

An Introduction to the
74th
Annual Educational Conference
of the
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

St. John's,
Newfoundland and Labrador

July 20 – 23, 2008

**BEYOND THE
HORIZON**



Beyond the Horizon - 2008

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Dear delegates:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors is excited to be hosting the Institute's 74th Annual Educational Conference (AEC) in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador from July 20 to July 23, 2008.

This will be the first time NL has hosted the CIPHI AEC and we hope that the exciting line-up of presenters, exhibits and activities will make this a memorable experience for all participants. Given recent initiatives related to the development of professional competencies and a continuing professional development program, the NL Branch is thrilled to play a significant role in the professional development of Environmental Public Health Professionals in Canada.

The 2008 AEC will be held at the Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre on the doorstep of historic downtown St. John's, NL. The conference will feature a triple stream of professional concurrent sessions focusing on children's environmental health, human health and climate change, emerging threats to human health, air quality, food safety and drinking water contamination. In addition, the conference will feature CIPHI's annual Awards Luncheon and the ever popular President's Banquet. Conference participants will also be welcomed to join in a variety of other activities and tours, including golf at Admiral's Green Golf Course overlooking St. John's.

See you in St. John's in 2008!

Darryl Johnson – Conference Co-Chair
Terry Battcock - Conference Co-Chair
2008 AEC Organizing Committee



ABOUT THE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Introduction

The Annual Educational Conference (AEC) of the Canadian Institute of Public Health inspectors is the major educational and social event for environmental public health professionals in Canada. The 74th AEC in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador promises to continue with the well established tradition of quality and fun for delegates and presenters.

2008 will mark the first time that the national gathering of environmental public health professionals will be held in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The St. John's metropolitan area, which is home to a population of about 172,000 people, will be the host city for the 74th AEC. The National Executive Council, potential delegates, presenters, exhibitors and sponsors are invited to come discover one of the oldest cities in North America – a city unlike any other - cradled in a harbour carved from granite and surrounded by hills running down to the ocean. Where old and new, city and nature, live as neighbours. We encourage you to come take a journey to the *City of Legends*.

Conference Themes

During the 2008 AEC, the following themes will be the focus of the three day, triple stream conference.

- children's environmental health
- human health and climate change
- emerging threats to human health
- air quality (indoor and outdoor)
- food safety
- drinking water contamination
- health emergency management
- injury prevention

Who will be attending?

Approximately 300 delegates, presenters and exhibitors are expected to attend the 74th AEC in St. John's, including:

- Environmental Public Health Professionals/Officers from Municipal, Regional, Provincial and National health jurisdictions in Canada.
- Environmental Public Health Professionals from the United States and Europe.
- Medical Officers of Health and other public health practitioners.
- Public health managers and decision makers
- Academics
- Suppliers of environmental health goods and services
- Professionals in consulting and engineering
- Students

MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Three educational tracks will run concurrently during the three day AEC. Educational tracks currently being developed include children's environmental health, health emergency management, zoonotic diseases, emerging environmental health issues (e.g., climate change, exotic diseases), in addition to the usual suspects such as food safety, drinking water quality, air quality and sanitation. Given that the United Nations has designated 2008 as both the *International Year of Sanitation* and the *International Year of Planet Earth*, one of the three tracks will feature presentations on global environmental health issues.

NUMBER OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

A keynote speaker will give a presentation to conference delegates during each morning of the three day conference.

PRE/POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

At a minimum, one pre or post-conference workshop will be available to conference delegates.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Consistent with other national conferences of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, delegates will be provided with many opportunities to socialize with their colleagues from across the country and elsewhere. Our organizing committee is working with McCarthy's Party, Inc. to provide a social program featuring the best of Newfoundland and Labrador music, food, and entertainment. As well, delegates will be able to explore and experience the unique history and culture of the host city/region.

The organizing committee recognizes that St. John's and Newfoundland will be a unique destination for many conference delegates. To ensure that delegates are able to avail of the many tours, excursions and cultural experiences available, a tour desk will be set-up at the conference venue.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN 2008!