President's Message

I had the good fortune to attend the CIPHI 2016 Annual Education Conference (AEC) in Edmonton in September, and it reinforced for me the benefits of continuing to add to our personal arsenal of skills and experiences to remain competent and current. I know many of you concur that a commitment to on-going education is something we should all be inspired to do regardless of whether or not it is mandatory. It is also an important factor in CPHI(C)s being considered on equal terms with other public health disciplines.

It is our hope that our professional journal, the *Environmental Health Review*, will contribute to your learning experience by allowing you to share the experiences of others across Canada and to keep informed on new developments in the field of environmental public health. Even better, perhaps you will be inspired to contribute a story of your own for future publication.

This issue of the EHR showcases the recipients of the CIPHI 2016 National Awards that were presented at the AEC. "Innovation Beyond Inspection" was the theme of both the conference and Environmental Public Health Week and it struck me that this is certainly a concept that is habitually

embraced by all the award nominees. In different ways, they have all demonstrated that they have an on-going commitment to finding new and innovative ways to protect public health and (or) support their profession. By doing so, they also continue to build their own skills and competencies. It was fitting that they received recognition of this at our national educational event.

I know there are many other CPHI(C)s and related health professionals who should be recognized for the work they do to promote our profession and to protect the health of the public across the country and beyond. While some may never be the recipient of an award, they are equally deserving of our admiration so never underestimate how rewarding a pat on the back and a "thank you" from a colleague can be.

As this is last edition of the EHR for 2016, I will close by wishing, on behalf of the entire National Executive Council of CIPHI, all our readers a joyful and relaxing holiday season and a very happy and prosperous 2017.

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