



Two New Appointments to the CAEAL Accreditation Council

The Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL) is very pleased to announce two recent appointments to the CAEAL Accreditation Council. CAEAL has accredited 174 testing laboratories in Canada and 4 other countries. The accreditations are based on international standards and, through the agreements signed by CAEAL, test reports from CAEAL-accredited laboratories are recognized by 58 accrediting bodies world-wide. The Accreditation Council takes the final accreditation decisions on behalf of CAEAL, and consists of 11 individuals who are considered to have eminent stature in their professional community.

Daniel Chaput joined Health Canada's Food Directorate in Ottawa as the Associate Director General in March 2006, his most recent step in a career focused on Canadian regulatory agencies. Mr. Chaput began his public service career as an analytical chemist with Environment Canada and moved to more senior positions with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, then with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada, and most recently he was the Director General, Directorate of Operational Strategies with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Mr. Chaput holds a B.Sc. in chemistry from l'Université de Sherbrooke and a MPA from l'Ecole nationale d'administration publique. Mr. Chaput was a member of the CAEAL Board in 1999 and 2000.

Dr. Chris Pharo recently retired as the Manager, Pacific Environmental Science Center, for Environment Canada in North Vancouver. Dr. Pharo graduated from the University of Auckland in New Zealand with a B.Sc. in geological sciences in 1965 and a M.Sc. (Hons) degree in geological sciences in 1967 from the same institution. In 1973 he completed a Ph.D. degree in geological sciences at the University of British Columbia. At the Pacific Environmental Science Center he directed and evaluated the operations and output of staff in four laboratory sections, as well as commercial agreements and partnerships. He has also produced and published in excess of 25 papers, reports, theses and presentations. Dr. Pharo was a member of the CAEAL Board from 2000 to 2007, and was CAEAL President in 2004-2005.

CAEAL welcomes Mr. Chaput and Dr. Pharo to the Accreditation Council and thanks them for volunteering their time to assist the Association and its member laboratories.

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