

## **ALEX LOZECKI, SR. BIO**

Alex Lozecki Sr. claims that water has followed him no matter where he went! He began his never-ending battle with unwanted water in November of 1970, and so far, he's been on the winning side! His enthusiasm for the drying business is boundless, and his obvious pride and joy in what he has created is infectious.

Born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Alex began plying his trade out of the back of a brown and cream 1971 Vista Oldsmobile station wagon that had real wooden panels on the sides! For 3 years, he demonstrated his drying service by pre-spraying the carpet in the back of his Olds, flooding it, and drying it out with a Model A Steamex machine – state of the art extractor technology in those days! Alex's first company was Automatic Cleaning and Restorations. Today, he owns several companies under the DCR Group of Companies banner, including CDT International Inc., one of North America's leading specialists in water damage recovery and moisture control services.

Alex Lozecki Sr. is a life-long learner, constantly upgrading his store of knowledge by attending various courses offered in his field, such as: The Healthy Indoor Environment (University of Tulsa); Dri-Zone, Applied Structural Drying; WLS, Water Loss Specialists, to name a few.

A turning point for Alex came in 1990 when he attended a symposium held by Dri-Eaz, a water damage restoration veteran located in Burlington, Washington. It was here that he learned of the dangers of black water sewage, microbial growth, and the imperative use of protective gear when dealing with a Category 3 flood. Alex is now a Certified Mould Remediator through the IAQA, and has spread the word about the hazards of improper drying techniques. He has also attended another course taught by Dri-Eaz - Advanced Restorative Drying.

Alex has not only managed to keep up with the latest technological advancements in the drying industry over the past 30 years, he is also a regular contributor to that knowledge! One of the only two Canadians to sit on the council of the Water Loss Institute, Alex also belongs to the IICRC and the ASCR. Ever on the move, he has been asked to co-author a chapter for the Water Loss Institute on drying equipment and instruments. He has also published an article on "Mold & Water Damage Claims" in *Canadian Underwriter*, and has composed an article on microbial issues for *Panorama Magazine*. Alex is currently in the process of writing two more articles on trapped moisture drying and desiccant dehumidification.

In April of 2003, Alex will be speaking at the annual Disaster Restoration Contractors (DRC) Trade Show held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. He has been invited by leaders in the industry to discuss various methods of structural drying – a topic near and dear to his heart.



And still there is more to this amazing man! In the spring of 2003, Alex will be fulfilling a long-held dream - opening the largest Canadian "drying school", where he will be teaching the correct methods of drying a structure both inside and out. The school will be open to both Canadians and Americans, with 20-30 students per class. The 1,200-foot structure is to be built to specifications intended to simulate a residential structure, including a crawl space! This will give Alex's students hands-on real-life experience on how to do drying right!

Alex approaches his profession not just as a form of art, and not just as a science, but also more importantly as a calling. He doesn't just rely on his instruments to alert him to a potentially dangerous situation - he is intuitive about water seepage and its damages, and can almost "smell" trouble. A sharp, tenacious, innovative, and humorous man, Alex Lozecki Sr. is a wealth of information, and is able to speak at length about mould remediation, contained airflow systems, psychometrics, microorganisms, and desiccant dehumidifiers. He is immensely concerned with doing the job "right". Employing the correct technology to properly dry a structure is extremely important to him, and he is tireless in his encouragement of others in the industry to ensure that strict standards are followed and enforced.

On a personal note, Alex has been married to his wife Donna for 28 years, has found time to raise four sons and has been known to enjoy spending some of his summer weekends at his cottage along with his large family, which includes four granddaughters.

Does he plan to slow down? Not at all - he is looking forward to many more years of excitement combating the damages of floodwaters!