Editor's Message

I am involved in many committees and groups across Canada, and I am asked to bring an environmental public health perspective. One recent committee should be of interest to many within our profession.

A group, on behalf of the Canadian Public Health Association, drafted the *Global Change and Public Health: Addressing the Ecological Determinants of Health* report. The accompanying Discussion Paper provides a great summary of the larger document. This report calls for public health to embrace the ecological determinants of health as they are extremely important to the health of populations. Public health inspectors are central to the implementation of this initiative.

The *Global Change and Public Health: Addressing the Ecological Determinants of Health* report challenges the public health community to augment its work to “specifically target the health challenges of human-induced global climate change, resource depletion, ecotoxicity, and the loss of biodiversity”.

It acknowledges that “our knowledge of the health impacts of global ecological change is surprisingly limited”. The *Environmental Health Review* can help in this regard. The more information we continue to publish, the more we can share stories about successful or interesting environmental public health practices. This increases the knowledge level of all involved and can help shape future environmental public health practice.

Fittingly, the *Environmental Health Review* is receiving more diverse papers for consideration. This issue contains a paper on the social determinants of health, and as the above mentioned report states, we need “to understand our current social, political, economic and cultural conditions” to make an impact in population health.

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