President's Message

Greetings Members, Colleagues, and Friends

For as much as some of us like to complain about the summer heat and humidity, it is with equal displeasure that I welcome cold evenings and reaching for the thermostat to turn the heat on. As I do every autumn, I like to take the opportunity to reflect on summer and plan ahead for the long stretch of work that will carry us through the winter.

First, the 80th Annual Educational Conference was held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. By all accounts, it was a successful event filled with the educational and social elements our members have come to expect of our national events. The theme, the Next 100 Years, provided a glimpse into potential future practice and the importance of remaining vigilant in some of the more traditional environmental public health program areas. On behalf of our National Executive Council I want to thank the volunteers of the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch for their tireless work over the past several years to make this event a reality.

Second, planning our CIPHI work for this winter necessitates a look at our leadership. My term is up effective 1 January 2015, and while a successor has not yet been identified, I am confident that our work plan is on a steady path. Members who may be interested in serving in any capacity on our national executive council are encouraged to speak with their Branch President for details and rules governing elected office.

I want to encourage all environmental public health practitioners to consider sharing your work in published form. The *Environmental Health Review* is in the very capable hands of the Editor, Andrew Papadopoulos, who has a wonderful vision for this publication. I encourage submission of your studies and reports to share your knowledge with others. This is one way we strengthen the profession, achieve competency goals, and ensure we are connected with the latest advancements within the programs we deliver.

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