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Lan Chi was born in Saigon, Vietnam in 1965. She graduated from l'Ecole Polytechnique of Montreal in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. In 2001, she obtained her Master in Applied Science in Building Environment from Concordia University in Montreal. She is married, and has two grown step-daughters and a young son. Lan Chi and her family enjoy traveling, and they have traveled extensively through the United States, Europe and Asia. It was during one of these trips that she met her husband, Donald. In her spare time, Lan Chi chauffeurs her son Justin to his social engagements, cooks up a storm, watches American football (really!) and organizes her next trips.



Upon graduation, Lan Chi worked in manufacturing and process engineering for several companies in Montreal, including jobs with General Motors and Ogilvie Mills. In 1991, she moved to Ottawa and was employed as a Building Engineer by PWGSC. During her employment with PWGSC, she conducted numerous indoor air quality surveys in federal facilities and research projects related to the indoor environment. She published several research papers, and also provided PWGSC with its first guidelines to deal with

Environmental Sensitivities in the Workplace. In 1995, Lan Chi with Dr. Gemma Kerr founded InAIR Environmental Ltd., an Ottawa-based consulting company that provides exceptional expertise in addressing indoor environmental issues. In 2000 and 2001, InAIR Environmental was the recipient of a Research grant from ASHRAE, Project 961-TRP, *'Identification of Contaminants, Exposures, and Control Options for Construction/Renovation Activities'*.

Lan Chi's first involvement in ASHRAE was as a member of the Student Activities Committee. She then joined the Board of Directors and became the chapter's President in 2002. Her presidency will be remembered for several accomplishments: she oversaw the hosting of the CRC in Ottawa that year; the Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration; and she continued the tradition of on-time BOG and Chapter Meetings. She also smoothed out the editorial transition with the Web-based newsletter. Last but not least, she was the first President to speak at the Chapter's Golf Tournament with a baby on her hip.

Currently, Lan Chi is the Vice-Chair of the Indoor Environmental Quality Committee for the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). She is also a Lead Author for AIHA's book, *'Recognition Evaluation Control of Indoor Mold'*, to be published within the year. Apart from her involvement with professional organizations, she mentors and does public presentations to women and new entrepreneurs.

Read more about Lan Chi's history in the [February 2005 Capital Communiqué](#).