President's Message

Welcome to the second issue of the re-launched *Environmental Health Review*! We are proud of our new journal and feel we now have the ability to reach a much broader audience with the advent of our paperless format. Many of our members have praised the eye-catching redesign and ease of access and use, but we have also received criticism of the new format as well. We appreciate the difficulties that come with change; however, the move to the new format was not done without careful deliberation of the National Executive Council. We needed to balance what would allow us to grow as an organization while being fiscally responsible to the membership. In the end it was a difficult decision to head off in a new direction, but we believe it to be the right decision given the current environment. We understand that the conversation is not over and we continue to solicit feedback from all of our members and friends to help make the *Environmental Health Review* a leading publication for Environmental Public Health news and scholarly articles. Your input is important and valued and will help us develop a product that will serve the needs of our organization and members for many years to come.

By the time you read this message, the 78th Annual Education Conference will be a scant few months away. This year's theme of "Healthy Places, Healthy People" speaks to the importance of one of the basic determinants of health and the pivotal role that we as Environmental Public Health Professionals play in ensuring health for all. Nothing is more basic to ensuring healthy people than safe shelter, food, and water, all of

which are areas of practice in which we excel. However, the knowledge that is key to delivering our services effectively is continually evolving, consequently I am hopeful that all EPHPs will join us in Blue Mountains, Ontario from September 16 to 19 to advance our collective knowledge and share our experiences with like-minded colleagues across Canada and from abroad.

While at the 78th AEC, members will have the opportunity to vote for the next President-Elect of CIPHI. If you have a vision of what CIPHI could become and how environmental public health should evolve in Canada and want to share your talents and energies, you are invited to submit your name for election as President-Elect. The individual who is elected to this very important role this year will first serve a two-year term as President-Elect from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014 and then take over CIPHI on January 1, 2015. Although the time commitment appears daunting, it is a very worthwhile endeavour to volunteer for your professional organization. From my perspective, being the President of CIPHI is a ride like I've never had before and an experience that has enriched my life. Looking back, I know that I would not have wanted my life's journey to have gone any other way.

Respectfully,

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National President