

Environmental Health Foundation of Canada 2015 Annual Report to CIPHI Membership

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Introduction:

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) is the charitable, research and education arm of CIPHI. This report is submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees and satisfies the annual reporting requirements of Section 5A of By-Law No. 10.

The Board of Trustees of EHFC is comprised of the following who are appointed in accordance with the By-laws:

Chair: Ron de Burger (ON)

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Gary Gallivan (NS/PEI) (resigned spring 2015)

Len Gallant (NS/PEI)

Duncan Ellison (ON)



L-R: EHFC Trustees - Ralph Stanley, Tim Roark, Tamela Carroll, Pamela Scharfe & Gary Gallivan attending the CIPHI President's Banquet at the St. John's 2014 National Educational Conference.

Meetings:

The Board of Trustees held the 2014 annual EHFC AGM meeting on June 13th, and also held teleconference meetings on October 19, 2014 and April 23, 2015. Another teleconference meeting is scheduled before the 2015 AGM.

Awards:

- **Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water Award** : the 2014 recipient was Glen Hudgins, CPHI(C), Niagara Region Public Health (ON) for his work and leadership on predictive modelling for bathing beaches.
- **CIPHI-EHFC Continuing Education Award:** the 2014 recipient was Marina Whelan, CPHI(C), Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit (ON). Marina is currently a part-time graduate student at the University of Waterloo in the Masters of Environment and Business (MEB) program, with a focus on social, environmental and economic sustainability.
- **Lilli Ann Zahara Award:** the 2014 recipient was Virginia MacEachern, CPHI(C), Algoma Public Health (ON).

- **National Sanitation Foundation International Food Safety Award:** given the number of worthy nominations in 2014 the EHFC Trustees agreed to award two people with this award since there was no nominations received in 2013. Receiving this award in 2014 were Nyall Hislop, CPHI(C), Health Services, Edmonton (AB) and Cindy Peacock-Rocca, CPHI(C), Sudbury & District Health Unit (ON)

Charity:

A labour of love which started as an idea with the CIPHI Centenary Cookbook which did not get completed but was picked up by Alberta EHOs Lean Parker and Michael Sidra was completed at the end of 2014. "Taste for Charity" was a joint effort supported by the EHFC and CIPHI to raise awareness and funds for Clinica Verde in Nicaragua. The EHFC provided assistance with promoting the submission of recipes; edited the cookbook; and assisted with promotion of sales. This beautiful cookbook which contains many favourite recipes of PHIs/EHOs across Canada and some favourite Nicaragua recipes is available in various formats including hardcover, softcover and an e-cookbook in Apple ipad format.

Financials:

The 2014 Financial Statement was approved by the EHFC Auditors and the annual submission to the Revenue Canada Charities Directorate for their approval. The EHFC have arranged bookkeeping duties with the CIPHI Office.

The financial resources of the Foundation at December 31, 2014, totaled **\$136,351.92** representing a bank balance of **\$21,351.92** and **\$125,000** in investments. The ongoing support for the CIPHI-EHFC Continuing Education Award needs to be reviewed as it cannot be continued without the support of CIPHI National.

2014 Statement of Operation

REVENUE		EXPENDITURES	
Official Donations		Charitable Expenses	
<i>Restricted</i>	\$7,170	Scholarships/Awards	\$4,750
<i>Not Restricted</i>	\$3,758	Direct Project Expenses	\$1,896
Merchandise Sales	\$3,758	Management & Operations	
<i>Direct from Donor</i>	\$3,608	Ads & Promotion	\$1,244
<i>Via A Registered Charity</i>	\$0	Meetings	\$1,180
Contractor Services	\$0	Office supplies/expenses	\$539
Interest	\$2,975	Honorarium	\$0
Total	\$22,200	Bank, credit card, pay-pal charges	\$80
		Misc. Operating expenses	\$216.38
		Travel & Vehicle Expenses	\$1,706
		Total Expenses	\$11,395

Research Awards:

- **Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award:**

- Amy Luan, BCIT - *Testing for presence of radioactivity in BC Pacific Ocean's seafood supply*
- Deema Abu-Ghazaleh, First Nations University - *Exploring the Correlation between Environmental Toxins and Diabetes Mellitus*
- Jennifer Guth, Concordia University - *Ethinyl Estradiol in Lake Walush*
- Issack Maalim, Cape Breton University - *Ethical consideration of Mandatory Immunization against Pertussis (whooping cough) in Canada*

- **National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH):** This award is co-ordinated by the NCCEH and the EHFC. The award certificate is jointly signed by the NCCEH Manager and the EHFC Award Committee Co-Chairs. The 2014 award recipients were:

BC Institute of Technology: Environmental Health program:

- Celine Jiyun Lee - *Safety and pH Measurements of Sushi Rice in Japanese Restaurants in Burnaby BC, Canada*
- Derrick J. Mah - *The Effectiveness of Ozone-chlorine Treatment for Reducing Chloramine Concentration Compared to Chlorine Treatment in Swimming Pools and Whirlpools*
- Winifred Lao - *Safety of Chinese Roast Pork as Determined by the Water Activity of the Skin and Cavity*

University of Guelph: Master of Public Health program:

- Steven Lam - *Health Effects of Pharmaceuticals in the Water Supply: A Knowledge Synthesis*
- Megan Hempel – *The use of social media in environmental health research and communication: an evidence review*

Communications:

The EHFC continues to profile their important work via www.ehfc.ca; Twitter [@ehfcc](https://twitter.com/ehfcc); and Facebook **CIPHI Environmental Health Foundation of Canada**.

Current Initiatives:

- TempSafe Trademark Registration
- Honourary Chairperson
- Trustee Recruitment
- Request by the NEC to reduce representation on the EHFC Board of Trustees
- NEC financial support of the CIPHI-EHFC Continuing Education Award
- Strategic Planning
- Hosts of the 2015 pre-conference golf tournament