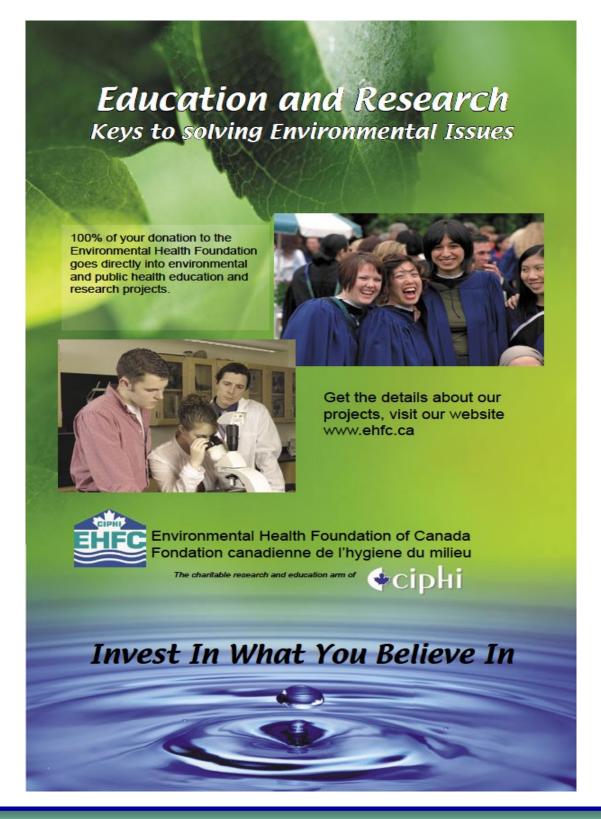


### Environmental Health Foundation of Canada

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## 2016 "YEAR IN REVIEW " NEWSLETTER



# Environmental Health Fondation canadienne Foundation of Canada de l'hygiène du milieu

October 2017

#### **Dear Friends of the Foundation:**

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) was established in 1989, as the non-profit, charitable arm of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) dedicated to advancing environmental health in Canada and internationally through the development and implementation of awards, education and research initiatives.

In 2016, the Board experienced a year of "highs" and "lows". On August 5, 2016, long time EHFC Board Chair and Trustee Ron de Burger passed away at his home after a courageous battle with leukemia. In September Dr. David Jones, former Chief Medical Officer of Canada was appointed as the EHFC's Honourary Chair, a position previously held by Dr. John Blatherwick 2001-2012. Trustee Leonard Gallant stepped down from the Board after several years of commitment to the work of the EHFC for which the Board extends their deepest gratitude.

In 2016, the EHFC Board of Trustees:

- Announced partnering with Dr. Neil Lowry's family and Hedgerow Software Ltd. to create two new awards in 2016, to recognize outstanding CIPHI members.
- Partnered with the family of Clifford E. Van Alstyne, CPHI(C) to create an award with a focus on communications which will be new in 2017.
- Continued their work on finalizing the EHFC 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. .
- Established a goal to redesign the website facilitated by the CIPHI webmaster Mike LeBlanc to ensure by the end of 2017 that the website is mobile friendly, and easier for the Board to provide updates.
- Supported our colleagues in Alberta to continue support of Clinica Verde in Nicaragua through fund raising at • the Alberta hosted CIPHI AEC. A dedicated group of CIPHI AB members travelled to Nicaragua in February 2017 at their own expense, to assist in the building of a hand washing station near a local school and to visit Clinca Verde.

We know that there are many charities that you can choose to support but we ask during the upcoming "season of giving" you consider the EHFC, as your donation is an investment in your professional organization's registered charity.

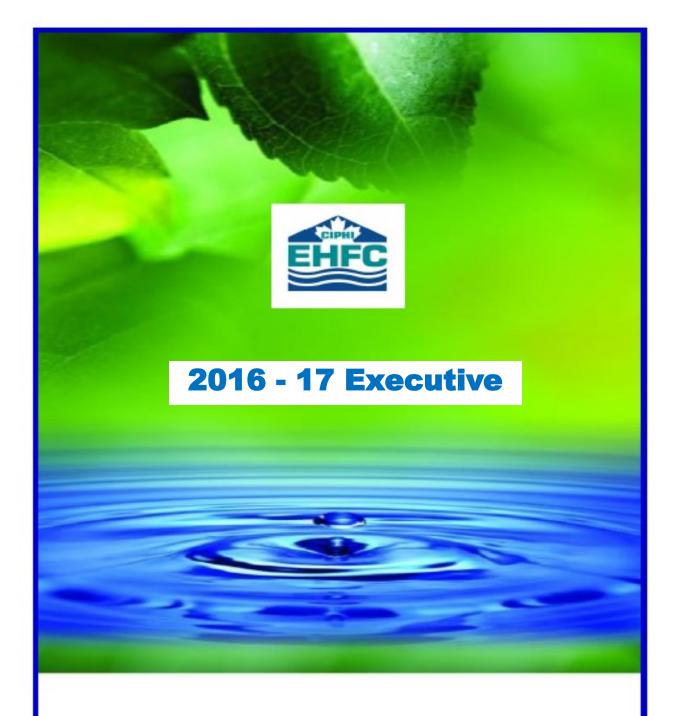
The Board of Trustees are looking forward to the November CIPHI AEC in Richmond, BC and invite all interested CIPHI members to attend the EHFC Annual General Meeting being held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 9:00 am

We welcome your feedback on how we are doing or to learn more about our work and/or how you can get involved as a Trustee or "Friend of the Foundation". Please contact me directly at 519-955-2527 or via email ehfc@outlook.com.

Pamela Scharfe

Pamela Scharfe, Chair On behalf of the Board of Trustees





Pamela Scharfe, Chair Klaus Seeger, Vice Chair Tim Roark, Treasurer Jacqueline Schnider, Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM Ron de Burger, CPHI(C)



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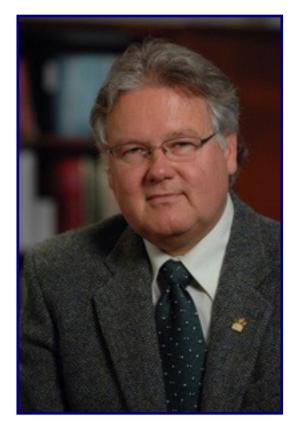
Ron Joseph de Burger received his CPHI(C ) No. 1428 in Whitefish, ON in 1964.

Ron held many leadership roles from coast to coast during his career. He graduated from Ryerson and received his CPHI(C); was an Instructor of the Ryerson School of Public Health Inspection; Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University; Assistant Deputy Director of Preventive Health Services for the Province of British Columbia; Director of AIDS Education and Awareness Program in Ottawa; Senior consultant for Health Canada; and finished his 50 year career as the Toronto Public Health, Director of Healthy Environments.

During his career Ron held numerous volunteer positions including serving as President of CIPHI (1976-1980) and CPHA (2007-2008) and was recognized as one of the top 100 CIPHI members of distinction, and was also a CIPHI Life Member. Ron was highly regarded both nationally and internationally and was instrumental in the development of the degree program required for the CPHI(C) designation. A celebration of Ron's life was held on August 27, 2016.







#### **DR. DAVID JONES EHFC HONOUARY CHAIR**

Dr. David Jones joined the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada Board of Trustees in September 2016. He was Canada's first Chief Public Health Officer and led the Public Health Agency of Canada from 2004 to 2014.

Dr. Jones is the 2012 recipient of the CIPHI Honourary Member award for his strong support of Public Health Inspectors and environmental public health issues. The award was presented at the National Annual Education Conference hosted in Blue Mountain.

Dr. Jones works in a variety of roles including Professor University of Manitoba, and Clinical Professor University of Saskatchewan, serving on other boards as well as advising on public health issues, notably as it relates to indigenous health.



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### EHFC

### The charitable, research, and education arm of CIPHI

As a charity we feel it is important for you to know that credit card companies charge us a 3.5% fee & PayPal charges a 1.9% fee + .30 cents for each donation. If you want 100% of your donation to be used consider sending us a cheque, money order or bank draft.

#### 100% of your "cash" donation goes to EHFC Projects (Awards) and Products (TempSafe)

The Board of Trustees main financial goal is to keep administration cost to a minimum including adhering to a policy that allows for Trustees to be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend CIPHI meetings and conferences but 100% of that money is donated back to the Foundation by the Trustees for which a tax receipt is issued. Another priority is to make wise investments of donations to ensure our awards are sustainable for decades to come through an endowment fund.





#### DONATION FORM (revised 2014)

Donations may be made in the form of a bequest; the creation of a trust fund; the purchase of a dedicated life insurance policy; a cash; or a credit card donation.

Support for all projects, OR

#### **AWARDS**

- Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Safe Water Award: An annual \$500 award for a PHI/EHO currently working in the field in recognition of outstanding contributions to the promotion of drinking water, recreational water or wastewater safety in Canada.
- EHFC Continuing Education Award: An annual \$500 award for a PHI/EHO currently working in the field based on a submission outlining how this further education will benefit their career and assist them in protecting the health of the public.
- □ Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award: An annual \$250 award for Public Health Inspection student research. One award issued to a student or group of students at each of the five accredited schools of Environmental Public Health nominated by their respective faculty.
- Lilli Ann Zahara Award: An annual \$500 award for a PHI/EHO currently working in the field displaying dedication, commitment, inspiration, and leadership, particularly with a commitment to food safety education.

#### **PROJECTS**

- □ **Food Safety Education:** Food Safety education through the use of the TempSafe ® food safety temperature symbols education project and through support of the Canadian Partnership For Consumer Food Safety Education FightBAC!<sup>tm</sup> Campaign.
- Ed Fleming Memorial Fund: Financial support for projects encouraging safe water for consumers in Canada and Internationally through education and aid projects such as the distribution of the award winning education DVD and brochure titled "Septic System Maintenance Pure & Simple" and "www.groundwater.protection".

DONATIONS TO THE EHFC ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE INCOME TAX ACT (#87096-8377-RR0001) Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. Yes. I want to make a donation now! Visa 🗖 MasterCard Cheque □ \$25 □ \$50 □\$100 OR \$ (enter amount) Please keep my name confidential NAME AS SHOWN ON CREDIT CARD CREDIT CARD NUMBER SIGNATURE EXPIRY DATE DONOR: SEND DONATION TO: Tim Roark, Treasurer Environmental Health Foundation of Canada Name: Address: 3301-164 A Street Surrey BC V3S 0G5 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (778) 574-1188 Email: Email: tim.roark@shaw.ca THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE VIST WWW.EHFC.CA



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# FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

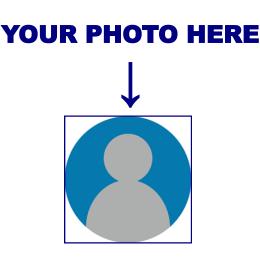
The 2016 Financial Statement was approved by the EHFC Auditors and the annual submission to the Revenue Canada Charities Directorate was approved.

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

The financial resources of the Foundation at **December 31, 2016,** including investments totaled \$150,929 which represents a \$9,603 increase in revenue compared to the 2015-year end.

REVENUE			EXPENDITURES		
Donations			Expenses		
	2015	2016		2015	2016
Restricted	5,645	8,725	Scholarships/Awards	10,750	8,250
Not Restricted	5,042	5,681	Direct Project Expenses	4,296	3,085
Other	0	0			
Direct from Donor	6,966	7,782	Management & Operations		
Via A Registered Charity	50	0	Ads & Promotion	674	263
Interest	3,658	86	Meetings	1,709	2,957
			Office supplies/expenses	533	858
Sales			Honorarium	500	500
Temp Safe Product Profit	5,293	6,030	Bank, credit card, PayPal	74	27
			Misc. Operating expenses	939	940
			Travel & Vehicle Expenses	2,407	1,334
TOTAL REVENUE	\$26,654	\$28,304	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$21,882	\$18,214

#### 2016 Statement of Operations



EHFC TRUSTEE

**EHFC Vision:** The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada supports environmental public health education and research through collaboration, connection, and recognition with internal and external partners.

**EHFC Mission:** To operate as the independent charitable organization of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors dedicated to advancing environmental public health protection in Canada and internationally through the development and support of public education, research and the development of aid projects.

The EHFC currently has vacancies on the Board of Trustees and have a goal in 2017 to fill those with Trustees to ensure representation from all regions of Canada. Trustees who hold the CPHI (C) must be Regular, Retired or Life members of CIPHI. The Board in choosing members make every attempt to ensure there is equitable representation from municipal, provincial, and federal government; educational institutions; industry and the community-at-large.

The EHFC Regulation allows for up to 17 board members. We are currently seeking representation from BC, SK, MB, QC, NB, PEI, NL, and from government, academia, industry and the community-at-large.

More detailed information about the Board of Trustees and the history of the Foundation may be found on our website www.ehfc.ca and/or sending an email to ehfc@outlook.com to arrange to speak to a member of the Executive.



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#### Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Safe Water Award:

This award is in recognition of outstanding contributions to the promotion of drinking water, or wastewater safety in Canada. A \$500 award and certificate will be presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Nominees must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.

#### Clifford E. Van Alstyne Award:

This "NEW" award in 2017 is to recognize commitment, involvement or innovation in the field of environmental public health, with a focus on communication – in all of its forms -- within the national environmental public health community. A \$1,000 award and certificate will be presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Nominees must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.

#### Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award:

This new award in 2016 is to recognize outstanding contributions to advance safer and healthier recreational water in Canada in an effort to protect the public's health in their community. A \$2,500 award and certificate is presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Applicants must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.

#### Hedgerow Software Ltd Leadership in Environmental Health Award:

This new award in 2016 is to recognize a CIPHI member in any position or role who has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities to inspire excellence and professional integrity in the field of Environmental Health. Candidates must be nominated by their peers. A \$500 award and certificate is presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Applicants must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.

#### Lilli Ann Zahara Award:

The recipient is recognized for displaying the highest level of dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of environmental health, particularly with a focus on food safety and/or health education. A \$500 award and certificate is presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Nominees must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.

#### **NSF International Food Safety Award:**

The recipient is recognized for outstanding contributions to the promotion of food safety in Canada. A \$1,000 award and certificate is presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member. Nominees must be working in the environmental public health field and a CIPHI member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years.



### CANADIAN WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION SAFE WATER AWARD

The 2016 recipient of the Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water Award is J. Ivor Norlin, EHO, Interior Health Authority, BC (Centre) who was nominated by his colleague Brian Gregory (Right) and his direct supervisor Roger Parsonage



I am nominating J. Ivor Norlin for the *Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Award* (presented by the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada). The reason for my nomination is that I feel Ivor has made a significant contribution to the promotion of drinking water safety within not only the Interior Health Authority coverage area but also the Province of BC.

Ivor has worked for Interior Health since the summer of 2006. He started as a field Environmental Health Officer (EHO) then became Interior Health's Source Protection Officer in the drinking water program. While working as the Source Protection Officer, Ivor created valuable documents that were used by EHOs to evaluate all types of drinking water sources. For the past 5 years, Ivor has been the Manager of Infrastructure Programs within the Interior Health Authority.

In my opinion, Ivor is an exceptional candidate for the *Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Award*. Interior Health has approximately 1800 water supply systems that fall under Ivor's portfolio in the Infrastructure Programs. While much progress has been made in the past several years, many of these water supply systems continue to present challenges. Despite these challenges and with limited resources during these times of economic restraint, Ivor has shown great leadership in promoting the ultimate goal of clean, safe and reliable tap water for the population. I am near the end of my career as an Environmental Health Officer and I have worked with many Environmental Health Officers over the years. Since December 2014, I have worked as a small water system focused EHO within Ivor's Infrastructure Programs department. I have seen Ivor's effort as he works with all levels of government (local, First Nations, Provincial and Federal) in the interest of achieving safer drinking water. Ivor's passion for drinking water safety is also apparent to his staff at Interior Health. I feel Ivor's contributions deserve recognition and, therefore, I am nominating him for this award.



In 2016, the Board of Trustees were pleased to partner with Lowry & Associates a Division of Chem-Aquascience, Inc. in creation of this new award.

The **Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award** was established to recognize outstanding contributions of certified Public Health Inspectors who advance safer and healthier recreational water in Canada to protect the public's health in their community. The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award of \$2,500 is generously sponsored by Lowry & Associates. Dr. Lowry founded the Lowry School of Pool & Spa Chemistry in 1980 which has become the most comprehensive chemistry course in the industry.

Dr. Lowry was a fierce defender of the integrity of the industry when it came to water treatment and loved to teach water chemistry and proper sanitation to public health inspectors and pool managers.





#### DR. R. NEIL LOWRY SAFE RECREATIONAL WATER AWARD



Cheryl Galbraith, CPHI(C), Alberta Health Services (AB) receiving the Dr. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award (centre) from Michael Lowry (left) son of Dr. Lowry and EHFC Trustee Klaus Seeger (right).

Cheryl was nominated by her colleague Koreen Anderson and was the first recipient of this new award sponsored by Lowry & Associates.

Cheryl Galbraith has been a strong advocate for safe recreational water for several years. She served as the Provincial Recreational Water Coordinator from 2009-2012. In this role she developed a revered program of beach sampling for blue green algae through the province. The beach sampling program required detailed coordination with the Provincial Laboratory and CIPHI practicum student training. The position also warranted working closely with the Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Health when public notification was needed. Cheryl collected, analyzed and submitted reports on the data and the program is now a staple across the province with the support of several lake organizations who are using the information to improve their water quality for recreation and safety. Even though Cheryl is no longer in t his role at Alberta Health Services, she still freely consults with others on the program and shares her expertise.

For several years Cheryl has also been involved in ensuring safe recreational water for the International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon event held in Hawrelak Park in Edmonton, Alberta. The lake water is only used for swimming for this international triathlon and requires careful coordination for treatments required for blue-green algae, water fowl contamination and lake weeds. The high profile event garners international media attention and requires close collaboration and communication with the City of Edmonton, the Medical Officer of Health and the ITU delegates. Every year, new improvements are made to the way the lake water is evaluated and the treatments performed to ensure the athletes have safe recreational water.

Cheryl has been the Senior Advisor for the Environmental Public Health group in rural Edmonton area since 2012. She is a member of the Provincial Natural Recreational Water Committee and the Edmonton Zone Aquatics group. She is a knowledge broker for the Edmonton rural public health inspectors and offers support for reviewing complex aquatic facility plans. Cheryl continually builds and strengthens relationships with municipal and private pool operators, contractors, and design firms and her calm and reasonable nature allows her to influence decision making that leads to safer recreational water. Recently, she has worked with the Medical Officer of Health and the Communicable Disease Control Lead in identifying a cause of swimming pool associated Mycobacterium abscesses infection and correcting the issue to prevent future infections.

Cheryl's work in safe recreational water over the last seven years made her deserving of the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Safe Recreational Water Award. The blue-green beach sampling has been shaped into an enduring, respected program across the province. Cheryl's ability to identify hazards, mitigate risks and communicate effectively with a wide range of people results in successful public health outcomes. She continues to be a knowledge broker in the field of safe recreational water and conducts herself with the utmost professionalism and sincerity.



### HEDGEROW SOFTWARE LTD LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AWARD

In 2016, the Board of Trustees were pleased to partner with Hedgerow Software Ltd to create the Leadership in Environmental Health Award.

This award is to recognize a certified Public Health Inspector in any position or role who has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities to inspire excellence and professional integrity in the field Environmental Health. Hedgerow Software Ltd believe in the work of Environmental Health Professionals and respect the vital role of each PHI in keeping our communities healthy and safe. This ongoing commitment is fueled daily by those who inspire and empower each other toward excellence and who demonstrate professional integrity within the field of Environmental Health.

The \$500 award generously sponsored by Hedgerow Software Ltd., is presented annually to a CIPHI (regular) member who has consistently demonstrated leadership qualities of trust, commitment and courage. This person also gives freely of themselves to coach, mentor and inspire others. They value, and actively promote, a culture of respect, empathy, openness and inclusion. They uphold for these values for themselves, their colleagues and clients.





#### HEDGEROW SOFTWARE LTD LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AWARD



**Angelo Kouris**, **Vancouver Coastal Health**, **BC** was the first recipient of this prestigious award. Angelo was nominated by Richard Taki.

Klaus Seeger (L) EHFC Trustee, Richard Taki accepting the award for Angelo, Neil Grinwis (R) Hedgerow President and CEO)

Angelo Kouris is currently employed as the Director of Environmental Health for Vancouver Coastal Health. He has been a Director since 2012, Manger of Environmental Health since 2010, and a supervisor/specialist since 1990. Over the span of 26 years Angelo Kouris has proven to be a model leader in the field of Environmental Health.

From day one Angelo has been a strong supporter of the team concept. He probably gets this from the many 20 plus years that he has volunteered in minor soccer/lacrosse/and hockey. He very much values his team members, provides never ending support when needed, always encourages them to do their best and most importantly creates a safe and trusting environment for the team to work within. It is very common for Angelo to take staff out of a stressful environment and simply reassure them that they are doing great job over a cup of coffee.

Angelo truly cares about the people he works with. The commitment to his staff does not stop at the end of the work day. He also cares about the health and welfare of staff and their families outside of the office. In fact he often uses the term "family" to describe his relationship he has with his staff. He joins or even initiates outside of work activities to promote the feeling of team and togetherness. In his words, "Everyone here in Environmental Health is like family to me. When they succeed I feel proud like a parent would when their child does well at something".

In the workplace Angelo is the consummate professional and demonstrates this in his demeanour and actions around his peers, external partners, media and the public. He never fails to place his program and his organization first when making difficult decisions and will almost always provide those around him the opportunity to be heard or be involved in the decision making. He respects his position and identifies with the importance of his role as a leader to the development of new leaders.

As Supervisor he was quite involved with supporting the EHO practicum student training program. As a Manger he adamantly supported staff education/training as a priority issue, and as a Director immersed himself in performance management and quality assurance. Why? Because he believes in the profession, in the people dedicating their lives to it, and ensuring that he helps them do the best job possible. Patty Daly, VP and Chief Medical Health Officer for VCH has commented many times how important of a role that Angelo has played in developing our Environmental Health work force.

Angelo is coming to the end of his 30 plus years in Public Health as an Environmental Health Officer. During this time he has shaped and influenced the career of many a young EHO. It would certainly be nice to show our appreciation for the contribution that he has made to our profession as a colleague and leader. It also happens that Angelo started his career in Alberta so it is very fitting that he be honoured during his final year as a EHO at this time when we are all gathered here in Edmonton.



### CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

**Carrie Warring CPHI(C), London-Middlesex Health Unit (ON)** receiving the EHFC Continuing Education Award from colleague Michelle Marcus who received the award on Carrie's behalf at the National CIPHI AEC in Edmonton.



In perusing graduate studies, there has been a significant value in further developing my role as a public health inspector, working for the Middlesex-London health Unit. I initially decided to apply to Western University for my graduate degree because the school offered an opportunity to enroll in a thesis-based research degree. I recognized the value and need for research in public health, and wanted a graduate program that would provide me with the skills required to be successful. Since then, I have completed course work and developed my proposal, finding many more opportunities and rewards as my studies progress.

My graduate degree is in the Department of Geography, enrolling in a subfield of study that is focused on human health, environment, and development interactions. Human geography is interested in the differences in human populations over space, time, and place. My research interest is in examining how Ontario municipalities make decisions on environmental issues and new technologies, such as Green Bin organic waste and compost processing. My research utilizes qualitative research methods including interviews with key municipal stakeholders such as City councillors, City management staff and local community groups. I have gained a deeper understanding of municipal decision-making processes, the role and function of city council advisory committees and community engagement. I have also applied for a position on the City of London's Advisory Committee for the Environment to continue in community engagement and to contribute to researching, data collection, and analysis of local community environmental concerns.

The thesis-based program has allowed me to conduct a research project, beginning with research design, conducting literature reviews, and methodology selection. These are very important skills to translate into public health practice as we move toward enhanced evidence –informed policy and practice. I have become an active participant in special project work, with a particular interest in health equity in environmental health. I have also joined the Middlesex-London Health Unit organization-wide Program Planning and Evaluation Review committee, and have also been presenter at a local conference.

I also found an opportunity to bridge my work in academia and local government together that enabled the creation of mutually beneficial networking relationships for public health. I have been able to meet and develop working relationships with City staff that has translated into beneficial working relationships with our environmental health team. There has been increased communication between agencies and opportunities to work together which has resulted in collaborating on health reports and special project work. As a result I have also joined the London Environmental Network collaborative group and the Ontario Food Collaborative, contributing my knowledge on data collection and analysis.

I am an advocate of continuing education and have used my education and skills to help my organization, my colleagues, and my environmental health division. I hope to use my research skills in my role as a public health inspector to aid in conducting research studies, contributing to public health literature and data collection. I also hope to aid in program planning for environmental health with a focus on health equity, program impact, and evaluation to ensure our public health programs utilize evidence-informed decision-making.

Sincerely,

Carrie Warring, CPHI(C)



### LILLI ANN ZAHARA AWARD

Lori Holmes, CPHI(C), Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit, (ON) was nominated by her colleague Karen Kivilahti.

**Photo:** (left) Raymond Ramdayal, ON Br President receives the award on Lori's behalf from EHFC Trustee Klaus Seeger.



I would like to nominate Lori Holmes for the Lilli Ann Zahara Award. Lori became a certified public health inspector in 2005 and throughout her career she has proven her dedication to the field of public health.

In 2008, Lori volunteered to represent public health inspectors from across Ontario through her involvement with the CIPHI Healthy Environments Committee that was responsible for the review and dissemination of information related to new and emerging issues. Since then she has also exhibited great leadership as a member of the National MSC committee and more recently on the Ontario Branch Executive. Over the past 4 years, Lori has been Ontario's Membership Support and Engagement Councillor, where her responsibilities have included raising awareness and promoting the values of CIPHI and the importance of maintaining membership, continuing education and core competencies. She was also instrumental in increasing the number volunteer positions available for Ontario Branch members.

In 2015, Lori was elected by her peers to be our leadership designate tasked with identifying and facilitating professional development opportunities for PHIs. Lori is currently the program coordinator for the Health Hazard/Vector-Borne Disease programs and can often be found coaching staff or on the news discussing current environmental health issues. As the Coordinator of our vector-borne disease program she trains and supports up to six students every summer. As part of her role as VBD lead, she is responsible for providing ongoing education to local municipalities and other stakeholders including the general public. Her ability to adapt and face new challenges makes her an excellent ambassador for the environmental health program. Other projects have included involvement in the development and implementation of health promotion campaigns related to children's health and the environment, bedbugs, outdoor air quality and radon. These often entail the development of resources and providing presentations to a wide variety of external interest groups including child care centres, homeless shelters, gun clubs, cottager associations and health care providers.

We often joke that if it's not food or water then it goes to Lori. As you can imagine she is presented with a wide range of issues to investigate and she is relentless in her pursuit to gather new information and evidence to support the field of environmental health.

Most recently, Lori participated on the provincial committees responsible for modernization of the provincial Recreational Camp and Camps in Unorganized Territories regulations, and was a member of the Ontario Heat Health Project Team which was instrumental in developing the provincial Harmonized Heat Warning and Information System. These are just two examples which speak to her adaptability and passion for the advancement of public health.

Lori is a well-respected and valuable member of our team and not to mention one of the kindest and supportive people to work with. Thank you for considering Lori for the Lilli Ann Zahara Award.



#### NSF INTERNATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AWARD



Keir Cordner, CPHI(C), First Nations Authority (BC) was nominated by his colleagues Karen Larson and Gethsemane Luttrell (photo below)

**Photo:** (right) Keir Cordner receives the award from EHFC Trustee Tim Roark.

Below is the nomination letter submitted.

We are nominating Mr. Keir Cordner, Environmental Health Officer, First Nation Health Authority. Keir has displayed the highest level of dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of environmental health particularly in the areas of food safety and health education. We would love to see him recognized for his passion and dedication to our profession.

Keir has displayed outstanding commitment, dedication, and leadership in our profession in the practice of Health Education and Food Safety. Keir has over twenty years' experience working in his roles as a food safety officer, drinking water officer, communicable disease officer, small scale processor project manager, and food safety educator.

He graduated from Ryerson University in Toronto and quickly travelled west to work in Kelowna, followed by Port Moody, then Courtenay, and now Victoria. He is an active volunteer with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and has held the positions of BC Branch President, National Treasurer, and is currently the National Chair of the Council of Professional Experience.

Keir has displayed the highest level of dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of environmental health particularly in the areas of food safety and health education. We would love to see him recognized for his passion and dedication to our profession.





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### NCCEH RON DE BURGER STUDENT AWARD

This student project is an annual award offered by the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) in partnership with the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) for students enrolled in Canadian post-secondary institutions offering a Public Health Inspection program or a degree in public health. This award is intended for students of public health to develop awareness and promote critical analysis of environmental health issues.

The project objective is to: promote evidence-based practice and policy among students and schools; recognize quality student research; share quality student projects with EH professionals across the country.

Up to five (5) awards are made available annually. Successful applicants are awarded a certificate and a cheque in the amount of \$500. Winning submissions are also posted, along with the students' names and programs of study, onto the NCCEH and EHFC websites.

In 2016, the NCCEH decided to change the name of the award so that it could be dedicated to the memory of Ron de Burger, who was a celebrated leader in public health and a long time NCCEH advisory board member.

#### 2016 Project Award Recipients

Climate Change and Infectious Disease Risk in the Canadian North **S. Chen** University of Toronto: Master of Public Health in Epidemiology

Time is ticking: A needs assessment for Lyme disease health promotion **A. Kata** University of Waterloo: Master of Public Health

The influence of fast-food restaurants surrounding homes and schools on measures of child and adolescent obesity: A Knowledge Synthesis

E. McDonald

University of Waterloo: Master of Public Health



#### EHFC AWARD RECIPIENT HISTORY

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

2015	Anne-Maria Quinn
	Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health (ON)
2014	Marina Whelan
	Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health (ON)
2013	Fatih Sekercioglu
	Middlesex-London Health Unit (ON)
2012	Fran Gelder
	Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health (ON)
2011	Lucille Lukey
	Health Canada, Vancouver (BC)
2010	Shawn Zentner
	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit (ON)
2009	David Pavletic
	Middlesex-London Health Unit (ON)
2008	Virginia Jorgensen
2008	Vancouver Coastal Health (BC)
2007	Lis Vallaster
	Vancouver Coastal Health (BC)
2006	Shelley Stesko
	Interior Health Authority (BC)
2005	Dragana Djordjevic
	Fraser Health Authority (BC)

#### CANADIAN WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION SAFE WATER AWARD

2015	Bernard Mayer York Region Public Health (ON)
2014	Glenn Hudgin Niagara Region Public Health (ON)
2013	Jim Reffle Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit (ON)

LILLI ANN ZAHARA AWARD		
2015	Karen Kiviloht Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (ON)	
2014	Virginia MacEachern Algoma Public Health (ON)	
2013	(no nomination)	
2012	(no nomination)	
2011	Patrick Murray Central Region, (NL)	
2010	Russell W. E. Scott Saskatoon Health Region (SK)	
2009	Ralph Stanley Peel Public Health (ON)	
2008	Hank Blok Kingston, F&L&A Public Health (ON)	
2007	Shauna Dimock Capital Health (AB)	

#### NSF INTERNATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AWARD

2015	Mahmoud Shoblag	
	ESS Compass Group (ON)	
2014	Cindy Peacock-Rocca, Sudbury Health Unit (ON)	
	Nyall Hislop, Alberta Health Services (AB)	
2013	(no nomination)	
2012	(no nomination)	
2011	Sylvanus Thompson	
	Toronto Public Health (ON)	
2010	Douglas Howse Department of Health and Community Services (NL)	
2009	Rick Dimock Environmental Public Health, Alberta Health Services (AB)	
2008	Roger Parsonage, Interior Health (BC)	
	Nina van der Pluijm, HPB, Moncton (NB)	



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# **TempSafe® Products**







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Please contact Tim Roark, EHFC Treasurer, at tim.roark@shaw.ca with your order or if you require additional information.



In 2016, the Foundation was approached by our colleagues in Alberta to once again to support the fundraising and transfer of funds to Clinica Verde (Green Clinic) in Nicaragua for the purchase of a van to transport patients to the clinic and to visit remote communities.

Clinca Verde is a non-profit organization formed to build and assist sustainable health clinics that improve maternal and infant healthcare to those in need around the world. Clinica Verde's first clinic opened its doors in 2007 and is found in rural Nicaragua in the town of Boaco. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in Latin America. As much as forty-seven percent of its residents live in poverty and fifteen in extreme poverty.

In February 2017, 10 CIPHI-Alberta members and 2 non-members plan to travel to Nicaragua with a goal of promoting public health beyond the borders of Canada. During their time in Nicaragua, they would be building a handwashing station at a primary school in the rural community of El Palo and visiting Clinica Verde to speak with managers at the clinic to both identify further opportunities for cooperation and see first-hand how previous support has helped the clinic.

#### **2016 EHFC FUND RAISING**



2016 CIPHI ONTARIO BRANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT Niagara Region Public Health - Golfers raised \$500 for the EHFC



**2016 British Columbia Lower Mainland Christmas Luncheon** 

Claudia Kurzac (right) was the winner of the 50/50 draw and generously donated her \$150 winnings to the EHFC. Tim Roark, EHFC Trustee & Treasurer accepted the donation from Claudia.

2016 CIPHI ONTARIO BRANCH CURLING BONSPIEL Peel Region Public Health - Curlers raised \$400 for the EHFC





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