

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF CANADA COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of the EHFC will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in Collingwood, ON. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the following is a summary of the activities of the Foundation since the previous AGM in June of 2011 in Halifax, NS.

Any significant decisions taken at the September 15, 2012, EHFC AGM will be reported orally to the CIPHI AGM.

### **Trustees:**

There were no changes in the membership of the Board of trustees during the past year.

### **Officers:**

The elected Officers are Ron de Burger (ON) as Chair, Pamela Scharfe (ON) as Vice Chair, Duncan Ellison (ON) as Secretary, Klaus Seeger (ON) as Past-Chair and Tim Roark (BC) as Treasurer.

### **Meetings:**

During the period following the AGM in Halifax, the Trustees held three teleconference meetings to continue their work. The "Summer" meeting and AGM will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012. The Annual General Meeting is open to all CIPHI members.

### **Organization and Structure:**

There have been no changes to the structure and organization of the Foundation. Existing committees are still in place.

The following reports summarize any germane activities or decisions in respect of the Committee activities.

#### **Finance Committee:**

The Chair of the Finance Committee is the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Currently, this position is held by Tim Roark. The 2011 Financial Report indicates that the financial resources of the Foundation have increased again this past year but the Foundation has not yet reached a sustainable base for its Awards and Scholarships.

The financial resources of the Foundation at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, totaled \$109,123.99, representing a net increase of \$10,452.73 over the year ended December 31, 2010. This was largely due to the sale of TempSafe® products as a result of a promotion with health agencies in Ontario plus increased individual donations to the foundation.

Of the total funds of \$109,123.99 held by the Foundation, \$67,757.16 is held in a segregated endowment fund to provide for the awards administered by the Foundation. These are the; **CIPHI – EHFC Continuing Education Award**, the **Len Hiebert EHR Award**, and the **Lilli Ann Zahara Award**. With continuing low interest rates these awards are not self sustainable and a real effort is needed to double this amount held in trust to ensure these awards continue for many years more. The **NSF International Food Safety Award** is supported annually by a \$1,000.00 grant from NSF International, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our thanks to them for their continuing support of our Foundation.

As in 2010, the EHFC donated \$1,000.00 towards the Ontario Branch goal to raise \$10,000.00 to help provide safe drinking water and proper latrines for schools in a community in Sierra Leone. We

are very pleased to support this most important project and were happy to see that the goal of the Ontario Branch to raise \$10,000.00 was reached and exceeded.

The 2011 financial records for EHFC were subject to a detailed review by the appointed auditors and I am pleased to state that the statements were approved. The annual Charitable Organization Report to Revenue Canada, which is based on the audited annual financial statement, was submitted within the allowed time frame.

It is expected that 2012 will continue on the same moderate upward financial path. New TempSafe symbols and a continued promotion of these food safety education symbols with industry and government should pay positive dividends in the coming year.

#### **Awards Committee:**

The Foundation has four awards managed by the Awards Committee chaired by Len Gallant and Gary Gallivan. The Awards Committee has published the various criteria for these awards. The awards and their status are as follows:

##### **The CIPHI / EHFC Continuing Education Award**

The CIPHI / EHFC Continuing Education Award of \$500 is presented to a member of CIPHI who is registered for continuing education.

##### **The Len Hiebert EHR Award**

The Len Hiebert Award of \$250 each is administered through each of the five colleges and universities for aspiring students training to become Public Health Inspectors and Environmental Health Officers. The total annual value of this annual award is \$1,250.

##### **Lilli Ann Zahara Award**

The Lilli Ann Zahara Award of \$500 is to commemorate the contributions made by Lilli Ann to environmental health in Canada and recognize a candidate showing *“dedication, commitment, inspiration and leadership in the field of environmental health, particularly with a commitment to food safety and/or health education”*.

##### **NSF International Award**

An annual award of \$1,000 for studies displaying excellence in the area of Food Safety is awarded.

Winners of the awards are posted on the EHFC Website and announced in the EHFC periodic newsletter.

#### **Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education:**

EHFC is a founding member of the Partnership and maintains its membership. Pam Scharfe represents EHFC in the Partnership and was recently elected to their Board of Directors giving the Foundation greater input into the Partnership.

The Foundation will continue to promote the use of our TempSafe© products and look forward to additional sales in 2011 and 2012.

#### **Water Safety Committee:**

This Committee was formed to look at ways the Foundation can contribute to promote the use of potable drinking water and where possible to assist with the provision of safe drinking water in third world countries. The Foundation has worked with the Ontario Branch and has made a significant contribution to assist their project to provide safe water to a school in Serra Leone. We look forward

to cooperating further with the Ontario Branch in the coming year on other safe drinking water initiatives.

**Communications Committee:**

This Committee reviews all EHFC publicity activities and brochures, and the website. A major overhaul of our web site has been undertaken by Pamela Scharfe, Chair of the Communications Committee and is nearing completion at this time.

**The Future:**

The Trustees of the Foundation are committed to expand the Foundation's activities and influence in the coming years. The continuing hiatus in the annual financial contribution to the EHFC by CIPHI has a negative effect on the Foundation's finances. The Foundation recognizes the financial constraints faced by the Institute but hopes it will soon renew its annual contribution.

We look forward to continuing our excellent working relationship with all CIPHI Branches and National in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees,

Ron de Burger,  
Board of Trustees Chair, EHFC

