Editor's Message

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the reformatted *Environmental Health Review* (EHR), it is time to reflect to determine if it is meeting our initial expectations.

The EHR was launched in an electronic format to increase its reach and to create an electronic archive for easy access and retrieval. The EHR still has many of the same components such as the Branch and President's Reports, the journal articles summaries, and the document you are currently reading, the Editor's message.

As of the end of November 2012, we have had 817 web pages viewed from 70 different countries. A few example countries include Australia, Brazil, China, Columbia, India, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and 16 other European nations, and the United States. These numbers of course do not include Canada. Some of the authors of the technical articles are being contacted by colleagues from around the world seeking more information.

These numbers are quite amazing as we are not part of any journal aggregators such as PubMed. We will be seeking inclusion into that database in the next two years, as we need to continue a process of peer review before we apply.

A peer-review process is the second main change to the EHR. We have created an editorial board comprised of environmental public health experts from across Canada. This board will also be providing strategic direction to the EHR. One short-term aim is to increase the number of technical articles per issue.

One other benefit to the revamped EHR has been the decreased cost of producing the journal in an electronic format. This has allowed CIPHI to ensure that it remains financially viable and that resources are used to ensure membership support and value.

There have been some growing pains along the way as well. Not everyone has been enamoured with the electronic format, whether it is because of difficulties such as accessing the journal, reading electronically, or printing the PDF; but most of the feedback we have received has been quite positive. Members find the website attractive and easy to use.

Overall, we hope that you are enjoying the changes to the EHR and that you continue to read and stay informed.

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