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President's Message



On March 26, 2018, the 2017-18 **School of Occupational and Public Health (SOPHe) Course Union** of Ryerson University, hosted the second annual SOPHe Gala, inviting students from their program, Ryerson alumni, and CIPHI certified public health professionals. Attendees included CIPHI Ontario President, Raymond Ramdayal, and Ryerson SOPHe Union President, Martha Hodge. For more information on this event, see page 11. Photograph courtesy of SOPHe Course Union.



Submitted by
Raymond Ramdayal
Toronto Public Health
CIPHI Ontario President

It is my pleasure to update you on recent activities and developments from CIPHI Ontario Branch.

The Ontario Branch Executive (OBEC) continues to work diligently on behalf of members, both current and future. We recognize the importance of advocating and supporting environmental public health professionals across Ontario. A key initiative for 2018 is our continued effort to enhance partnerships with Ryerson University and Conestoga College. We strive to be more visible and accessible to students entering public health as they shape the future of this profession. I am honoured to have attended various awards day ceremonies, research symposiums, gala dinners and, of course, our Pubs with PHIs events. Each time, I am impressed with the excitement and engagement students demonstrate towards

their future in public health.

As I reflect on the many conversations I have had with students, I am reminded of how competitive and demanding our field has become. Students are faced with anxiety and trepidation in securing a practicum position so that they may sit board exams with the BOC. CIPHI Ontario makes it a point to always lobby both health units and the province to ensure practicum training opportunities are made available. However, even with our best efforts competition will remain fierce and students must be innovative in creating opportunities to stand out from the rest of the crowd.

Speaking of standing out, public health students and inspectors alike came out in droves to participate in CIPHI Ontario's long lived traditional Softball Tournament held in the Region of Durham on June 8th and 9th. It was a perfect day with Peel Region taking home the grand prize. Congratulations to Peel and special thanks to the coordinators and volunteers at the Region of Durham Public Health for hosting a successful event.

Earlier this year, the Ontario Branch Executive Council also held a face-to-face meeting in London, Ontario where we also had the opportunity to meet with the amazing organizers of this year's conference. In addition, our National Executive Council also met in Toronto this year for our annual face-to-face meeting. We continue to work strategically in fine tuning our governance structure to meet the demands of mandatory membership and expanding the scope of our organization. This will benefit all environmental public health professionals and ultimately the clients we serve.

CIPHI Ontario Branch continues our close relationship with Public Health Ontario and we are thrilled to report our webinar series have been well attended and receive positive feedback. For over a year, we have offered lunchtime webinars on new and emerging topics in public and environmental health free of charge. This format validates results of the needs assessment survey where members told us they wanted more workshops. [\[Article continues on Page 2 \]](#)

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These webinars are accessible and can be easily viewed from any desktop, laptop, or personal digital device. If you missed the session live, webinars are archived on our YouTube channel. Sign up today for the next session by visiting the [PHO Events Calendar](#).

I am also pleased that CIPHI Ontario is on the brink of finalizing one of the largest investments in professional development we have seen in decades. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting venture!

We continue to strengthen our ties with ASPHIO and the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) by attending regular business meetings and having a united voice and shared vision. This has been particularly evident during this period of new standards, guidelines and protocols for Ontario's public health system. We welcome every opportunity when asked to participate as a vital stakeholder and represent the interests and needs of our members and the larger public health community.

Our 79th Annual Ontario Branch Educational conference is in London, Ontario from September 30th to October 3rd. This annual event has become one of the most anticipated conferences for public health professionals from across Canada. We have record setting numbers that rival other major conferences including our annual National Conference. I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers from the Middlesex London Health unit for all of their hard work and dedication in organizing what will surely be an amazing conference. For more details, please visit ciphilondon2018.ca.



Ryerson Research Symposium: CIPHI Ontario President, Raymond Ramdayal (far right) with 2018 winners and the Director of the School of Public and Occupational Health and Safety, Dr. Thomas Tenkate. Photograph from Ryerson University School of Occupational and Public Health provided by R. Ramdayal.

I wish to also thank the rest of the Executive and Working Group members who remain committed to serving CIPHI and its members. With this being my last year as President in your service, I am confident the future is bright and our organization will rise to places it has never been before.

Sincerely,

Raymond Ramdayal
President

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2018 CIPHI National Executive Committee



A photograph of the CIPHI National Executive Committee, taken at their annual face-to-face meeting held in Toronto, ON, on Sunday, April 15, 2018:

Back Row (L-R):

John Cannan, Ontario President-Elect),
Sara Baird, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island President
Kari Engele-Carter, National President-Elect
Casey Neathway, British Columbia President-Elect
Nina van der Pluijm, New Brunswick President
Gordon Moseley, British Columbia President
Ali Mana, Manitoba President

Front Row (L-R):

Gregory Barrett, Newfoundland & Labrador President
Raymond Ramdayal, Ontario President
Ann Thomas, National President
Kevin Kapell, Saskatchewan President
Geoffrey Tomko, Alberta President

Photograph shared by John Cannan.

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Please forward any questions, concerns, or interest in volunteering to one of the Ontario Branch Executive Council Members or Working Group Chairs.

Newsletter Submissions

To all members, tell us about your news! If you have information about new projects, personal milestones, past or upcoming events, informative or humorous work experiences, personal photographs, or if you are interested in being interviewed for the newsletter, send an e-mail to the Editor at:

Ontario Branch News Editor
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E-mail: editor@ciphi.on.ca

Article submission criteria:

- All topics must be relevant to the field of Public Health Inspection
- Articles must be submitted in MS Word
- Articles submitted should be approximately 150 words
- Feature articles should be a maximum of 500 words
- Feature articles will be determined by the editorial team
- Pictures should accompany articles where possible with proper information and credit

Please note that your article may be edited or shortened by the Editor to accommodate the space in each edition.

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Featured Article

Ralph Stanley retires after 38 years with Peel Region Health Department

Ralph Stanley's retirement is the culmination of an incredible career and the beginning of another chapter in life. His retirement sparked mixed emotions as many were excited but sad and just a bit melancholy at the prospect of losing him from the workforce.

Ralph was a certified PHI and Supervisor with the Region of Peel for 38 years. He is an expert in myriad public health areas and was the lead for Peel's Safe Water Program for many years. **Paul Callanan**, his Director said, "It's been great working with Ralph all these years. He is very reliable and his passion for the Safe Water Program has served both Peel residents and our profession well".

Ralph was involved in water policy for the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) Environmental Health work group, and led the Association of Supervisors of Public Health of Ontario (ASPPIO) Safe Water sub-committee. He was appointed by the then Minister of the Environment to serve as a public health representative on the expert Advisory Committee on Environmental Standards (ACES).

Ralph assisted an expert public health witness during testimony at the Walkerton Inquiry, and was appointed to the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC) Research Advisory Committee (RAC). He is a certified instructor for WCWC, specializing in small drinking water systems and was appointed to the National Standards Foundation (NSF) International Council of public health consultants as a voting member.

Ralph served as Trustee for the CIPHI Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) and is an active member of CIPHI and ASPPIO. He developed the safe water curriculum for the new environmental health degree program at Conestoga College and is a part time instructor.

Ralph has been recognized for his contributions to public health as follows:

- President's Award from ASPPIO
- Lilli Ann Zahara Award from the EHFC
- CIPHI Ontario Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Health
- Lifetime member of OPHA

"I applaud Ralph for his 38 years of service and the many achievements over his career in Peel", said Ralph's Manager, **Danny Martin**.

Ralph is admirable for his dedication to our profession, enthusiasm on-and off-ice at curling bonspiels; organizing trophies for CIPHI softball and golf tournaments; attending re-



Recognizing a legend: Ron Marchand (left) presenting a personalized Toronto Maple Leafs jersey to retiree, Ralph Stanley (right) at his sold out retirement party. The customized Stanley Cup trophy listed 15 public health associations that Ralph was involved with over his 38-year career.

Bottom Left: Ralph Stanley with CIPHI Ontario President, Raymond Ramdayal (left)
Bottom Right: Ralph Stanley with friends. *Photographs by Ron Marchand.*



tirements, funerals, weddings and most recently, the late **Ron de Burger** putting challenge. Ralph goes to all of them.

Peel Associate Medical Officer of Health, **Dr. Lawrence Lo**, performed a phenomenal tenor 'a cappella' tribute to "Ralph's 38 years with Peel, congrats on a stellar career".

Surprisingly to Ralph, a sold-out crowd of 150 people from across the province joined his family at his retirement celebration buffet dinner in mid-February. It was a time of solemn reflections, worthy tributes, time to connect with colleagues, friends and family to wish him a meaningful and happy retirement.

Ralph was presented with "Stanley Cup" memorabilia which was engraved with the 15 associations with which he was involved. This gift was complemented by a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey with the words "Number 1 Stanley" inscribed on the back. He was presented with gifts from the CIPHI EHFC and CIPHI Ontario Presidents.

Ralph made an emotional speech thanking his guests and trusted confidants. The convivial atmosphere was boundless and catalyzed cheerfulness, the aura of laughter, plentiful funny stories, and glowing tributes. It was a time for cementing friendship and reminiscing on a stellar career.

Congratulations Ralph on your retirement, life has officially accorded you the right to splurge, enjoy and relax.

Respectively submitted,

Dennis Persaud

Peel Region Health Department

Featured Article

Vivian Hu retires after 30 years with Toronto Public Health



Vivian Hu is retiring after 30 years with Toronto Public Health. Photograph shared by C. Loik, M. Kalabis, and M. Kostovski.

After 30 years with Toronto Public Health, **Vivian Hu** is moving on to the next chapter of her life...retirement. Vivian has been a valuable member of the Healthy Environments (HE) division working in both the food safety and health hazard programs.

Throughout her career, Vivian proved to be a dedicated employee and colleague. She took pride in her work, was a team player, and you could count on Vivian to get the job done with the utmost professionalism.

Along with her day-to-day work, Vivian took on additional tasks including the Legal Committee, Student Training Committee, Communication and Editorial Committee, and was a United Way Divisional Representative.

Vivian's contribution to Toronto Public Health did not stop here. She conducted Food Handler Certification classes for the Chinese community, appeared on Fairchild TV discussing food safety, was an examiner for the Board of Certification for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI), and remains an active member of CIPHI.

Outside of her work life, Vivian is an active member of her community. She is a member of a chamber choir, a board member at a swim club, and parent council executive member. For her efforts with the swim club, she was awarded volunteer of the year. Currently, Vivian is a counsellor for a group of young people at a local church and is helping a Syrian refugee family settle and adjust to life in Canada.

Clearly, Vivian has had an impact on her community through her work and personal endeavours.

Vivian is best described as a kind, considerate, generous, dedicated team player, who always takes pride in whatever she does. Her absence from HE will be felt by those who worked closely with her and although we will miss her, we are happy that she will now pursue other interests.

We wish Vivian nothing but the best as she embarks on this new chapter of her life.

Respectively submitted,

Cathy Loik, Margaret Kalabis, and Maryanne Kostovski
Toronto Public Health

Conestoga College Pub With PHIs Night

On March 23, 2018, the Conestoga College Environmental Health Program and CIPHI Ontario hosted a Pubs With PHIs night at Borealis Grille & Bar.

These events are a great opportunity for students and public health professionals to network with each other. We look forward to collaborating for future events.

Thank you to Jaimie Short and Kate Beath for sharing this fun group photo!



Featured Article

Ken Gorman retires from Durham Region Health Department in May 2018

After 40 years in Public Health, **Ken Gorman**, Director of Health Protection at the Durham Region Health Department retired on May 31, 2018. Ken has been a superb leader in Public Health and his passion for the profession is admirable!

Ken started his career as a Public Health Inspector in Peel Region in 1978, moving to Scarborough Health Department in 1980, and joined Durham Region in 1999. During his tenure in Scarborough, he was a PHI, a Senior PHI in IDPC/IPAC, and a manager and A/Director for Environmental Health and Infectious Diseases. After amalgamation, he became the Healthy Environments Manager for East Region (Scarborough and East York) and during 1999 the Chair/Acting Director for HE for Toronto Public Health.

Ken has a long and distinguished career and extensive schooling. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto in Fresh Water Biology, Certificate in Public Health Inspection from Ryerson, Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety and Certificate in Infection Prevention & Control, Masters Certificate in Municipal Management, and several post-graduate MBA courses.

Ken has participated on numerous boards and planning tables including alPHA, ASPHIO, CIPHI and the MOHLTC. He was on the alPHA Board of Directors for 10 years, led the development and implementation of ASPHIO Guidelines for Farmers Markets and Special Events, is a past president of ASPHIO, member of the CIPHI ON Branch Regulated Health Profession Working Group, and many other endeavors.

A call out was made to friends and colleagues to add reflections for this article; the response was overwhelming! A few words from those who know Ken best:

“Ken has always looked after his staff by making sure there’s always money in the budget for conferences. Also, he always hosted a wine and cheese party (out of his own pocket) in his suite before the banquet.” — **Henry Chong**

“Many of our colleagues have been influenced by Ken Gorman, whether they realize it or not. He has been on many professional committees and organizations that resulted in change to the practice of environmental public health. This includes, but is not limited to, the Provincial Technical Review Committee which developed the 2008 OPHS and Protocols, participation and influence in the development of the CIPHI CPC Program, Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, and a founding member of CIPHI’s Council of Professional Experience (CoPE). He has influenced the public health family of professionals through the leadership of ASPHIO as president, and as an alPHA Board of Director member. During Ken’s career, he developed many contacts and connections. When an issue is identified it isn’t long before Ken’s perspective is reflected in the proposed resolution. It is without a doubt that there will be a void to fill when Ken retires.” — **Klaus Seeger**

“Ken is not only a fantastic person and true leader in his professional life but also in his personal life. He always goes the extra mile in helping to organize all his buds every year by setting up the famous golf adventure annually to Myrtle Beach. I would describe Ken as the essence of the ultimate public health professional and leader. Ken should be described as a very wise, learned, calm, rational and logical public health professional.” — **Ralph Stanley**



Ken Gorman (left) spending time doing what he loves—golfing with friends. Ken retired on May 31, 2018 from the Durham Region Health Department. Photograph shared by R. McArthur.

“Kenny G was my manager in the old City of Scarborough and with his thoughtful management style inspired myself and many others to reach our full potential and move into senior positions or management. Kenny has always been a trusted colleague and friend, and there is not a day that goes by that I don’t aspire to be like Ken. He is one in a million and will be dearly missed by all” - **Elaine Pacheco**

Ken’s retirement party was hosted on June 22, 2018 to celebrate his success and bid him farewell as he steps into the next phase of his life.

Respectively Submitted,

Rachael McArthur
Durham Region Health Department



Public Health Inspectors of the Durham Region Health Department celebrating the arrival of Hedgehog 5; **Ken Gorman** is in the back row (approximately sixth from the left). Photograph shared by R. McArthur.

Featured Article

2017 CIPHI Environmental Health Foundation of Canada Awards



The [Environmental Health Foundation of Canada](#) (EHFC) is the charitable arm of CIPHI, a national, not-for-profit organization established for advancing environmental public health in Canada and internationally through charitable, education and research initiatives.

The EHFC recognizes nominated members of CIPHI for their efforts related to food safety, water protection, recreational water, leadership qualities, communications, and research in the scope of environmental public health practice. There are presently nine awards offered by the EHFC. In 2017, the EHFC selected seven nominations for CIPHI Ontario members for five awards, totaling \$3,500.

Congratulations to award recipients for their dedicated work and furthering public health education and knowledge. Thank you to the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada for your recognition and support of CIPHI Ontario members.

To learn more about 2017 award recipients, nominating a CIPHI member, or applying for the Continuing Education award, please visit the [Awards](#) section of the EHFC website for criteria, forms, deadlines, and five of the EHFC awards. For information on additional awards, follow these links:

- [Canadian Water and Wastewater Association of Safe Water Award](#)
- [Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award](#)
- [Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award](#)
- [National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Ron de Burger Student Award](#)

For more information on the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, please visit their website at <http://www.ehfc.ca>, or follow updates on Twitter ([@ehfccca](#)) and Facebook (CIPHI Environmental Health Foundation of Canada [@EHFCA](#)).

Our Apologies

The CIPHI Ontario Communications Working Group expresses our sincere apologies for errors printed in the "Awards for CIPHI Ontario Members" article that was published in the Conference/Winter 2018 edition of the Ontario Branch Newsletter.

Thank you to **Pamela Scharfe**, Chair of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada, for your assistance in providing corrections, and for sharing photographs of all of the 2017 Awards recipients.

Clifford Van Alstyne Award



Rylan Yade (centre) flanked by his manager, **Holly Browne** (L), and **Cynthia Peacock-Rocca** (R), his nominator



Dennis Persaud (L) is photographed with **Pamela Scharfe**, his nominator **Danny Martin**, and EHFC Trustee **Ralph Stanley** (R)

2017 Recipients: Rylan Yade, CPHI(C), Public Health Sudbury & Districts, and Dennis Persaud, CPHI(C), Peel Region Public Health

The [Clifford Van Alstyne Award](#) is a **\$1000 award** and certificate to recognize a CIPHI (regular) member for their commitment, involvement or innovation in the field of environmental public health, with a focus on communication within the national environmental public health community. This was the first year the Clifford Van Alstyne Award was presented, and Cliff's family who generously fund this award, had input in choosing these two very deserving recipients who shared the award.

EHFC Continuing Education Award

2017 Recipient: Danny Martin, CPHI(C)
Peel Region Public Health

The [EHFC Continuing Education Award](#) is a **\$500 award** and certificate presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member enrolled in a single course or program.

*In the photograph to the right, **Danny Martin** (centre) is flanked by EHFC Trustee **Ralph Stanley** (L), and **Pamela Scharfe** (R).*



Hedgerow Software Inc. Leadership in Environmental Health Award

2017 Recipient: Michelle Marcus, CPHI(C)
Middlesex-London Health Unit

The [Hedgerow Software Inc. Leadership in Environmental Health Award](#) is a **\$500 award** and certificate recognizing a CIPHI (regular) member in any position or role who demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and inspired excellence and professional integrity in the field of Environmental Health.

*In the photograph to the right, **Michelle Marcus** (centre), is flanked by **Pamela Scharfe** (L) and **Neil Grinwis** (R), President & CEO, Hedgerow Software Inc.*



Lilli Ann Zahara Award

2017 Recipient: Ramien Sereshk, CPHI(C)
Halton Region Health Department

The [Lilli Ann Zahara Award](#) is a **\$500 award** and certificate recognizing a CIPHI (regular) member for displaying the highest level of dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of environmental health, with a focus on food safety and/or health education.

*In the photograph to the right, **Ramien Sereshk** (L) is with **Pamela Scharfe** (R).*



National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International Food Safety Award



***Becky Hester** (centre) flanked by her Supervisor and nominator, **Bernard Mayer** (L), and her Director, **Joe LaMarca** (R)*



***Kara Flannigan** (L) with **Dr. Marlen Spruyt**, Medical Officer of Health (centre), and **Jonathon Bouman** (R), Manager and nominator*

2017 Recipients: Becky Hester, CPHI(C), York Region Public Health, and Kara Flannigan, CPHI(C), Algoma Public Health

The [National Sanitation Foundation \(NSF\) International Food Safety Award](#) is a **\$1,000 award** and certificate recognizing a CIPHI (regular) member for outstanding contributions promoting food safety in Canada. This year the NSF who generously fund this award, had input in choosing two deserving award recipients who shared the award.

News

2017 Member Dues Infographic

CIPHI Ontario members are familiar with the \$200 membership dues paid to CIPHI National each year to maintain their membership status, and to receive member benefits, such as discounted registration fees at conferences, and health club membership savings.

The “How We Use Your Dues” infographic was originally developed in 2016 by **Kate Beath**, CIPHI Ontario Secretary-Treasurer, with support from **Lori Holmes**, CIPHI Ontario Membership Support & Engagement Councillor, to provide information on Ontario membership, and how your membership dues are used within our branch. Values in this graphic are based on membership numbers from 2017.

CIPHI Ontario has the largest membership base across all branches, representing nearly 43% of all members on a National scale. CIPHI Ontario was represented by nearly 750 members in 2017, with nearly 500 regular memberships.

Although the number of Student Memberships has offered invaluable support to both CIPHI National and CIPHI Ontario for our designation and organization, the money from membership dues for Student Member registrations was not included in this infographic, as only Regular Member registrations contribute to the CIPHI Ontario budget.

The \$50 received from each Regular Membership registration contributes to costs associated with national and provincial conferences, awards and bursaries, educational opportunities including workshops and the CIPHI Ontario Seminar Series, as well as supporting the CIPHI Ontario volunteers and working groups who help support our branch on a day-to-day basis.

For questions about this infographic, please contact Kate Beath at treasurer@ciphi.on.ca.

2018 CIPHI Membership:

If you haven't already renewed your membership for this year, it's never too late to do so.

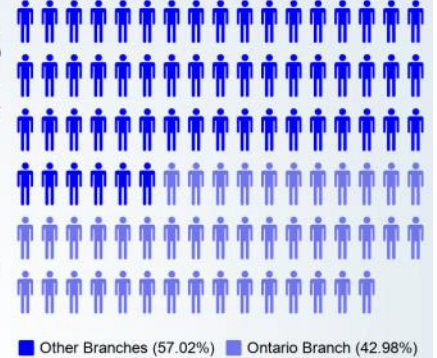
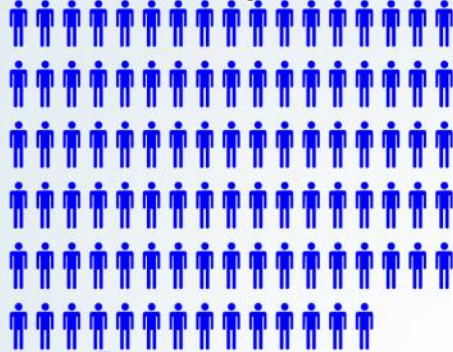
Login to the CIPHI Membership Service Centre at <http://www.ciphimember.ca>

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Print and submit the renewal form from <http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/apply-en.pdf>

HOW WE USE YOUR DUES

CIPHI Membership All Branches



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Number of regular members in Ontario*

* only money from regular members contributes to the CIPHI Ontario budget



The cost of a regular membership in Ontario is \$200 per year.

Did You Know...

That for every regular membership CIPHI Ontario receives a \$50 rebate from National?

The \$50 helps contribute to:



Data Sources:
- 2017 Membership Summary

Featured Article

The CIPHI Ontario Professional Development Working Group Wants *You!*

In the Fall of 2016, the MOHLTC and CIPHI Ontario conducted a needs assessment survey for Ontario Certified Public Health Inspectors (PHIs).

Not surprisingly, 95% of respondents believe on-going professional development is important to career development. This aligns with an abundance of evidence demonstrating professional development is an important driver for employee engagement and motivation¹.

To address this need and to support the Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) program, the CIPHI Ontario Professional Development Working Group (PDWG) is working to expand professional development opportunities.

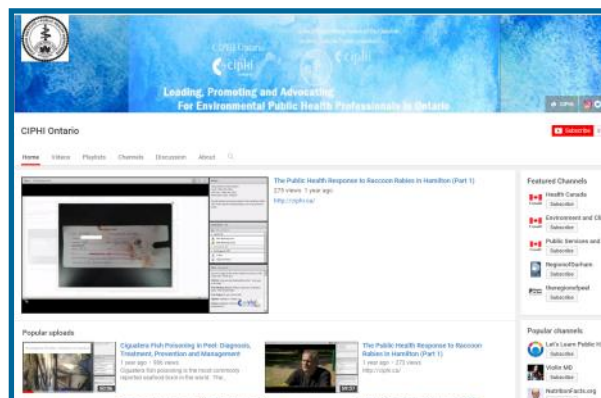
PDWG members liaise with other CIPHI Ontario working groups and/or external stakeholders promoting and advocating for the profession. For example, they find speakers for the monthly **PHI Seminar Series** co-hosted with Public Health Ontario and maintain the [CIPHI Ontario YouTube channel](#) to make monthly seminars available.

The PDWG is always looking for ideas, topics and speakers to contribute and enhance PHI learning and development. Environmental Health Protection continuously evolves and presents new challenges for PHIs.

The PDWG hosts the PHI Seminar Series to support PHIs with these challenges. There is interesting work being done by PHIs across the province and the PDWG is looking for your ideas, research and field examples to support the professional development needs of PHIs. Please submit ideas, feedback or suggest a topic to present by contacting professional@ciphi.on.ca

Resources:

¹ Settles, A., "Employee Engagement Linked to Professional Development", *Bradley University Executive Development Center*, Nov 2009, found at: <http://www.peoriomagazines.com/ibi/2009/nov/employee-engagement-linked-professional-development>



Visit the **CIPHI Ontario YouTube channel** to watch recordings of presentations from the CIPHI Ontario Seminar Series co-hosted with Public Health Ontario. Watch the latest seminar titled "Geared Towards Compliance: A Regulatory Training Program for Public Pool & Spa Operators" online [here](#).



Ryerson University Professional Development Day

In January 2018, the Ryerson University School of Occupational and Public Health Course Union held a Professional Development Day with several expert panel members. Ryerson students networked with panel members, had professional photos taken at the LinkedIn photo booth, and the Student Course Union had a resume and cover letter workshop.

The event was at room capacity and the variety of panel experience was well received. Panel members included **Eric Devine**, an Infection Control Practitioner at University Hospital Network, **Frances Tsotsos**, a Public Health Inspector of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, **Xavier Cifuantes**, an Occupational Health and Safety Supervisor at Obayashi Corporation, **Kaitlyn Irving**, a Masters of Public Health Candidate, **Ellen Stephanie Reyes**, a Research Coordinator at Ryerson, and **Servan Grigoros**, previously a Toronto Public Health Vectorborne Operator.

The event received tremendously positive feedback from students who also enjoyed networking with panel members in smaller groups.

Photographs courtesy of the Ryerson SOPHe Course Union.

Environmental Public Health School News

Ryerson University's SOPHe Course Union Hosts Second Annual Gala

The annual Ryerson School of Occupational and Public Health (SOPHe) Gala was hosted on March 16th, 2018 at Hart House in Toronto, by the SOPHe Course Union.

Students from the Public and Occupational Health programs, Ryerson alumni, and CIPHI professionals were in attendance. The night included a delicious three course dinner, followed by an evening of dancing, and a fun photo booth for all to enjoy.



SOPHe Gala: Attendees, including students, Ryerson alumni, and CIPHI professionals, listen to an address from the SOPHe Course Union.

After establishing the first gala last year, the course union wanted to continue this opportunity for their students to enjoy a wonderful social night of networking with their fellow peers.

Throughout this year, the course union have provided many social and professional events for their student body. After a second successful gala, we can look forward to another in 2019.



2017-18 SOPHe Course Union: The SOPHe Course Union planned, organized, and hosted the second annual gala for students, alumni, and working professionals. Photograph courtesy of SOPHe Course Union.

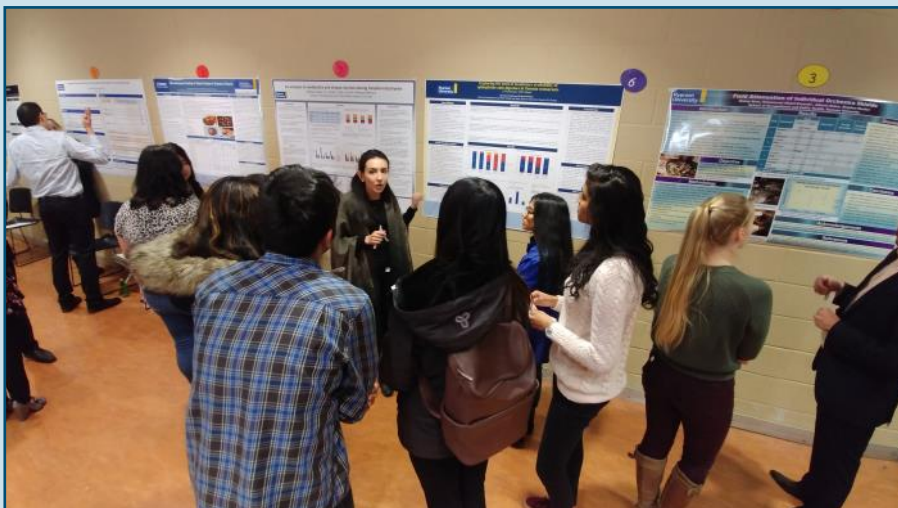
SOPHe Pubs with PHIs (Winter 2018)

On February 27, 2018, the SOPHe Course Union hosted another Pub with PHIs event at Ryerson University.

Public Health students mingled and networked with active Public Health Inspectors from Toronto Public Health and Hastings & Prince Edward County Public Health. Students connected with industry professionals and learned about the Public Health field.

Please join us for our next pub night!

Photograph courtesy of the SOPHe Course Union.



Research thrives at Ryerson

In April, the School of Occupational and Public Health hosted a Student Research Symposium. Colleagues in the field joined students to review 22 diverse research projects.

Topics ranged from the microbiological quality of steak tartare to food safety messaging for the immunocompromised.

Missed this event? Look for poster presentations at the CIPHI Ontario Annual Educational Conference this September!

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News

Sweeping Sickness knocks out competitors at the 2018 CIPHI Curling Bonsel

Over the last weekend of January, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health hosted the 2018 CIPHI Curling Bonsel in Belleville. Due to the size of the curling arena only 16 teams could participate, and the event sold out in a day and a half. Unfortunately, due to the quick sell-out a team of students were unable to register. Plans for a new club which might boast 6 sheets are in the works (this would allow 24 teams).

The Friday night social event at the Belleville Club, a historic, 19th century, brick building boasts a winding staircase entry and two floors of dining and meeting rooms. Guests were treated to a great evening with local band the "The Celtic Kitchen Party" providing East Coast style music. Event organizers were assisted by three students from Conestoga College (**Heather Bond**, **Emily Butler** and **Blake Schwartzentruber**) who helped sell 50/50 tickets, ran the curling score card and a host of other assignments. They were invaluable to the success of the event. The Friday night social was also noted as a milestone for **Lynn** and **Eric Serwotka** who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

A format change ensured all teams arrived at the curling club early Saturday morning. This year, curling games scored points for teams on the ice, while those waiting off-ice played mini-putt, darts and shuffleboard to supplement their score. This format allowed teams who were not curling superstars to score additional points and improve their overall standing. Participants said they had a great time on and off the ice.

Sweeping Sickness from Kingston Public Health won the bonsel and took home the trophy. **The Hackline Hackers** from Simcoe Muskoka won the Toilet Bowl award with the lowest score (play like a captain). A turkey shoot also took place where participants shot one curling stone at a frozen turkey placed in the middle of the arena. **Brad Manning** from Sudbury threw the closest stone and took home the prize.

Following a great turkey dinner and handing out of prizes, a small social gathering resumed back at the hotel. The evening slowly drew to a close as curlers gathered in the hotel's social room to swap stories, tell tall tales and make new friends. Middlesex-London Health Unit will host the 2019 curling bonsel. We look forward to seeing curlers in 2019 and hope to see student teams.

Respectively submitted,

John Cannan

Hastings Prince Edward Country Public Health



The **Sweeping Sickness**, winners of the 2018 Curling Bonsel trophy. L to R: **Jacques Beauvais**, **Ed Gardner**, **Cindy Lee**, **Andrew Hanna**, and **Leanne Addicott**



The **Hackline Hackers**, winners of the 2018 Toilet Bowl Award. L to R: **Megan McCabe**, **Melissa Watson**, **Lori Holmes** and **Megan MacDuff**

2018 Curling Bonsel Team Photos



EPH students (Emily Butler, Blake Schwartzentruber, and Heather Bond) keeping score



Get Your Sheet Together



On The Rocks



Edged In Stone



The Noble Beavers



Alan and the Hamburglers



The Weak Enders



The Big Sheeeeeeeets



Hard Rock Bling



Norine, Alicia, and the Beach Boys



The Eastcoast Lifestyle



Lords of the Ring



The Sheet Disturbers



The Eight Enders

Upcoming CIPHI Ontario Events

CIPHI Ontario PHI Seminar Series

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 12:00pm

CIPHI Ontario and Public Health Ontario

This month's PHI Seminar Series will feature three presentations by Ryerson University students:

- The Missing Ingredient: Food Safety Messages on Popular Recipe Blogs by Emily Morrison
- Use of infrared thermometers to predict internal temperature of meat products and improve food safety compliance by Chirag Rohit
- An Online Review of the Food Safety Information Available for Immune-Compromised Individuals in Ontario by Eman Alas

For more information on presentations, speakers, and to register, please visit the event [here](#).

2018 CIPHI National Annual Education Conference

Sunday, September 16, 2018 to Wednesday, October 19, 2018

Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The 84th CIPHI Annual Educational Conference will be hosted in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, with a focus on *The Path Forward*, in recognition of the ever-changing scope of public health.

The conference will demonstrate the current and future paths in public health across the country, by looking at three streams of *creating what is possible, embracing what is changing, and collaborating across boundaries*.

The conference will host presenters from around the country speaking on topics such as ethnic and locally grown foods, rabies prevention programs, lead in daycare drinking water, and responding to international disaster relief.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.ciphi.ca/aec2018/>



2018 CIPHI Ontario Annual Education Conference

Sunday, September 30, 2018 to Wednesday, October 3, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton, London, Ontario

Hosted by Middlesex London Health Unit



Today's world is changing rapidly and the profession of Public Health will be required to adapt to keep pace. Whether it be emerging diseases, changes in technology, variations in climate or thinking socially about our determinants of health, Public Health plays a key role in meeting the challenges of today and beyond. Therefore, the theme of the conference is to focus on: *Modernizing Public Health Practice for Today's Environment*. The conference will be hosted by the Middlesex-London Health Unit in London, Ontario.

Conference attendees are in for treat with this year's keynotes. Kicking things off on Monday is bestselling author Dr. Samantha Nutt, an award-winning humanitarian who has been at the frontline of many of the world's major crises. Launching a packed Tuesday schedule is Dr. Craig Stephen, Executive Director of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative and an internationally-recognized expert on emerging zoonotic disease. Topping things off on Wednesday is CBC Radio favourite Dr. Brian Goldman, known for taking listeners behind the scenes of the health care world on his show *White Coat, Black Art*.

Conference presenters will speak on a variety of topics including the importance of initial case interviews in foodborne outbreak investigations, needle recovery and harm reduction strategies, radon gas, progressive enforcement, cannabis, and food handler education. The full conference schedule can be seen [here](#).

The Middlesex-London Health Unit has planned some exciting events for conference attendees, including the annual golf tournament at the Forest City National Golf Course on Sunday, a social night filled with bull-riding and line dancing at the Bull & Barrell on Monday, and the President's Gala on Tuesday.

Don't miss out! Register now for the 2018 CIPHI Ontario Annual Education Conference by visiting <https://www.ciphilondon2018.ca/>.

Final Thoughts

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Find CIPHI Ontario online on your favourite social media outlet for the most up-to-date news and events throughout the province, including upcoming events, webinars, and opportunities to share your knowledge. Remember, if you missed one of the CIPHI Ontario Seminar Series webinars, you can view a recording on the CIPHI Ontario YouTube page.

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Our Next Edition

We are looking forward to working on our next edition of the Ontario Branch Newsletter, and, as always, we are interested in hearing about your stories, projects, photographs, and events focused on public and environmental health.

Some on-going and upcoming features include:

- Interviews with retired public health inspectors and recently certified public health inspectors
- Interviews with certified members who are working for organizations outside of public health units
- Awards, retirements, tributes to members in passing
- Updates from Environmental Health programs at Ryerson University and Conestoga College

If you are interested in being interviewed or contributing an article or photograph to the next edition of the Ontario Branch Newsletter, please send an e-mail to the OBN Editor at editor@ciphi.on.ca, or the Communications Working Group at cwg@ciphi.on.ca.

Written content is requested in an MS Word format, and photographs are requested with credits and a description.

Contributions for our next edition are requested by [Friday, October 12, 2018](#).



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