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News from ASEQ-EHAQ

Dear members and friends,

We hope that this newsletter finds you as well as possible and that you are enjoying the summer months.

As we reach the halfway point of the year, we reflect on the significant progress we've made. Our efforts have included hosting legal workshops, reaching out to human rights commissions and law societies across Canada, increasing our presence and outreach during the month of May for multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) education and inclusion, and successfully conducting our press event on June 3. Additionally, we are proud to have won a prize for our ECRoB project, highlighting our commitment to environmental and human rights advocacy. With renewed vigor and fresh ideas, we look forward to continuing our mission and achieving even greater milestones in the coming months.

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent press event held on June 3, 2024. The event marked a significant milestone for ASEQ-EHAQ, as we brought together experts, advocates, and community members to discuss the pressing issues of environmental health and human rights. Key highlights included impactful presentations on MCS, insightful discussions on policy advancements, and the unveiling of new initiatives aimed at enhancing support for individuals affected by MCS. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our partners la Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec (COPHAN) and CAPVISH and look forward to continuing this momentum with renewed vigor and new ideas. We invite you to view the press event, documents created for the press, and the press coverage. For details, visit <u>ASEQ-EHAQ Press Event</u>.

We are delighted to announce that on June 14, 2024, ASEQ-EHAQ has been honored with the prestigious Prix Papillon award. This esteemed recognition celebrates our outstanding efforts and achievements in advocating for environmental health and supporting individuals with MCS. It also celebrated the achievements of our ECRoB project, for its









innovative approach and contributions to environmental justice. The Prix Papillon (the butterfly effect) award acknowledges our innovative ECRoB project, which has significantly contributed to raising awareness and driving policy changes to protect those affected by MCS. This award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our partners, team, and community members. We are inspired by this recognition to continue our mission with renewed enthusiasm and commitment to making a meaningful impact. For more details, visit ASEQ-EHAQ Wins the Prix Papillon.

Our next legal event will be in Alberta. You can register for it here.

As we wrap up this newsletter, we encourage you to share it and spread the word about MCS. Join us on social media, share our posts, and help us advocate for MCS inclusion across Canada. Your support is crucial in raising awareness and driving positive change. We wish everyone a good, healthy summer and look forward to your continued engagement and support. Together, we can make a difference!

Take care and be well.

Rohini Peris, President & CEO

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