

Environmental Health Foundation of Canada

Fondation canadienne de l'hygiène du milieu

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

2008/09

It's time to update you again on the recent accomplishments of our foundation, the EHFC. Our top priority continues to be to ensure our educational scholarships, bursaries and awards are sustainable through the creation of a \$50,000.00 endowment fund. The awards are as follows:

<u>Lilli Ann Zahara Award:</u>

We are very pleased to announce the second recipient is Mr. Hank Blok of Kingston, Ontario.



The award is issued in memory of Lil Zahara as one of the first few women Public Health Inspectors in Canada and recipient of the Canadian Jubilee Medal by the Governor General. Current Environmental Health Practitioners are eligible annually for this \$500.00 award upon nomination. The criteria are dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of Environmental Health, particularly with a commitment to food safety and/or health

education.

Pictured is Hank Blok receiving his award from Duncan Ellison, Chair of the EHFC



<u>CIPHI – EHFC Continuing Education Award:</u>

We are very pleased to confirm the 2008 recipient is Ms. Virginia Jorgensen of Surrey, B.C.



Pictured is Virginia Jorgensen receiving her award from Claudia Kurzac, Past National President, of CIPHI This award is issued annually to an individual who is taking a course or a program to increase their knowledge of public health. The value of this annual award is \$500.00.

Currently Ms. Jorgensen is completing her Masters degree in Public Health at the University of London, School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award:

The five chosen recipients for 2008 are:

Darrell Belanger - BCIT Kelsie Dale – Concordia U Morgan McLellan - First Nations U Yeleka Barrett - Ryerson U Justin Kennedy - Cape Breton U This award is presented annually to one aspiring student in each of the five accredited Environmental Health programs across Canada in honour of Len Hiebert a Life Member of the profession and a highly regarded Editor of the journal, "Environmental Health Review". Each successful candidate is chosen by the EH program staff and receives an award of \$250.00.



National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award

A new award this year, sponsored by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International, is given to a practicing Public Health Inspector who has made outstanding contributions primarily to the promotion of food safety in Canada. Co-winners this year are Roger Parsonage from Interior Health (BC) and Nina van der Pluijm from the Health Protection Branch in Moncton (NB).

> **Roger Parsonage** (Left) receives the National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award for 2008 from Ken Christian, Director of Health Protection with the Interior Health Authority in BC.





Nina van der Pluijm receives the National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award for 2008 from Gary O'Toole, the New Brunswick CIPHI Branch President.

EHFC Supports new Award at BCIT in Tribute to Dr. John Blatherwick.



The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada has put its support behind the creation of a new endowment at BCIT in tribute to Dr. John Blatherwick former Chief Medical Health Officer for the Vancouver Coastal Health Unit. Dr. Blatherwick has been a long standing supporter of Public Health Inspectors and the Environmental Health Program at BCIT. The annual award will be issued by the BCIT Foundation for student enrolled in the Environmental Health Program at BCIT. The EHFC has contributed \$6,000.00 from donors who specifically asked that their contribution be directed to this new award. Dr. Blatherwick is the Honorary Chairman of the EHFC.

Work on other EHFC Projects continues

While primary focus of the Board of Trustees is working on the sustainability of three educational awards noted above, the foundation continues its efforts to promote its various other approved projects, in particular food safety in Canada as a founding member of the Canadian Partnership For Consumer Food Safety Education FightBAC! Campaign and through the promotion of its TempSafe® symbols. It is also considering other initiatives such as participating in the provision of safe drinking water in third world countries.

Goals & Objectives of the Foundation.

- 1. To increase public awareness of environmental health issues, concerns and hazards;
- 2. To encourage and support persons in or entering into the field of environmental health through the issuance of bursaries and scholarships;
- 3. To promote and/or support educational programs in the field of environmental health;
- 4. To initiate and support research in the field of environmental health;
- 5. To support the development and operation of national and international projects in the field of environmental health.

<u>Remember, 100% of all donations fund our projects.</u>

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) is the research and educational/charitable division of CIPHI. All operating expenses of EHFC are paid from revenue generated from product sales such as educational videos, brochures, fridge magnets or revenue resulting from contracts, etc. Thus **100%** of your donation goes directly towards our projects. The projects are approved by the volunteer Board of Trustees representing all branches of CIPHI. The foundation is operated in accordance with the requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency. Tax receipts are issued for official donations.

Support our Foundation's Work

Make a donation which can be directed to the project of your choice <u>or</u> for the advancement of all projects.

Please direct my donation as follows: {check choice(s)}

- □ Support for all approved projects, or
- Lilli Ann Zahara Award for persons currently in the field of Environmental Health.
- Len Hiebert EHR Award for aspiring new Public Health Inspectors in training.
- **CIPHI EHFC Continuing Education Award for PHIs and EHOs currently in the field.**
- Ed Fleming Memorial Fund Supporting safe water for consumers in Canada and internationally through education and aid projects.
- □ TempSafe © food safety temperature symbols education project.
- **Canadian Partnership For Consumer Food Safety Education FightBAC! Campaign.**
- Research into public health related communicable diseases such as E coli 0157H:7, Giardiasis, Cryptosporidium, West Nile virus, Rabies, etc.
- □ Support for the distribution of the award winning educational video project "Septic System Maintenance *Pure & Simple*".

Donations may be made in the form of a <u>bequest</u>, the <u>creation of a trust fund</u>, <u>the</u> <u>purchase of a dedicated life insurance policy</u> or a <u>cash donation</u>. DONATIONS TO THE EHFC ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE INCOME TAX ACT (#87096-8377-RR0001)

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