



Environmental Health Foundation of Canada
2017 Newsletter

Contributions from 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 Board By-laws:

Pamela Scharfe (ON), Chair
Klaus Seeger (ON), Vice-Chair
Jacquelin Schneider (AB), Secretary
Tim Roark (BC), Treasurer

Duncan Ellison (ON)
Melissa MacDonald (NS)
Ralph Stanley (ON)

New Honourary Board Chair:



In September 2016, Dr. David Jones joined the Board as Honourary Chair. He was Canada's first Chief Public Health Officer and led the Public Health Agency of Canada from 2004 to 2014. Dr. Jones currently holds the positions of Professor-University of Manitoba, and Clinical Professor-University of Saskatchewan, and works in a variety of roles, speaking, teaching, serving on other boards as well as advising on public health issues, notably as it relates to indigenous health.



Financials:

As Chair of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada I would like to acknowledge the generous donations in 2016 from:

- CIPHI Branches: BC, AB, SK, MB, NB, NS-PEI, and NFLD,
- Special thanks to the generosity of the Alberta Branch members who donated a total of \$2,125 in lieu of 2016 membership gifts,
- Special thanks to Peel Public Health who hosted the 2016 CIPHI ON Branch curling bonspiel and made a donation to the Foundation,
- EHFC Board Trustees,
- Individual CIPHI members, and
- Friends of the Foundation.

Without this financial support, the Foundation would not be able to sustain the work of the CIPHI membership's official charity.

In 2016, the Foundation purchased twelve "Taste for Charity" cookbooks with excellent recipes--many from PHIs to use for fund raising and as thank you gifts to donors.

All EHFC bookkeeping duties and issuance of official receipts are now administered through the CIPHI National Office which has increased our administration costs.

The EHFC 2016 Financial Statement was approved by the Board appointed EHFC Auditors, and the annual submission was received and accepted by the Canada Revenue Agency, Charities Directorate.

REVENUE			EXPENDITURES		
Donations			Expenses		
	2015	2016		2015	2016
<i>Restricted</i>	5,645	8,725	Scholarships/Awards	10,750	8,250
<i>Not Restricted</i>	5,042	5,681	Direct Project Expenses	4,296	3,085
Other	0	0			
<i>Direct from Donor</i>	6,966	7,782	Management & Operations		
<i>Via A Registered Charity</i>	50	0	Ads & Promotion	674	263
Interest	3,658	86	Meetings	1,709	2,957
			Office supplies/expenses	533	858
			Honorarium	500	500
Sales			Bank, credit card, PayPal	74	27
Temp Safe Product Profit	5,293	6,030	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 Financial Statement (Compared to 2015)



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.

Meetings:

The Board of Trustees held their 2016 annual general meeting on September 25, 2016, and conducted teleconference meetings on October 24, 2016, February 10, 2017, April 27, 2017, and August 29, 2017.

During the past year the EHFC Trustees also continued to review and discuss the 2016-2018 strategic plan including restructuring of the various committees into two committees: Governance and Advancement and establishing a workplan for the next 3 years.

Awards:

- **Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water Award:** the 2016 recipient was **J. Ivor Norlin**, Interior Health Authority, BC
- **EHFC Continuing Education Award:** the 2016 recipient was **Carrie Warring**, Middlesex-London Health Unit, ON
- **Lilli Ann Zahara Award:** the 2016 recipient was **Lori Holmes**, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, ON
- **National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award:** the 2016 recipient was **Keir Cordner**, First Nations Health Authority, BC

In 2016, the Board of Trustees were pleased to partner with two corporations in the creation of the two new awards.





- 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.



Cheryl Galbraith, Alberta Health Services, AB was the first recipient of this prestigious award.

(Photo above: Michael Lowry (L), Cheryl Galbraith, Klaus Seeger EHFC Trustee)

- The **Hedgerow Software Ltd. Award for Leadership in Environmental Health** 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.



Angelo Kouris, Vancouver Coastal Health, BC was the first recipient of this prestigious award.

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



Research Awards:

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH): This annual award is offered in partnership with the EHFC. The award was renamed in 2016, to the Ron de Burger Student Award in dedication to the memory of Ron de Burger, who was a celebrated leader in public health and a longtime NCCEH advisory board member. The award is for students enrolled in Canadian post-secondary institutions offering a Public Health Inspection (PHI) program or a degree in public health.

- The 2016 award recipients were:
 - 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

Charity Fund Raising:

- The customary kick off to the Ontario Branch Conference is the Annual Golf Tournament and in October 2016, the tournament was held at Legends on the Niagara. The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada appreciated the opportunity to partner with the conference hosts--Niagara Region Public Health to fund raise at the event. All golfers were provided with a sleeve of golf balls embossed with the EHFC logo and were provided with the chance to purchase raffle tickets to win back their golf tournament registration. The golfers were very generous and helped raise \$500 for the Foundation. At the tournament, the Foundation also organized a "putt off" to honour the memory of long time Board Trustee and avid golfer Ron de Burger. Ron's sons and wife participated in the day. Many thanks to EHFC Trustee Ralph Stanley who organized the fundraising events.
- 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.

Clinica 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 left for 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.

Communications:

The Board of Trustees in consultation with Mike LeBlanc, EHFC Website Webmaster decided to move the website over to a new platform so that updating can be done by the EHFC Trustees. The plan is to unveil the new website in time for the National CIPHI Annual Educational Meeting in November 2017.

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