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Committee

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Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I am able to report that the feed-back and comments in regard to our first ever newsletter were very positive and encouraging. We will therefore strive to continue to grow our circulation and meet your expectations.

One recurring question that I have been receiving is: "How is the role out of the Core Competencies Program going to impact on current retirees". After consultation with some of the key players in the implementation of this program, I wish to report that "current retirees are not covered by the CPC Program; however, the requirement as applicable to the retiree category should be ready for implementation and effective for those retiring after January 1, 2011". Having said that, however, those, who are interested and wish to participate irrespective of the date (i.e. those who retired prior to January 1, 2011), are encouraged and free to do so and will be subject as per the procedures that CoPE (Council of Professional Experience) has set forth for retired members. A committee of CoPE is currently working on such policies.

It must be stated that at the current time the interest is not in revoking or suspending any credential of any inspector but rather the CPC Program is designed to provide a framework upon which Environmental Public Health practice can evolve to in the coming years

As before we urge you to provide us with your comments and feed-back. On a personal note, I wish each and every one of you a healthy and enjoyable summer.

SÉNATEUR SENIOR VOUS DIT BONJOUR

Bonjour,

C'est avec grand plaisir que suite à la publication de notre première « Lettre d'information », la rétroaction et les commentaires ont été très positifs et encourageants. Nous continuerons donc la publication de notre lettre d'information afin de mieux répondre à vos attentes.

Une question qui revient régulièrement est la suivante : Quel impact la mise en

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QUEBEC BRANCH RENEWAL

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) is proud to announce the renewal of the Québec Branch. The Québec Branch Executive was elected on March 8, 2010 at a general assembly in Montréal with a clear mandate to formally re-establish the Québec Branch. The new President is Mr. Oumar Ba from Health Canada. His career as an Environmental Public Health Professional (EPHP) has taken him from Vancouver Island with the Vancouver Island Health Authority, to Kapuskasing, Ontario and to his current location of Québec City, Québec. *"It's an honour to represent Environmental Public Health Professionals and to uphold the national standards of environmental health professionalism in Québec,"* says Oumar Ba.

The Vice-president of the Branch is Jacques Reid and the Treasurer is Serge Lamontagne. Both were members of the Québec Branch in the 1970's and 80's and will play an important role using their corporate memory to move the Branch forward. Nicolas Raymond and Sarah Chergui will represent the Branch as Secretary and Councillor respectively. *"We are very pleased to welcome the Québec Branch back into our family,"* says National President Adam Grant. As CIPHI moves forward with the Continuing Professional Competencies Program, the re-establishment of the Québec Branch will solidify CIPHI as the only voice for Environmental Public Health Professionals in Canada.



March 8, 2010 - Québec Branch General Meeting - From L to R: Mr. Paul-Émile Beauregard, CPHI(C) – Health Canada, Mr. Jean-Luc Archambault, CPHI(C) and HR Specialist – CVthèque Réseau Inc., Mr. René DesChênes, HR Specialist - Services Conseils RD3-C inc., Mr. Serge Lamontagne, CPHI(C) – Treasurer, Mr. Oumar Ba, CPHI(C) – President, Mr. Jacques Reid, CPHI(C) – Vice-President, Mr. Stéfane Gravelle, CPHI(C) – Past-President (MB Branch/NEC envoy) and Ms. Sarah Chergui, CPHI(C) – Councilor

Le 8 mars 2010 – L’Assemblée générale de la Section du Québec – De gauche à droite : M. Paul-Émile Beauregard, CISPC (Santé Canada), M. Jean-Luc Archambault, CISPC et spécialiste en ressources humaines (CVthèque Réseau Inc.), M. René Deschênes, spécialiste en ressources humaines (Services Conseils RD3-C Inc.), M. Serge Lamontagne, CISPC et trésorier, M. Oumar Ba, CISPC et président, Mr. Jacques Reid, CISPC et vice-président, M. Stéfane Gravelle, CISPC et président-sortant (Section du MB et envoyé spéciale du bureau national) and Mlle. Sarah Chergui, CISPC et conseillère.



March 8, 2010 - CIPHI's Pan-Canadian Francophone Network Meeting - From L to R: Mr. *Daniel Savoie, NB Branch (Maritimes Rep), Mr. Jacques Beauvais, ON Branch, Mr. Jean-Luc Archambault, QC Branch, Mr. Stéfane Gravelle, MB Branch (Western/Northern Rep), Oumar Ba, QC Branch, Mr. *Rolland Duguay, NB Branch and Mr. Jacques Reid, QC Branch. (*denotes members of the CIPHI Senate)

Le 8 mars 2010 – Réunion du Réseau francophone pancanadien de l'ICISP - De gauche à droite : *M. Daniel Savoie, Section du NB (représentant des maritimes), M. Jacques Beauvais, Section de l'ON, M. Jean-Luc Archambault, Section du QC, M. Stéfane Gravelle, Section du MB (représentant de la région Ouest / Nord), M. Oumar Ba, Section du QC, *M. Rolland Duguay, Section du NB and Mr. Jacques Reid, Section du QC. (* = membres du Sénat de l'ICISP.)



LE RENOUVELLEMENT DE LA SECTION DU QUÉBEC



L’Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique (ICISP) est fier d’annoncer le renouvellement de la Section du Québec de l’ICISP. Le Conseil d’administration pour la Section du Québec fut élu le 8 mars 2010 lors d’une Assemblé générale tenue à Montréal avec un mandat clair de rétablir formellement la Section du Québec. Le

nouveau président est Oumar Ba qui travaille pour Santé Canada. Sa carrière comme Professionnel en santé publique environnementale (PSPE) l’a mené de Vancouver Island, C.-B. à Kapuskasing, On. à la ville de Québec, Qc. son endroit actuel. «*C'est un honneur pour moi de représenter les Professionnels en santé publique environnementale et de soutenir les normes nationales de professionnalisme en santé environnementale au Québec,*» dit Oumar Ba.

Le vice-président de la Section est Jacques Reid et le trésorier est Serge Lamontagne. Tous deux étaient membres de la Section du Québec dans les années 70 et 80 et joueront un rôle important en utilisant leur mémoire collective pour faire avancer la Section. Nicolas Raymond et Sarah Chergui représenteront la Section comme secrétaire et conseillère respectivement. «*Nous sommes très heureux d'accueillir la Section du Québec dans notre grande famille,*» dit le Président national, Adam Grant. Pendant que l’ICISP progresse avec son programme de « Développement professionnel continu », le rétablissement de la Section du Québec va renforcer l’ICISP comme étant la seule voix pour les Professionnels en santé publique environnementale au Canada.

Mis à jour

À la suite des réunions du mois de mars à Montréal, voici un sommaire des initiatives pour ré-établir la Section du Québec et d’assurer la durabilité du *Certificat d’Inspection en Santé Publique (Canada) – le CISPC* - au Québec

Le président national, le président-élu et la dirigeante du Conseil d'accréditation (CA) ont examiné et appuyé le plan stratégique recommandé par le Comité de faisabilité, la Section du Québec et leurs partenaires externes pour établir une « *Mutuelle de formation* ». Selon la *Loi favorisant le développement et la reconnaissance des compétences de la main-d’œuvre* au Québec, il est permis de créer des organismes à but non-lucratif pour gérer les besoins que les employeurs, les instituts académiques et les travaillants ont en terme de mentorats et l’approvisionnement des employées qualifiées. L’ICISP, en partenariat avec divers employeurs, d’agences en ressources humaines et les professions reliées au domaine de la santé publique environnementale poursuit ce modèle avec grande vigueur. L’espoir est de créer une relève de professionnels qui détiennent le CISPC au Québec et de favoriser leur place dans le marché du travail.

Les membres du Comité de faisabilité ont commencés une démarche pour établir le Réseau francophone pancanadien de l’ICISP. Ce réseau a comme but d’identifier et d’énumérer tout les francophones et francophiles dans le domaine de santé publique environnementale au Canada. L’Institut veut améliorer ses services en français (ex. Site_web, forum de discussion, etc.) afin d’établir et de soutenir une « *communauté de pratique* » francophone pour le bénéfice de la profession et du peuple canadien.

Loving environmental public health

"Retired" health inspector
can't stay away



After 25 years, Environmental Health Office Bill Chrapko still loves his job.

For 35 years, Bill Chrapko has been going where most of us wouldn't dare. The Environmental Health Officer with Alberta Health Services in Edmonton has seen it all — from *Kitchen Nightmares*-like restaurants to falling-down buildings. He has even had the unpleasant experience of finding a dead body. But he just can't get enough of his work. "There are never two days the same. It's quite interesting," Bill says.

At 71 years young, Bill is still going strong. Although he retired at age 60, he remains on a casual employee list and has come back more than once to lend a hand. In fact, he keeps the number of times he has "un-retired" a secret, but estimates that he has probably worked five out of the past 11 years.

A running joke around the Environmental Public Health office is that Bill only comes back for the retirement parties.

Jason MacDonald, one of Bill's younger colleagues, says that even with all his experience and knowledge, Bill is enthusiastic about the new generation. "He wants to learn from youth, and he's very open-minded," MacDonald says. "We kid around with him a lot. Everyone knows him."

Bill is deeply involved in his profession. As a life member and past-president of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI), he has seen the organization grow from its infancy into what it is today. This past year, CIPHI recognized him with an award for performing duties above and beyond. He is currently the past-president of the Alberta Public Health Association, and is on a post-SARS database of retired health inspectors developed by CIPHI and the Public Health Agency of Canada in case of a pandemic or other emergency.

During Environmental Public Health Week (Jan. 18–24), which recognizes the key role of environmental health professionals in health care and environmental health, Bill reflects on his career. "To get to venture into Environmental Public Health is a stepping stone. You get proficient in something you really, really like. There's so many possibilities open to you," says Bill.

"I get the most satisfaction from solving a tough problem, like a landlord/tenant dispute for example," Bill says. "You have to be a good negotiator to be a health inspector."

With his first grandchild on the way, Bill may have slow down a bit, but his days of keeping the public safe are far from over. "I'll keep going until I've had enough," he says. "I don't know when that will be."

Many thanks to "Alberta Health Services Internal Bulletin" for this article'.



Inspecting apartment complexes is one of the many tasks Bill Chrapko has performed over the past 35 years.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP ??

A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIPS BUT YOU MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.

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Sénateur senior vous dit bonjour

place du programme de « Développement professionnel continu »(DPC) aura t'il sur les retraités actuels? Suite à une consultation auprès des personnes ressources dans l'implantation du programme, j'aimerais vous informer que les personnes actuellement à la retraite ne sont pas couverts par le programme; cependant les exigences qui s'appliquent à la catégorie des retraités devraient être mises en place pour ceux qui prendront leur retraite après le 1^{er} janvier 2011.

Ceci étant dit, ceux qui sont intéressés et qui souhaitent participer au programme indépendamment de la date (c-à-d ceux à la retraite avant le 1^{er} janvier 2011) sont encouragés et libres de le faire et seraient soumis aux procédures que le « Conseil de formation continu »(CFC) impose aux membres retraités. Un comité du CFC travaille actuellement sur de telles politiques.

Il doit être stipulé qu'à l'heure actuelle, la volonté n'est pas de révoquer ou suspendre les lettres de créances des inspecteurs par contre le programme CFC est conçu pour fournir un cadre à la pratique de la santé publique environnementale pour les années à venir.

Comme toujours, je vous invite à nous fournir votre rétroaction et vos commentaires afin que nous puissions mieux répondre à vos attentes. Sur une note plus personnelle, je souhaite à chacun de vous un très bel été en bonne santé.

Québec Branch Update

The following summarizes and describes some of the support initiatives underway to help re-establish and sustain the Québec Branch and secure the future of the CPHI(C) credential in the province:

CIPHI's National President, President-Elect and Board of Certification (BOC) Chair have reviewed and endorsed a proposal put forth by the QC Feasibility Committee, the QC Branch and its associate partners to establish a "Training Mutual", which is a not-for-profit cooperative organization regulated under Québec's *Act to Promote Workforce Skills Development and Recognition*. This type of organization effectively meshes employers, students, CPHI(C) mentors, academic institutions, affiliated professional organizations and human resource specialists together in a coordinated effort to help fill the supply demands for: a) qualified workers and b) practicum experiences within the province.

Members of the QC Branch Feasibility Committee also met in Montréal in March to begin work on CIPHI's Pan-Canadian Francophone Network. This network is intended to identify and quantify the francophone and francophile workforce in Canada, bolster CIPHI's move towards bilingual services (i.e. website, discussion forum, etc) and construct a francophone "*community of practice*" where knowledge and experience can be exchanged for the benefit of the profession and the citizens of Canada.

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LOOKING BACK IN TIME



June Lawson
Certificate # 254

June Lawson

June Lawson was the first woman in Canada to receive the Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada). Miss Lawson was born in Scotland on June 29, 1907, subsequently moved to Canada and was a resident of Winnipeg, Manitoba where she attended high school. Miss Lawson attended Success Business College and graduated in 1930. Her subsequent employment included working as a Clerk for the T. Eaton Company and later the City of Winnipeg Tax Office. Miss Lawson then became the Clerk for the City Health Department Food & Dairy Division as well as the Sanitation & Housing Division. While with the City Health Department, Miss Lawson trained to become a Sanitary Inspector. She received excellent references from the Principal at Success Business College and officials with the Winnipeg Electric Company and the City Health Department. Miss Lawson received Certificate # 254 in 1942.

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