

An excerpt from the 20th Conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research, held in Beijing, China, 5-9 September 1994

"To anyone auditing this conference there was no doubt that the deliberate addition of fluoride to drinking water and to our diet is a foolish, if not a criminal, act." from the notes of Richard G. Foulkes, M.D. and Anne Anderson, R.P.N., who attended the conference.

There is obviously a serious disagreement between the International Society for Fluoride Research (ISFR) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on the advisability of fluoridation of drinking water, which is also often used for irrigation of food crops. Some of the disagreement stems from the **almost total reliance of the WHO on the advice of dentists**, while the ISFR involves a variety of professional disciplines, including veterinarians, human and plant physiologists, biochemists, physicists, geographers, engineers and others, as well as dentists and physicians.

It is my opinion that the Precautionary Principle dictates immediate cessation of this ill-advised practice in Toronto. It may take years to change the WHO recommendation! The most vulnerable victims of this misguided policy are the embryo and foetus, the elderly and those already suffering from immune deficiency.