

December 8, 2004

Dear colleagues:

RE: Benefits of Membership

As we close out 2004, and ask members to renew their membership for 2005, CIPHI felt that this was an opportune time to remind all environmental public health professionals of the reasons why membership with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is something we are proud to be affiliated with.

CIPHI is the only professional organization which represents the interests of PHI/EHO's and it is our primary mandate to certify, inform, and advocate on behalf of the profession. Many of the activities with which CIPHI is involved with are not tangible nor readily visible. We want to take this opportunity to provide you with some examples which highlights the important work the Institute is involved with on behalf of the profession:

- Delivering an Annual Education Conference.
- Participating on the Core Competencies Steering Committee to facilitate the development of core competencies for the environmental public health practitioner in Canada.
- Promoting the profession internationally by affiliating with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH).
- Developed the "CIPHI Position Statement: The Need for a National Strategy to Revitalize Frontline Environmental Public Health Services in Canada". This strategy was forwarded to the Senate of Canada and key strategic contacts across Canada, to bring awareness to the current staffing shortfalls and new emerging health threats which environmental public health professionals will be playing a major role in protecting the health of Canadians.
- Conducted national surveys and prepared reports, such as the National Salary Survey and the soon to be released document, "Role and Responsibilities of PHI/EHO's across Canada".
- Liaise with the Ministry of Health Services regarding the new Sewerage Regulation, to ensure that PHI/EHO's are properly recognized within this new legislation.
- Maintaining a website, which provides centralized resources for membership.
- Participating on the BCIT Advisory Board to ensure course curriculum meets the needs for today's work environment.
- Provide financial support for members to attend educational opportunities, which advance their professional development.
- Publish the Environmental Health Journal and the BC Page.
- Secured the 2010 International Federation of Environmental Health Conference in Vancouver, which will be promoted as a joint CIPHI/IFEH Conference.
- Develop strategic alliances with allied Federal, Provincial, and Territorial government agencies and organizations, by participating on FPT committees as stakeholders.
- Promoting the profession and assist with the recruitment of new students through the development of promotional materials.
- Coordinating the annual Environmental Public Health Week event.

These are only some of the activities with which CIPHI is involved with provincially and nationally which benefits our profession as a whole.





We hope you take this opportunity to join our community and advocate on behalf of the profession. With regular membership you will obtain voting privileges, have the right to hold office, be eligible for CIPHI awards, take part in sabbatical and twinning exchange opportunities, and you will enjoy discounts on conference registration fees.

Included please find a membership application form. If you have any questions concerning this letter, or if you have suggestions concerning issues that you would like to see addressed by the Branch, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Branch Executive.

Respectfully,

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