



# Senators Forum



## C I P H I R E T I R E E S A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E



### Receives 50 Years Recognition

On Sunday March 13, 2011, Arthur Cecil Conrad received recognition of 50 years of membership in CIPHI. The presentation was made by Len Gallant, Chair of Retirees Advisory Committee. He was accompanied by retired Inspector Bob Esterbrooks of Amherst. Bob worked with Arthur from 1968 to 1976. Also present for the presentation were Arthur's son and daughter.

Now in his 90's, Arthur continues to live in Amherst, Nova Scotia with his daughter Katie.

Arthur was excited and appreciative of the remembrance, could not set the award down but rather clutched it with both hands. "Its going right there" he said pointing at a prominent spot on a table in the living room. "To think that after all those years that I was remembered, I just can't get over it".

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### CIPHI Announces Agreement with Johnson Inc.

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is pleased to announce that we have entered an agreement with Johnson Inc. to provide competitive quotes for Auto, Home and Travel Insurance to all of our members as a benefit of membership.

The Retirees Advisory Committee (RAC) have been pursuing an insurance benefits package since 2009. The NEC saw the benefit of such a plan to both retirees and regular members and pursued an agreement with Johnson. As many Inspectors lose their benefits on retirement or reaching 65 years of age, this is a great way of continuing coverage and has benefit for CIPHI as well.

This is a fine example of the work being carried out by the RAC on behalf of retired inspectors and of the benefit of remaining a member of the Institute after retirement.

## S E N I O R   S E N A T O R   S A Y S   H E L L O



As I sit down to write this message, its a beautiful day in mid-March with signs of Spring and new hopes in the air. It is also the time when our snowbird colleagues are beginning to pack the car for the trip north back to Canada. It is our hope that these snowbird colleagues will not have forgotten us during the winter but rather look forward to renewing past acquaintances with former health and environmental health colleagues. To all former health and environmental health colleagues, our message is that we need you, remain in touch, informed, supportive or critical, passive or active within our organization, but nevertheless as a member.

As indicated in the last newsletter, as a result of a lobby and much research by members of this committee, an agreement for various insurance needs has now been signed by our National President and Johnson Insurance, details are available on the CIPHI national website. It is the intent of this committee to continue to seek offerings or options which will be of benefits not only to us as retirees but rather to all of CIPHI's membership. It is well to remember that the offering are more enticing when a greater number of potential users are identified. We therefore challenge anyone who is aware of a potential offerings which would be a benefit to all of our members to contact us.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this Spring edition of our newsletter "Senators Forum" sadly would be the last circulated to all known retirees unless such retiree is a member of CIPHI. This action as stated previously is strictly one of financial reality. Circulation especially by Canada Post is our greatest expense in the production and distribution of this newsletter (thanks to a number of volunteers). As indicated previously, membership for retirees is set at \$50:00 per year (\$0.14 per day, one tenth the cost of a Tim Horton Coffee), not a major expenditure or commitment when we look at what a public health and environmental health career has given to most of us. This continued membership would be as beneficial to you as a retiree as it would be to your professional organization, presently your membership, not only give you access to whatever benefits that we as a committee can lobby and convince CIPHI to support, but also a continuing subscription to *CIPHI's Environmental Health Review*, your own *Senators Forum*, but also the ability to become *actively or passively involved* within your professional organization to help *plot its future direction* in becoming of a greater value to all of us as retirees, but also as prior public health and environmental health professionals.

In closing, I wish all an enjoyable Spring and Summer, hopefully, we will see you in Halifax in late June at CIPHI Annual Educational Conference

### **Sénateur senior vous dit bonjour:**

Comme je m'assois pour écrire ce message, c'est une belle journée de mi-mars avec des signes de printemps et de nouveaux espoirs à l'horizon. C'est également le moment où nos collègues retraités migrateurs (snowbirds) commencent à faire leurs valises et préparer leur retour au Canada. Nous espérons que nos collègues retraités migrateurs ne nous ont pas oubliés durant les mois d'hiver mais qu'ils ont plutôt hâte de renouer avec d'anciennes connaissances et collègues en santé publique environnementale. À tous les anciens collègues en santé et en santé environnementale, notre message est que nous avons besoin de vous, restez en contact et informé. Que vous supportiez ou critiquiez, que vous soyez passif ou actif au sein de l'organisation, néanmoins demeurez ou devenez membre.

Comme dénoté dans notre dernier bulletin, suite à une recherche et une étude exhaustive par les membres du comité, une entente pour livrer différents besoins d'assurance a été ratifiée entre le Président national et la compagnie d'Assurance Johnson; les détails sont disponibles sur le site Internet de l'ICISP. C'est l'intention de ce comité de continuer à chercher des offres de services ou des options qui seront avantageuses non seulement pour nous en tant que retraités mais aussi pour tous les membres de l'ICISP. Il est à remarquer que l'offre est plus attrayante lorsqu'un plus grand nombre d'utilisateurs potentiels est identifié. Par conséquent, si vous êtes au courant d'une offre attrayante qui serait favorable à tous les membres, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous.

Même si je l'ai mentionné dans notre dernier bulletin, j'aimerais réitérer le fait que l'édition printanière de notre bulletin «Forum des Sénateurs» sera malheureusement la dernière distribution à tous les retraités. Dorénavant, il sera uniquement distribué aux membres de l'ICISP. Cette décision est uniquement basée sur une situation financière précaire. La distribution, particulièrement par Poste Canada, est notre plus grande dépense en ce qui concerne la production et la livraison de notre bulletin d'information (gros merci aux bénévoles impliqués). Comme mentionné précédemment, l'adhésion à l'ICISP pour un membre retraité est seulement 50,00\$ par année (.14¢ par jour; soit un dixième du prix d'un café de Tim Horton) pas une

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**M E S S A G E   F R O M   T H E   N A T I O N A L  
P R E S I D E N T**



It's always difficult to be optimistic at this time of year in Canada. Depending on where one is located, you could be dealing with treacherous roads and sidewalks due to freeze/thaw cycles, experiencing torrential rains followed by whiteout snowstorms (maybe even a mixture of both), or enjoying the warmth of a spring day to only be snapped back into our cold reality the next. It's a wonderful country, but the weather is something of an acquired taste. So even with the difficulties that we face in braving the elements, the commonality of dealing with our temperamental weather binds us together as Canadians. It is ultimately in our optimism in believing "things will get better" that we forge ahead.

Believing that things will get better is ultimately an ideal that we in CIPHI hold dear as we continue to work towards the organization's strategic objectives. From large projects such as the Continuing Professional Competencies Project to smaller projects, the number of initiatives that are currently underway is staggering and it is through the hard work and determination of volunteers that we have been able to make the progress that we have. Case-in-point is the Organizing Committee for the 2011 Annual Education Conference being held this year in Halifax, NS. An inordinate amount of work is being done by one of the smallest Branches of CIPHI. Perseverance, adaptability and fortitude have steered this group through the difficulties of planning and executing a full-scale conference in the midst of economic turmoil in the world and constrained travel budgets at home. As such, I would urge everyone to attend the AEC in June to not only show support for CIPHI and the Nova Scotia/PEI Branch members, but to also participate in discussions of contemporary environmental public health issues and to also enjoy the famous East Coast hospitality. I can never say enough to fully recognize the volunteers across the country who make the good ship CIPHI move forward, but making sure others know what they are doing is certainly a first step.

Finally, for those who are not aware, CIPHI will be celebrating its Centennial in 2013. Established in 1913 in Winnipeg as the Sanitary Inspectors Association of Western Canada, CIPHI has grown to represent all EHOs and PHIs in Canada. In recognition of this laudable milestone, a committee has been formed to develop ideas and initiatives to celebrate CIPHI's centenary. If anyone is interested in participating in the planning for this event or can provide historical information with respect to CIPHI nationally or provincially, I would invite you to contact me at [president@ciphi.ca](mailto:president@ciphi.ca)

In closing, I would like to recognize the Senators group for formalizing the communication channels between CIPHI and our retired members. Your experiences have been the foundation how Environmental Public Health is practiced in Canada and we would like to keep you connected with our community even in your non-practicing years. As such, I would ask that you please renew your membership to continue to support the development of the Senators group as your voice within CIPHI and the EPH Community at large.

**Chers collègues retraités :**

Il est toujours difficile d'être optimiste en cette période de l'année au Canada. Selon où vous vous situez, vous pourriez être exposé à des mauvaises conditions routières et des trottoirs glacés causés par le gel/dégel, des pluies torrentielles suivies de tempêtes de neige (voire même une combinaison des deux) ou même prendre un bain de soleil pour à nouveau être plongés dans la dure réalité de l'hiver. C'est un merveilleux pays mais on doit vivre et s'habituer à ce climat. Ainsi, même avec les difficultés auxquelles nous faisons face en bravant les intempéries, le point commun d'avoir un climat capricieux, nous lie ensemble comme Canadien. C'est finalement à travers notre optimisme de «croire que les choses vont s'améliorer» que nous progressons.

Le fait de croire que les choses vont s'améliorer est finalement un idéal que nous à l'ICISP chérissons et ainsi nous continuons à travailler vers des objectifs stratégiques pour l'organisation. À partir de grands projets tels que le Programme de développement professionnel continu à de plus petits projets, le nombre d'initiatives qui sont actuellement en cours est impressionnant et c'est par le travail acharné et la détermination des bénévoles que nous avons été capables de progresser au point où nous en sommes aujourd'hui. Un exemple concret est le comité organisateur de la Conférence éducative annuelle 2011 qui aura lieu cette année à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse. Une quantité anormalement élevée de travail est effectué par l'une des plus petites Sections de l'ICISP. La persévérance, l'adaptabilité et la force d'âme ont conduit ce groupe à travers les difficultés de planifier et d'exécuter une conférence de grande envergure en pleine tourmente économique mondiale et avec des budgets de voyage local restreints. À ce titre, je vous exhorte tous à prendre part à la CEA en juin, non seulement pour soutenir l'ICISP et les membres de la Section de la Nouvelle-Écosse/ l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard mais aussi pour participer aux discussions complémentaires sur la santé publique environnementale et goûter à l'accueil légendaire de la Côte Est. Je ne pourrais jamais en dire assez pour reconnaître pleinement les bénévoles à travers le pays qui permettent à l'ICISP de continuer à progresser et s'assurer que l'entourage est conscient de ce qu'ils font est certainement la première étape.

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## Centennial Stamp and Coin Projects

As part of it's 2013 Centennial celebrations, CIPHI has submitted a request to Canada Post for the issue of a commemorative stamp to mark the occasion. The Retirees Advisory Committee initiated the stamp project.

Suggestions for subjects to be used on stamps are submitted to a Stamp Advisory Committee which guides Canada Post in selecting subjects. The Committee is made up of Canadians selected for their general and philatelic knowledge. Canada Post's yearly stamp program consists of about 20 board subjects covering some 50 individual stamps. Stamp suggestions must be submitted at least two years before the beginning of the year of issue.

The RAC has campaigned for support for the stamp project and to date over one hundred letters have been written to the Stamp Advisory Committee by individual, organizations, businesses and professionals supporting the project.

As well as the stamp project, a letter has been sent to the Royal Canadian Mint requesting a commemorative coin be issued for the CIPHI Centennial. Letters of support for the coin proposal can be sent to Kate Holms, Director of Product Marketing, The Royal Canadian mint, 320 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0G8

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### **Sénateur senior vous dit bonjour:**

dépense ou un engagement onéreux lorsque nous faisons une rétrospective quant à la carrière en santé publique environnementale dont la plupart de nous ont bénéficié. Votre adhésion serait aussi bénéfique pour vous en tant que retraité que pour votre organisation car elle vous donne accès non seulement aux avantages sociaux existants et ceux dont notre comité fait pression auprès de l'ICISP mais aussi à l'abonnement de «L'Environmental Health Review» et du bulletin «Forum des Sénateurs». Également vous bénéficiez de l'opportunité de vous impliquer activement ou passivement au sein de votre organisation professionnelle pour aider à tracer son orientation future afin de nous mettre en valeur comme retraités et comme ancien professionnel de la santé et de la santé environnementale.

En terminant je vous souhaite tous un agréable printemps et un bel été et nous espérons vous voir à la fin juin à Halifax lors de la Conférence éducative annuelle de l'ICISP.

## Did You Know.....

- Total number of Certified Public Health Inspectors currently employed in Canada in a public health or environmental health capacity is 2145.
- It is projected by the various agencies to grow this workforce by an additional 135.5 FTE's in the next five years.
- It is further estimated that an additional 292 individuals will retire in the next five years

### **We want your input !!**

We are always looking for input from our members. Do you have an interesting story of what you or other retirees are doing you would like to share? Let us know and we can include it in future editions. Maybe you would like to contribute a name or article to our "Looking Back in Time" feature? Do you know of a retirement or the passing of a colleague you would like to share. Send the information along to the editor at [jmccorry@eastlink.ca](mailto:jmccorry@eastlink.ca)

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### **Chers collègues retraités :**

Finalemant, pour ceux qui ne sont pas au courant, l'ICISP célébrera son centenaire en 2013. Établi à Winnipeg en 1913 comme l'Association des inspecteurs hygiénistes de l'ouest Canadien, l'ICISP a évolué pour représenter tout les inspecteurs en santé publique et les agents d'hygiène du milieu au Canada. En reconnaissance de cette louable et importante étape, un comité à été formé pour développer des idées et des initiatives afin de souligner le centenaire de l'ICISP. Si quelqu'un est intéressé à participer à la planification de cet évènement ou même fournir des renseignements historiques en ce qui concerne l'ICISP, soit au niveau national ou provincial, je vous invite à communiquer avec moi à : [president@icisp.ca](mailto:president@icisp.ca).

En terminant, je tiens à souligner et remercier le groupe des «Sénateurs» pour formaliser les canaux de communications entre l'ICISP et nos membres retraités. Vos acquis ont été la base à savoir comment la santé publique environnementale est pratiquée au Canada et nous aimerions que vous restiez liés à notre communauté même durant vos années de non-pratique. En tant que tel, je vous demanderais svp de renouveler votre adhésion pour continuer à soutenir le groupe des Sénateurs comme votre voix au sein de l'ICISP et de la santé publique environnementale en général.

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP ??**

A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE FOR YOU CONVENIENCE



## RAC Member to Present at Annual NEC

John Bower, the Retirees Advisory Committee representative for Saskatchewan is scheduled to present at this year's conference. John's topic is the Western Canada Relief for Haiti Food Challenges. He is scheduled for Tuesday June 28.

This year's CIPHI's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference is being hosted by the NS/PEI Branch in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia. Come and enjoy all the genuine hospitality and rich culture and social experiences that Halifax and Nova Scotia have to offer.

The conference theme *Strengthening Collaboration: Strengthening the Profession* embraces the collaborative network that jurisdictions employ to foster a more effective and integrated approach to environmental public health issues. This year's conference education sessions provide three concurrent streams highlighting the scope of environmental public health science and its reliance on

multidisciplinary approaches to health hazard assessment, reduction, and prevention.

The social program includes an opportunity to drive the scenic Marine Drive, passing through many coastal communities before visiting the famous fishing village of Peggy's Cove with its iconic red and white lighthouse, and hear the crashing of waves against the rocky shore. An evening in Halifax offers a lobster dinner at a local seafood restaurant followed by a cruise of Halifax Harbour where guests will have a beautiful view of the Halifax waterfront while dancing and partying with friends.

The conference hotel is the Halifax Harbourfront Marriott, in the heart of the downtown, close to numerous attractions, entertainment, and fine dining. Rooms are available at the conference rate of \$199/night and can be booked at 1-800-943-6760 using code "cipcipa".

Last day for Early Bird Registration is April 30 and the last day to guarantee hotel room at the Halifax Harbourfront Marriott Hotel is May 24. Keep up to date with the conference by visiting our website <http://www.ciphi.ns.ca> or our facebook page at <http://tinyurl.com/4tftm6A>

The Retirees Advisory Committee will be meeting at the conference on Monday June 27. All retirees whether attending the conference or not are encouraged to make contact with members of the committee. We would like to see or hear from you. Check with the registration desk for details.

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## LOOKING BACK IN TIME



**Arthur Cecil Conrad, 1945**  
CSI(C) # 348

**Remember to  
register now with  
CIPHI National  
office for 2011  
membership**

### Arthur Cecil Conrad

In 1944 Arthur Cecil Conrad accepted employment with the Province of Nova Scotia as a sanitary inspector, the third in the province. Retiring as Supervisor, Lunenburg-Queens Health Unit in 1980, his career with the Department of Health spanned 37 years. Arthur was born in Pictou on May 5, 1920. After graduation from Pictou Academy in 1940 he worked with several local companies before accepting a position of Provincial Sanitary Inspector. He says his salary was "\$100 a month plus expenses". His first appointment included Pictou, Antigonish and Cumberland counties. Dairy inspections often saw him commencing work at 5:00 a.m. Travelling was by foot, bus, train, taxi and even hitch-hiking.

With the appointment of Jack O'Leary as an Inspector to the area in 1946, Arthur was moved to Amherst from which he worked by himself until joined by Bob Esterbrooks in 1968. Arthur moved to Bridgewater in 1976 as Supervisor of The Lunenburg-Queens Health Unit.

Throughout his career Arthur was to adhere to the philosophy of "you won't solve all the problems in a day". He believed in explanations, and reasoning with the public, and only enforced regulations as a last alternative. When he first started work, there were few regulations and Arthur had to rely on his personality to achieve goals.

During his career, Arthur has been active in the Institute. He was a member of the CPHA and has been a member of the CIPHI since 1958. In 1959/60 he was Atlantic Branch President and served as a "one man" membership committee for 12 years. Arthur was also Branch Treasurer from 1961 to 1976. In 1970, Arthur was elected National President of the Institute and held that office for the full two years. The Institute conferred life membership on Arthur in 1976 for his many years of service to his profession. Arthur was one of the first to advocate the Board of Certification be withdrawn from CPHA and be placed in the hands of the institute. Much to his satisfaction this was achieved in 1980.

Arthur attended his first CIPHI National conference in 1959 (Niagara). From that year on he attended 15 consecutive national conferences across Canada and by doing so became a national figure.

Arthur has a strong faith and throughout his life has been active in his church and community groups.

The Institute has had no stronger supporter than Arthur Conrad. Although retired he continues his interest in CIPHI. If you are holidaying or travelling in Nova Scotia you will find Arthur at 40 Winston Avenue, Amherst, only about five minutes off Highway 104. He would welcome a visit.

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