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EHFC Annual Report for the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Annual General Meeting, Winnipeg June 14, 2001

The twelfth annual meeting of the EHFC was held on April 9, 2000 in Vancouver during the CIPHI conference. On behalf of the Board of Trustees (the Board) I am pleased to present a summary of our activities during the last twelve months.

Since our last AGM the Board has welcomed two new trustees, Marilyn Lee, Ryerson Polytechnic University, and Paul Medeiros, Burger King. It is a pleasure to have Paul and Marilyn on the Board. Not only will we gain their perspective from the industry and education fields, but they are also both certified public health inspectors providing additional insight to help the Foundation in its work. Public health inspectors who are interested in participating as a trustee in the work of the Foundation may contact Tim Roark, Nomination Committee Chair.

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TempSafe Programme

The **TempSafe** food safety temperature symbols are becoming very popular for use as a prompt to remind food handlers and consumers alike as to what the safe food temperature should be. The **TempSafe** temperature symbols, *Safety is Cold™*, *Froid, C'est Sûr!™*, *Safety is Hot™*, *Chaud, C'est Sûr!™*, and *Safety is Frozen™*, *Congelé, C'est Sûr!™*, are now available in a fridge magnet format to help out as prompts. In addition, the *Safety is Hot™*, *Chaud, C'est Sûr!™*, symbol is a great prompt and reminder on the hot holding temperature for food in a deli display, buffet table, soup or crock pot.

All three symbols are available for purchase as fridge magnets and lapel pins in both French and English. There is an option to have your health agency or organization name included on the magnets. Please contact Tim Roark, Treasurer for a price list and quantity prices for our temperature symbols and other products available from the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada. I.e. Sewage maintenance video and education programme, groundwater protection video and education programme.

All CIPHI Branches and their members are encouraged to promote and use the products of the Foundation. The videos and the *Safety Is...* fridge magnets are designed to enhance the education public health inspectors provide. Your support will help ensure that other projects can be implemented and additional tools developed.

National Consumer Food Safety Campaign

FightBAC![™] is a national public awareness campaign to spread the message that food-borne illness can be reduced by following four simple steps, **CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK & CHILL**. The Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education, (*Partnership*) is a coalition of more than 62 of Canada's major stakeholders in the food sector, including government, consumer, and health groups. As a founding member of the Partnership, the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) has played an active role in the development of the Canadian campaign. All health departments and public health inspectors are invited to join the campaign.

The Canadian version of the **FightBAC!**[™] Grade 4-7 learning programme kit has been completed and has been launched this past April. There are local and regional launches planned in other provinces. Ask for what's happening in your area. A media kit to assist the local launches is available from the Canadian **FightBAC!**[™] Partnership. The learning programme, complete with a Canadian produced video, is available from the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education. All school boards of education in Canada received information and a sample kit. The Partnership will also be represented at the Canadian Boards of Education conference in Calgary this July.

The **TempSafe** temperature symbols will enhance your participation in the **FightBAC!**[™] Campaign by reminding consumers of the temperatures needed to keep food safe after they "Cook" or "Chill" food. The **TempSafe** fridge magnets are some of the tools which can be used as prompts for the food safety messages we are all using like those in the **FightBAC!**[™] campaign.

Septic System Maintenance Pure & Simple Video Programme

The video and brochure continues to sell successfully across Canada. We now have significant interest from some of our neighbours to the south with a large order of videos being filled for a health department in Michigan.

The pamphlets which accompany the video are now available in French, Cantonese and Punjabi. Overhead colour transparencies and slides from the video, plus a poster are also available. The video is an excellent addition to any library. Obtain an order form for prices of the video and other items of the package. Discounts are available for large quantity orders.

Groundwater Protection Video

The video and brochure continue to be available for purchase. The targeted age group is for those in grades 8-9 and will enhance any environmental studies programme. Discounts are available for large quantity orders.

A memorial fund has been established, in memory of Ed Fleming, a PHI from Ontario, through the Foundation (EHFC) which will direct funds received to projects related to providing safe water. Funds donated are eligible for an official tax receipt. The 'www.groundwater.protection' is an educational half-hour video on groundwater. Topics include: what is groundwater, why it is important, how it gets contaminated and how people can help protect the resource. The video is easy to follow and animation makes it appealing to both kids and adults.

The initial objective will be to have it available in every library in the Sudbury and District region. The secondary objective is to have the video available in every library located in Ontario. Once the first two objectives are accomplished then other provinces will be the focus. The ultimate goal of Phase I will be to have this video available on loan in all libraries in Canada. Each video will have a label attached that indicates it was a donation to the library made possible from the Ed Fleming Memorial Fund through the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada.

Donations to the EHFC

Funds for the operation of projects may be donated, bequests made, given as a gift, or provided through a trust or an inheritance. The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada is a registered charity and when a gift is given of \$200 or less, a 17% tax credit will be given when filing your income tax return. However, up to 29% tax credit is available above the \$200 annual donation. Donations can also be directed for specified projects. Donations can now be made with your VISA card. All monies received are tax deductible and an official receipt will be issued. **Our charitable organization registration number is 870968377 RR 0001. Please send your donation of \$50, \$70, \$100 or more to support projects of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada to P.O. Box 5367, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3J1.**

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I would like to thank the Trustees for their hard work and input into the Foundation's projects. It is all volunteer time and it is their work that allows the projects to become a reality.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member or Foundation Trustee on the Board, please contact Tim Roark or myself. Please refer to the EHFC Web site for further information: <http://www.ciphi.ca/ehfc/mainmenu.htm>

Respectfully Submitted,

Klaus Seeger
Chair

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