / _____ E-mail address: _____
Area Code Area Code

Present Employer: _____
Agency Street Address

Employer Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Code of Ethics - As a Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, I acknowledge:

That I have an obligation to the sciences and arts for the advancement of public health. I will uphold the standards of my profession, continually search for truths, and disseminate my findings; and I will strive to keep myself fully informed of the developments in the field of Public Health.

That I have an obligation to the public whose trust I hold and I will endeavour, to the best of my ability, to guard their interests honestly and wisely. I will be loyal to the government division or industry by which I am retained.

That the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

That being loyal to my profession, I will uphold the constitution and By-laws of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner worthy of my profession.

My signature hereon constitutes a realization of my personal responsibility to actively discharge these obligations.

* Signature: _____ * Date: _____

British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia/PEI	Nfld/Labrador
\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

* Payment is made by: Credit Card: .. Visa .. MasterCard .. American Express

Cheque Number on Card: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Money Order Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Employer (cheque attached) Name on Card: _____

Payroll Deduction

Spousal (2 PHI's/home) Signature: _____

-send forms together & deduct \$30 for one person, only one E.H.R. subscription will be received.

RESOURCES ORDER FORM

Agency:	Name:	Telephone:
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Date:	Courier/Account Number:	

Resource	Price	Quantity	Cost
<u>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE</u>			
Communicable Disease Fact Sheets are available on our website at www.ciphi.on.ca	FREE	Unlimited	\$0.00
Rabies Poster 11 X 17	\$0.75		
<u>INFECTION CONTROL</u>			
Handwash Sign	\$0.75		
Tattooing and Body Piercing Inspection Guide	\$25.00		
<u>FOOD SAFETY</u>			
Safe Food Handling Brochure	\$0.75		
Public Health Inspector Promotional Materials			
Public Health Inspector Brochure	\$1.15		
Public Health Inspector Display	FREE	CALL TO RESERVE	
	TOTAL:	\$	

Please send orders to: Oxford County Public Health
 c/o Peter Heywood, 410 Buller St., Woodstock ON N4S 4N2
 Email: pres-elect@ciphi.on.ca Phone: (519) 539-9800 Extension 3502 Fax: (519) 539-6206

Agency:	Name:	Telephone:
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Date:	Courier/Account Number:	



Ontario Branch News

*Please Visit
the Ontario Branch
website. Find out about
the latest branch news
and events.*

***Job postings
Are linked to the CIPHI
National website.***

*Take advantage of
resources like the CD fact
sheets.*

*Post information that you
would like other PHI's
across Ontario to see.*

www.ciphi.on.ca

The comments and opinions expressed in the Ontario Branch News are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editors, Publisher, the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors or any of its officers.

We reserve the right to edit material submitted, solicited or unsolicited, for brevity, clarity and grammatical accuracy. Material from this publication may only be reproduced with the permission of the Editor.

Look for our Next Issue..... Autumn 2008

If there is anything that you would like to see in the OBN let us know. Contact the Editor at: communications@ciphi.on.ca



C/O

Sandy Stevens

Brant County Health Unit

194 Terrace Hill St.

Brantford, ON N3R 1G7

communications@ciphi.on.ca