

Report of the
Environmental Health Foundation of Canada
for the
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
Annual General Meeting
July, 1994

I am pleased to present this fifth report and my first as Chair, to the members of the C.I.P.H.I. on behalf of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (E.H.F.C.). At the E.H.F.C. annual meeting in **London Ontario** on **July 21, 1993** the Board of Trustees regretfully accepted Tim Roark's resignation as Chair. However, he has consented to remain on the board as Vice-Chair. We have benefitted from his vision, initiative, and leadership in establishing the E.H.F.C. as a charitable organization, and look forward to his continuing support.

As required by the regulations of the EHFC, the National Executive Council nominated a Branch President to the Board of Trustees. The Foundation welcomes Michael Reid, Ontario Branch President to the Board.

The officers of the Foundation currently are as follows:

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Klaus Seeger</i>
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Tim Roark</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Charlie Young</i>
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Following is an update of the projects initiated by the Foundation:

Aboriginal Students — Environmental Health Programme

The first year of sending two aboriginal Canadian students (Colleen Boulanger & Keith Smith) to BCIT to take the Environmental Health programme has been completed. Unfortunately, one of the students (Colleen Boulanger) had to withdraw after the first semester for personal reasons. We wish her well in future endeavours. Funding and support has been provided by the Indian and Inuit Health Careers Division of Health Canada and is gratefully acknowledged. Tim Roark coordinated the transfer of funds to the students and Richard Taki provided counselling for all other areas.

Through diligent perseverance Peter Rogers was able to obtain sponsorship funding for Keith Smith to complete his practicum during the summer. Keith will be receiving his training with the Winnipeg Health Department, Province of Manitoba Ministry of Environment, and on various Reserves through the Medical Services Branch. There is also a possibility for an opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time with the Swampy Cree Tribal Council in The Pas.

Mr. Smith will be completing his twelve week field practicum this year and graduating from the programme at BCIT in the Spring of 1995. Unless there is a Spring (May) sitting of the Board of Certification for Oral Examinations there will be a five month gap until the October examinations. For Mr. Smith and any other candidates looking for Certification this five month period would be lost time for any employment opportunities which may become available.

Contact with the Ontario Region Advisor of the Indian and Inuit Health Careers Division of Health Canada and Ryerson Polytechnic University has also been initiated to explore the extension of this project to other areas of Canada.

Bob Herbison Bursary

The *Bob Herbison Bursary* is awarded annually to a deserving student who is attending the Environmental Health programme at BCIT. An official notice/request for donations has been sent out initially to BCIT Environmental Health alumni to help ensure that the needed maintenance funds are topped up for the future. All donations are tax deductible when funds are received through the EHFC. The donation request to the *Bob Herbison Bursary* are not limited to BCIT alumni and an invitation is extended to everyone.

Donations to the EHFC

Funds for the operation of projects may be donated, bequeathed; given as a gift; or provided through a trust or an inheritance. All monies received are tax deductible and an official receipt will be issued. Our charitable organization registration number is 0884387-19. Please send your donation of \$50, \$70, \$100 or more to support projects of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada and help establish new initiatives. Attached is an introductory information package of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada. (Note: Additional copies will be available during the conference.) Pamphlets and a fundraising strategy will be developed by a Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in participating or know of someone who is, please let me know.

Temperature Symbols

The proposal for internationally accepted temperature symbols is progressing slowly. The intent is to use them on perishable foods to remind consumers, retailers, and foodhandlers what the safe storage temperatures for food are.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Klaus Seeger
Chair