



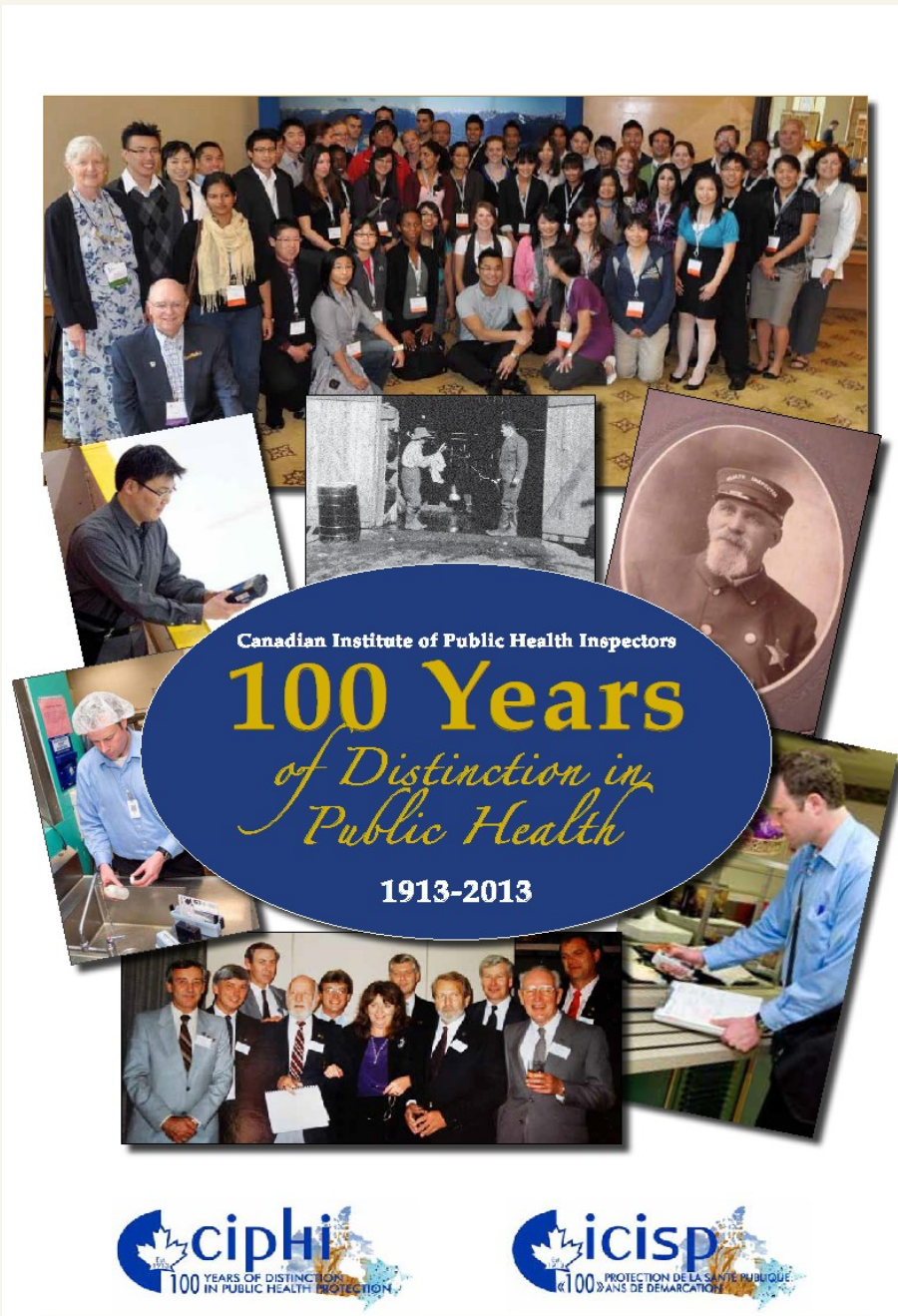
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CIPHI Centenary Calendar

SENIOR SENATOR SAYS HELLO



Greetings:

Another year has gone by and once again it is time to reflect on the hopes and intentions of the past year and to evaluate our agenda for the coming year. Your committee, like all such groups

needs continuous input and renewal from its membership if it is to maintain your interest and continue to offer benefits or items that are of interest to all.

As the annual meeting for CIPHI is fast approaching, it is a most opportune time in which to have this dialogue and for the committee when it meets on Monday, September 17th, at Blue Mountain Resort. It is our hope that CIPHI retirees with an interest in public health and in maintaining contact with colleagues will identify themselves to current committee members as many of the current members of the committee have been serving since its formation. The only requirement to offering to serve on the committee is that you must be a member of CIPHI in good standing.

However, this is a wonderful opportunity for all of our retired colleagues to make their views known by contacting their area representative on the committee prior to September 17th.

In closing, on a personal note, I wish to express my thanks to the members for their help and commitment over the past seven (7) years

Salutations:

Une autre année s'est écoulée et, encore une fois, on doit faire une rétrospective sur nos attentes et nos intentions de cette dernière année et aussi évaluer notre démarche pour la prochaine année. Votre comité, comme tous groupes semblables, requiert un apport continu et renouvelé de ses membres s'il veut maintenir votre intérêt et continuer à vous offrir des avantages ou des éléments qui sont d'intérêt pour tout le monde.

Comme la réunion annuelle de l'ICISP approche rapidement, ce sera le moment opportun pour les membres du comité d'avoir un échange entre eux lorsqu'ils se réuniront le lundi 17 septembre 2012 au Blue Mountain Resort. Nous souhaitons que les retraités de l'ICISP, ayant un intérêt pour la santé publique et aussi le désir de maintenir un contact avec des collègues, profiteront de l'occasion pour s'introduire aux membres du comité car la plupart des membres actuels ont siégé sur le comité depuis sa formation. Pour ceux/celles qui sont intéressés, la seule condition pour siéger sur le comité c'est que vous soyez membre en règle de l'ICISP.

Cependant, il s'agit d'une excellente occasion pour tous nos collègues retraités de faire connaître leurs opinions en communiquant avec le représentant régional qui siège sur le comité avant le 17 septembre 2012.

En terminant, sur une note personnelle, je tiens à exprimer ma gratitude aux membres pour leur aide et engagement pendant les sept (7) dernières années.

CIPHI Crest - In Latin



If you have not seen the CIPHI crest to the left before, it is in Latin. It was interesting to learn that "Institute" has two meanings and spellings in Latin. Institute/institution being a place/facility where folks are placed for care. and Institute/institution being a substantial organization for the promotion of art, science, health, education or law. The original CIPHI jacket pocket crests were in Latin and used the spelling for a place you put folks. When I had the crests redone for CIPHI after Gene Hartman carved the present CIPHI crest, we checked with folks at UBC and had the spelling corrected to represent a substantial organization promoting - health.

(Submitted from Tim Roark)

Checking Public Health is a never ending task

The following excerpt is from an article appearing in the August 8, 2012 on-line edition of the Times of Malta (www.timesofmalta.com/). The article was forwarded by Duncan Ellison (Honourary Member of CIPHI and a Trustee of the EHFC) via Tim Roark.

When the Magistri Sanitatis was set up in 1538, it monitored the construction of sewage and drinking water systems but, five centuries on, environmental health officers cover homes, work and public places. Sarah Carabott joins a kitchen and water inspection at a local hotel. Loaded with checklists, previous audit notes, testing equipment and hygienic wear, environmental health officer Dennis Grech and principal Alistair Lowell head to a busy hotel kitchen.

It takes the officers four hours to inspect every crevice and corner, go through documents mapping where pest baits have been set up, test freezer temperatures and make sure chefs are using the right chopping boards. The officers even check that the pest control company's treatment records are in place and that there is no risk of chemical contamination.

The hotel is also expected to carry out a private audit of food safety risks which the officers inspect thoroughly during their visit.

The inspection makes sure the hotel is abiding by the law and grades the kitchen. If it is assigned a very low grade, the kitchen will be monitored and inspected more frequently. The environmental health directorate can also issue the premises with an undertaking, which is similar to a contract obliging the hotel or restaurant to rectify its illegalities. Legal action will be taken if it refuses to follow the directorate's advice.

But, luckily, it is nowhere near as harsh as it was 500 years ago. In those days, when people disobeyed environmental and health inspection orders or were caught trafficking products off quarantined ships, penalties included burning their homes. Documents also show that anyone caught throwing trash on the road in Valletta in 1586 had to pay a fine. In those days, to prevent contamination, letters received from abroad were dipped in vinegar for disinfection or exposed to burning straw fumes, a mixture of manganese and a solution of sulphuric acid.

But Malta's reputation of public health excellence dates back even further. During the 13th and 14th centuries, under the Aragonese rule, there were already officials responsible for food quality.

Checking public health is a never-ending task More than 500 years later, when cholera was suffocating the island

during the British rule, John Sutherland found organic matter in the villages' water tanks. When he tested the water, he discovered many cholera deaths were related to a contaminated supply. Nowadays, the directorate carries out similar tests at hotels and other establishments to check for legionella.

Health officers head to the maintenance manager's office to take a look at the water plant room and discuss the legionella risk manual. The inspectors then have to check dead ends where water is most likely to collect and shower heads in random rooms. They also test the water's chlorine levels, temperatures and descaling or cleaning methods and make sure there are no contamination risks. The hotel takes a monthly sample of its spa and pool water and while the directorate ensures the laboratory employed by the hotel is accredited, the inspectors could also take a sample to test it out themselves.

History of Malta Health Inspectorate

The civil authorities in Malta have long felt the need to carefully manage public health issues to control the spread of disease and care for the diseased and infirm individuals in society. Measures to prevent the introduction of infection were recorded in the early 1500's, when ships were isolated in Marsamxett Harbour. An organized enforcement body, the 'Magistri Sanitatis,' was set up in 1538, during the time of the Order of St John. Strict enforcement of the law was practiced and emphasis was made on the construction of intricate sewage and drinking water systems, some of which are still operational to this very day. In January 1799, an inspector, Matthew Pulis, was shot by the French as his 'right of entry' enabled him to act as a go-between the Maltese insurgents both inside and outside the walls of Valletta.

Following a Royal Commission in 1838, the Water Police and the Quarantine Departments were amalgamated under the Superintendent of Quarantine. A review of measures to prevent disease gave rise to a comprehensive set of regulations which were later consolidated in a special ordinance embodied in Maltese law. The next major changes took place in 1885 and 1895, with the formation of the Public Health Department. Sir Temi Zammit, a MOH was instrumental in the initiation of chlorination of water supplies. In 1887, together with Sir Robert Bruce, Dr. Zammit isolated the *Brucella melitensis* organism from the spleen of a dead British soldier. Another Sanitary Inspector of note was the writer Ninu Cremona who was appointed as a Sanitary Inspector in 1904 after having attended for a course in the Ashton School of Hygiene at the University of Liverpool.

The designation of Sanitary Inspector was changed to that of Health Inspector by means of Act XX of the 12th December 1957.

In Memoriam

The passing of the following Public Health Inspectors has been brought to our attention since our last newsletter. We ask that if you know of the passing of one of our colleagues if you would kindly let us know so we may acknowledge it in the our next newsletter and an appropriate letter of condolence may be sent to the family.

John Stuart Griffin (Griff)



John Stuart Griffin was born on November 19, 1929 and passed away on Feb. 21, 2012.

John received his Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada) #1348 in 1962 and settled into a career in environmental health. This placed the family in Prince George that year and consequently later on in Vanderhoof for the growing up years. In 1975 a transfer returned them to their beloved Vancouver Island. After a long and successful career in environmental health John retired in Courtenay and threw himself into woodworking and gardening.

John supported many causes he believed in from foster children in Africa to saving the marmot, with many more in between.

Charles Edward Loftus



Charles Edward Loftus 74 years Peacefully Friday, February 10th, 2012 Charles had been an inspector with the Sudbury Health Unit for 35 years, retiring in 1996 and he went on to work for Health Canada for six years. He enjoyed the outdoors where he hunted and trapped.

Cedric MacDonald



Cedric MacDonald, Bedford, NS, passed away May 31, 2012. He was born in Halifax February 26, 1938. Cedric was a well known and lived public health inspector for the province of Nova Scotia for 30 years. He founded and coached the Pollikos soccer team and was involved with minor hockey. He enjoyed his cottage in Hubbards which he looked forward to visiting each summer for the past 40 years.

Wendel Benedict Stroh

Wendel Benedict Stroh age 84 passed away June 26, 2012 in St. Albert, Alberta He was a teacher in Big Beaver and Rosefield, Sask until 1957 when he

Did You Know.....

The Brazilian airline TAM has developed a biofuel made of 100% domestic "pinhao- manso". The plant is not edible by humans or animals so it does not impact the food chain. It reduces carbon emissions by between 65% and 80% compared to petroleum based kerosene. The first test flight in a large jet aircraft was held November 22, 2010 and according to airline sources was a complete success. Also participating in the experimental flight was Airbus, GE, the French Safran Group and Air BP. Farming studies began in 2011 with an exciting source of non-petroleum based biofuel just around the corner for Brazil.



The engine of the Brazilian airline TAM with the insignia on the engine indicating that it runs on the biofuel made from the Pinhao-manso bean.

Recent Retirees

Welcome to the following Inspectors who have recently retired:

Ontario: Stan Billah, Uwe Vortisch, Charles Empringham, Danny Kartzalis, Mohamed Jabar. Mike Bragg

New Brunswick: Ken Foster

Nova Scotia: Mark Durkee

moved to Swift Current to pursue a career in Public Health Inspection. Wendel continued working in the Swift Current Health Region until 1975 before moving to the Rosetown area as the Senior Public Health Inspector. He worked in Rosetown until his retirement in 1984.

Two of his children pursued careers in Public Health Inspection. Dwayne was a PHI in the Assiniboia office moving to Prince Rupert. He now works in Comox, as Supervisor of Health Protection and Environmental Services for the Central/North areas of Vancouver Island. Kathy became a PHI in 1982 and worked in Wadena, Lloydminster and in St. Albert where she worked as a casual PHI for the St. Albert, Stoney Plain and Sherwood Park Health Units in Alberta.



Planning Underway to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of CIHI

The birth of The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) began nearly 100 years ago in 1913 in Winnipeg, MB with the establishment of the "Sanitary Inspectors Association of Western Canada". Consequently, 2013 represents a significant milestone in the history of CIPHI, a milestone worthy of recognition by the organization and its membership. To ensure CIPHI's Centenary is appropriately celebrated and recognized the National Executive Council (NEC) has formed the Centenary Committee. The Centenary Committee has been tasked with planning and delivering activities and initiatives targeted towards membership, partners and the general public to celebrate and highlight the centenary milestone.

Some activities include the production of the Centenary calendar and a 100 year Commemorative Pin, both of which will be presented to all members (in 2013) to recognize their dedication to CIPHI and its initiatives. The beaver mascot will be re-vamped for the Centenary and travel throughout the country highlighting the exciting activities that environmental health professionals partake in daily; and environmental health professionals, both past and present will be identified by the 100 Members of Distinction project which will honour their commitment to the profession and to environmental public health in the country. Stay tuned to the listserve and the CIPHI website (www.ciphi.ca) for updates and more news from the Centenary Committee on activities, events and other ways you can become involved in celebrating the centenary milestone.

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L'institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique vit le jour près de 100 ans passés soit en 1913 à Winnipeg, Manitoba avec la création du « Sanitary Inspectors Association of Western Canada ». Par conséquent, l'année 2013 représente une étape importante dans l'histoire de l'ICISP, une étape digne de reconnaissance par l'organisation et ses membres. Afin de s'assurer que le centenaire de l'ICISP soit reconnu et fêté convenablement, le Comité exécutif national (CEN) a formé le « Comité du centenaire ». Pour célébrer et souligner cette fête, le Comité du centenaire a comme mandat la planification et la mise en œuvre d'activités et d'initiatives ciblées pour les membres, les partenaires et le grand public.

Certaines activités incluent la production d'un calendrier du centenaire ainsi qu'une épinglette commémorative représentant les 100 ans d'existence de l'organisation, lesquels seront présentés à tous les membres (en 2013) en guise de leur dévouement à l'ICISP et à ses initiatives. La mascotte de castor sera retapée pour le centenaire et voyagera à travers le pays en insistant sur les importantes activités que les professionnels en santé publique environnementale participent de façon quotidienne; en plus, 100 professionnels en santé publique environnementale, passés et présents, seront identifiés par le projet « Membres de distinction 100 » pour rendre hommage à leur engagement et à la profession de la santé publique environnementale au pays. Vérifiez « listserv » et le site Web de l'ICISP pour des mises à jour et pour de plus amples informations du Comité du centenaire concernant les activités, les événements et tous autres moyens que vous pouvez participer aux célébrations du centenaire.

Job Opportunity

Peter Workman from Baffin Island is developing a casual staff list of inspectors/Senators who might be interested in short term (3-4 month) positions as regional EHO in the Arctic. Salary is good, work is challenging and there would be a fair bit of travel to places that most folks never get to on Baffin Island. He is looking for recently retired PHI/EHOs, wanting a short term challenge. The timing would be later this fall, early winter... and the possibility of an extension, Contact Peter Workman workman@giniq.com, or tallquyottawa@hotmail.com

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CIPHI Centenary Calendar

The CIPHI Centenary calendar (front page) has been completed for distribution at the National conference in Collingwood this September. All members will receive a copy, however, there will be extras available for a nominal price. It is more than just a 'picture' calendar. It is in fact a historical document that provides information and photographs on CIPHI's history and the public health inspectors who moved our organization forward.

Receives 50 Year Award



Murray Lewis, New Brunswick Branch, receives his 50 Year CIPHI Membership Award from Mark Allen, President of the New Brunswick Branch. Murray is a life member (2002) of CIPHI.



Photo taken July 1, 1981 at Winnipeg City Hall during the 1981 NEC. The large brass plaque on the front of the podium was presented by Alex Cross (center, former City Sanitary Inspector) and Tim Roark (right, National President) on behalf of CIPHI to Mayor Bill Norrie (left). It recognized the creation of the Institute at Winnipeg City Hall back on April 19, 1913 and its subsequent incorporation on January 3, 1934.



Tim Roark, CPHI(C) REHO

Tim is a Registered Environmental Health Officer. He started his career in public health in Ontario after graduating from Ryerson in Toronto in 1967. Upon moving to British Columbia in 1969 he was stationed in several communities in the Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley areas. In 1979 he was appointed Chief Public Health Inspector and subsequently Manager for Environmental Health Protection for the Central Fraser Valley Health Unit. Tim retired from government but not the profession in 2004 after 37 years of service. Subsequently he established **Tim Roark & Associates, Environmental Health Consultants**. His broad experience with local, provincial and federal health agencies dealing with water quality, food safety, emergency planning, onsite waste disposal, management and Freedom of Information issues has been most useful as an Environmental Health Consultant.

When not travelling, fishing or consulting he can be found volunteering with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) as National Historian and an Associate Editor. He has been National and BC Branch President of CIPHI and a Canadian Representative with NSF International for 25 years. He was a Founding Member of the BC Board of Registration for PHIs and Environmental Health Foundation of Canada and is currently Treasurer of that foundation.

During his 45 years in Environmental Health he has received several awards including the Alec Cross Award from CIPHI, President's Award from the Public Health Association, Environmental Leadership Award from NSF International, and media awards from Environment Canada, CIPHI and the US Aurora Awards "*Honoring Excellence in the Film & Video Industries*". He is an **Honourary Citizen** of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba and a **Life Member** in CIPHI for his contributions to the field of environmental health.

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