

## CHICA Eastern Ontario 2013 Annual Report

### **2013 Executive:**

**President:** Shirley McDonald ART CIC

**Past President:** Sally MacInnis RN BScN CIC

**Secretary:** Shirley McLaren RN CIC

**Treasurer:** Marianne Lupenette RN

**Membership:** Christine Weir RN MSc CIC

### **2014 Executive:**

**President:** Shirley McDonald ART CIC

**President-elect:** Christine Weir RN MSc CIC

**Secretary:** Shirley McLaren RN CIC

**Treasurer:** Marianne Lupenette RN

**Membership:** David Ryding CIC

**Number of Members:** 80 paid members

4 honorary chapter members

1 honorary CHICA member

22 members have CIC

**Geographic Area Served:** Eastern Ontario - as far west as Trenton, to Cardinal on the east, as far north as North Bay, bounded by the St. Lawrence River on the south and including Cameroon West Africa.

### **Membership:**

Our membership includes physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from all health care sectors - acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, prehospital care, military bases and correctional facilities.

### **Meetings:**

The chapter had two full-day meetings (June and November) and three half-day meetings (February, April, September). Meetings were held in Kingston, Ontario. Videoconferencing is provided for our meetings.

Education presented at meetings held in 2013:

February: Jim Gauthier presented "*CHICA President's Journey...from Accreditation to Zagreb*"  
Sue Cooper presented "*The Science of Influenza*"  
Amanda Knapp presented "*How Bad Was It? An Overview of Influenza in our Community*"  
April: Dorianne Chesterton presented "*ESBL - The Quinte Health Experience*"  
June: Dr. Kiernan Moore presented "*Update on MERS-CoV and Other Potential Viral Threats*"  
September: Liz Van Horne presented "*Core Competencies for Infection Prevention and Control*"  
November: Dr. Allison McGeer presented "*Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for HCWs*"

### **Highlights for 2013 included:**

- Jim Gauthier was past president of CHICA-Canada for 2013
- Cameroon Twinning Project:
  - Posters were presented at the 2013 CHICA-Canada conference by Sally MacInnis and Shirley McDonald
  - The chapter purchased a filler to enable Cameroon staff to refill ABHR bottles
  - A large shipment of medical supplies and IPAC materials was sent to Cameroon in the fall
- Sue Cooper was invited to represent Canada on the CBIC Certification Board to assist with planning for CIC exams in 2014
- Our chapter logo was re-designed and the chapter name changed to IPAC Eastern Ontario (IPAC-EO) in accordance with the organization's re-branding

*Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Chapter President*