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EHFC Annual Report For the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Annual General Meeting, Fredericton, New Brunswick July 30, 2002

The **thirteenth** annual general meeting of the EHFC was held on **June 10, 2001 in Winnipeg, Manitoba** during the CIPHI conference. On behalf of the Board of Trustees (the Board) a summary of activities since the previous AGM follows.

One new trustee was endorsed by the Board since the last AGM. Shendra Brisdon, a Public Health Inspector from British Columbia was welcomed to the January 2002 regular meeting of the Board. Shendra brings a front line public health perspective to the Board. She has been an active member in the Manitoba and British Columbia. Branches

The Board also regretfully accepted the retirement of Charlie Young, from the Foundation. Charlie was one of the appointed CIPHI representatives on the Board and is a founding member of the Foundation. Charlie was instrumental in helping establish several of our major projects. I.e. Sewage Maintenance video, Groundwater video, TempSafe symbols, aboriginal PHI student education sponsorship and others. He was Treasurer from the Foundation's inaugural meeting until 2000 when Tim Roark assumed the duties. A recognition award was presented to Charlie during the 2001 CIPHI conference in Winnipeg.

Scott MacLean's term as Branch Presidents' representative on the Board also concluded with the 2001 AGM. The Board will miss the perspective that both Charlie and Scott brought to the work of the Foundation.

Appointment of Honourary EHFC Chair

Dr. John Blatherwick has been appointed as the first "Honorary Chair" for the Foundation. At the September meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Trustees unanimously approved a motion appointing Dr. Blatherwick at the Honorary Chair of the EHFC. This was a very positive moment for the Foundation with the acceptance of one of Canada's top public health physicians as Honorary Chair.



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Donation Campaign

Tim Roark coordinated a donation campaign directed at CIPHI members. With the help of Debra Losito and Shendra Brisdon in getting the donation request notice out, CIPHI members responded and ensured the campaign was very successful. More than \$3500 in donations was received in 2001 as compared to \$1300 in 2000. The campaign provided donors the opportunity to direct their contribution to specific projects. A large proportion was dedicated to the Ed Fleming Memorial Fund that will allow for the distribution of the Groundwater video as a donation to the resources of various libraries in northern Ontario. The extra benefit for all donors is that a tax receipt is issued for all donations received.

TempSafe Symbols Now Part Of National Publications

The *TempSafe* symbols are now being used in recently published food safety booklets, "*Food Safety at Home- You're in Control*" and in a reprint of the very popular "*Chill Out*" booklet. The TempSafe symbols are trademarks of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC). During the last several years, many health departments, including various branches of Health Canada, have successfully used the fridge magnets, "*Safety is HOT*", "*Safety is COLD*", and "*Safety is FROZEN*", in promoting safe holding temperatures with food handling personnel and consumers. The symbols are available in both French and English. The registration process of the French TempSafe symbols has just been completed with Industry Canada. Your agency name can also be included on the magnet.

The use of all three *TempSafe* symbols in the "*Chill Out*" food safety booklet is a first for the EHFC since previously only one or two symbols have been used with various food safety messages. The sponsoring organizations of the booklet, with the Beef Information Centre taking the lead, enthusiastically supported the use of the symbols in conjunction with the Danger Zone thermometer in this popular food safety publication. This booklet is again available (free in small quantities) through the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education. Send your orders via their web site at www.canfightbac.org to order this or any of their many food safety tools.

The "*Safety is COLD*" symbol was used in the first printing of the "*Food Safety at Home- You're in Control*" booklet. More than 50,000 booklets were donated, by the sponsoring groups of the booklet, to the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education for use by its members and any other organization/agency who request copies for distribution to consumers in their area. In addition, Kraft Canada included this booklet as an insert in their publication "*What's Cooking*" which is distributed free to more than 1,000,000 Canadians.

If you wish to obtain the *TempSafe* symbols in fridge magnet format contact Tim Roark, Treasurer at 604-949-7259. They are available in both English and French, plus your agency name can also be added to the magnet.

National Consumer Food Safety Campaign

The national *FightBAC!*[™] food safety campaign, which is the focus of the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education, continues to be successful in promoting its simple messages of CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK, CHILL. An executive director has been hired to coordinate the increasing activities. The education committee successfully launched its senior's food safety booklet called "*Food Safety for Older Adults*" and it was included as an insert in the popular "Fifty Plus" magazine. It is available from the Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education through their web site at www.canfightbac.org. There are many different food safety promotion 'tools' that are available through the Partnership. They can be viewed and ordered via their web site. As a founding member of the Partnership the EHFC contributes in-kind dollars in addition to the sponsorship of the "*Food Safety at Home- You're in Control*" and "*Chill Out*" food safety booklets with other key members noted above.

Other Projects

Web Site Updated

The EHFC web site has a new look thanks to Mike Leblanc, who is also the webmaster for the CIPHI. It is our plan to have the annual reports and the regulations of the EHFC added to the pages of the Foundation site. Our domain name has also been simplified by just typing in www.ehfc.ca.

Sewage Video Education Programme

The video and brochure continue to be in demand across Canada. In addition to English, the brochures are available in French, Cantonese and Punjabi.

Groundwater Video Education Programme

The video and brochure continue to be in demand. The *Ed Fleming Memorial Fund* has accumulated sufficient funds to begin achieving its objective to provide the groundwater video to libraries in northern Ontario in memory of Ed Fleming, who was a PHI from the Sudbury and District Health Unit.

Donations

Donations directed to specific projects, or bequests, and trusts will receive a tax receipt and appropriate recognition of the donor. Donations can be made anytime, even by Visa, and should be directed to the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC), P.O. Box 75264, White Rock Postal Outlet, White Rock, B. C. V4B 5L4, Attention: Tim Roark, Treasurer.

EHFC Board of Trustees for 2001-2002 is:

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Public Health Inspectors who may be interested in participating as a trustee in the work of the Foundation should contact Tim Roark, Nomination Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Original signed

Klaus Seeger
Chair, Board of Trustees



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