

## **Section XX: Environmental Health Foundation of Canada Report to Membership**

*Contributed by Pamela Scharfe, Chair and Tim Roark, Treasurer*



### **Introduction:**

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) is the charitable, research and education arm of CIPHI. This report is submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees and satisfies the annual reporting requirements of Section 5A of By-Law No. 10.

The Board of Trustees of EHFC is comprised of the following who are appointed in accordance with the By-laws:

Pamela Scharfe (ON), Chair  
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Klaus Seeger (ON), Vice-Chair  
Jacqueline Schnider (AB), Secretary  
Tim Roark (BC), Treasurer  
Ralph Stanley (ON), Trustee  
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### **Financials:**

The 2015 Financial Statement was approved by the EHFC Auditors and the annual submission has been forwarded to the Revenue Canada Charities Directorate for their approval.

The EHFC bookkeeping duties and issuance of official receipts are now being handled through the CIPHI National Office.

The financial resources of the Foundation at December 31, 2015, totaled \$141,326.

## 2015 Financial Statement

REVENUE		EXPENDITURES	
<b>Official Donations</b>		<b>Charitable Expenses</b>	
<i>Restricted</i>	\$5,645	Scholarships/Awards	\$10,750
<i>Not Restricted</i>	\$5,042	Direct Project Expenses	\$4,296
Merchandise Sales	\$5,293		
Other	\$0	<b>Management &amp; Operations</b>	
<i>Direct from Donor</i>	\$6,966	Ads & Promotion	\$674
<i>Via A Registered Charity</i>	\$50	Meetings	\$1,709
Contractor Services	\$0	Office supplies/expenses	\$533
Interest	\$3,658	Honorarium	\$500
		Bank, credit card, PayPal	\$74
		Misc. Operating expenses	\$939
		Travel & Vehicle Expenses	\$2,407
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$26,654</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$21,882</b>

The EHFC was pleased to support ten PHI students attend the Ottawa conference with bursaries totalling \$5,000 to assist with the cost of registration and travel. Without this financial support only one of the students would have been able to participate as a conference delegate.



## Meetings:

The Board of Trustees held their 2015 EHFC AGM meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and also held teleconference meetings on May 2, 2016, and July 26, 2016. Another teleconference meeting is scheduled before the September 2016 AGM.

The EHFC Trustees also held a strategic planning meeting prior to the 2015 Ottawa conference facilitated by Ken Gorman, CPHI(C) to review the Foundation's vision, mission, values, and future directions.



*EHFC Trustees: (front row) Klaus Seeger, Ralph Stanley  
(back row) Pamela Scharfe, Tim Roark*



*Ken Gorman, facilitating the Trustee strategic planning discussions*

## Awards:

- **Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water Award:** the 2015 recipient was Bernard Mayer, ON
- **EHFC Continuing Education Award:** the 2015 recipient was Anne-Maria Quin, ON
- **Lilli Ann Zahara Award:** the 2015 recipient was Karen Kivilahti, ON
- **National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award:** the 2015 recipient was Mahmoud Shoblaq, ON

A new award that will be promoted in 2016 is the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award to recognize outstanding contributions of certified Public Health Inspectors who advance safer and healthier recreational water in Canada in an effort to protect the public's health. The award will be in the amount of \$2,500 which is generously donated by the late Dr. R. Neil Lowry's son Michael.

## Research Awards:

- **Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award:** The 2015 award recipients were:
  - ***Determining a Relationship between Licensing Status and Semi-Quarantine Risk Score for BC Dairy Processing Plants***  
Dilavar Rana  
BCIT
  - ***The Effects of Corn Silk on Blood Glucose Levels in Humans***  
Faith Kwong  
First Nations University of Canada
  - ***Risk Assessment Report on Oxybenzone***  
Simran Saini  
Concordia University
  - ***Assessing the Effectiveness of Online Training Compared to Classroom Training for the TrainCan Advanced Food Safety Certificate***  
Kaitlyn Balon  
Ryerson University
  - ***Discussion of Human Health Risks Associated with Pesticide Residuals in Food***  
Norah Reitav  
Cape Breton University
- **National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH):** This award is jointly co-ordinated by the NCCEH and the EHFC. The 2015 award recipients were:
  - ***Role of the built environment on older adults' physical activity: An evidence review***  
Irene Chhay  
University of Guelph: Master of Public Health
  - ***Agricultural Runoff, Cyanobacterial Blooms in Lake Erie and Public Health: A Knowledge Synthesis***  
Christine Friesen  
University of Guelph: Master of Science in Epidemiology
  - ***The interactive effects of poor air quality and extreme heat on health***  
Emma Marshall-Catlin  
Queens University: Master of Public Health

**Charity:**

The EHFC purchased a dozen of the Taste of Charity cookbooks to continue to support Clinque Verde in Nicaragua that will be used in 2016 for EHFC fund raising efforts.

**Communications:**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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