

IPAC Eastern Ontario 2017 Annual Report - Submitted by David Ryding, Chapter President 2017

2017 Executive:

President: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

President-Elect: Debbie McIntyre, RN, BScN

Secretary: Leanna Gillan, RN, BScN

Treasurer: Mary Anne Lupenette, RN

Membership: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: Sue Cooper, MLT, CIC (*one year term*)

Novice ICP: Vanessa Solo, RN, OCT

2018 Executive:

President: Debbie McIntyre, RN, BScN, CIC

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Treasurer: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Membership: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: Vanessa Solo, RN

Novice ICP: Rachel Makin

Number of Members: 59

Geographic Area Served: Southeastern Ontario, bordered by Brighton in the west, Prescott in the east, Smiths Falls and Bancroft in the north, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario on the south and including Cameroon, West Africa.

Membership: Members include physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from various sectors (e.g., acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, and prehospital care).

Meetings: The chapter held two full-day meetings (June and November) and three half-day meetings (February, April, September). Meetings were held in-person, by videoconference, by teleconference, and new this year by webcast from Kingston, Ontario. Meetings included presentations by Michelle Policarpio (*1. Point prevalence survey of AROs in LTCHs: Past, present and the future 2. Annual laboratory and hospital survey: A look at the antimicrobial resistance in common hospital pathogens in Ontario*); Keyur Dixit and Melanie Ray (*What's New at the PHOL Lab*); Heather Candon, Lorraine Maze dit Mieusement, and Natasha Salt (*CPE: A Draining Concern*); Anna Bialachowski (*How to Manage Your IPAC Career*), and; Gary Garber (*VRE, CPE and Stuff!!*).

Highlights:

- Reviewed, updated, and modernized all of our chapter policy and procedures.
- Surveyed chapter members regarding our general meetings. We had a response rate of 44%. Results indicated we maintain the current meeting time, we pilot the webcast option, and we focus our attention on the education aspect of our meetings.
- Paid for Jacob Nkwan Gobte's IPAC Canada and APIC memberships through the Cameroon Twining Project.
- Donated \$100 each to the Chapter President's Fund and to IFIC.
- Hosted two evening educational workshops entitled '*Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) in Community Healthcare Settings*'. Over 100 delegates, speakers, and volunteers attended the two sessions. Attendees were from various community care settings such as physician offices, public health, and dental offices. Presentations included occupational health and safety, environmental cleaning, reprocessing, and case scenarios. Of the 68 evaluations received between the two workshops, 96% rated the workshops as very good (4) or excellent (5) on a 5-point scale.
- Nine chapter members attended the 2016 National Conference. Shirley McDonald received the Award of Merit for her extensive contributions to IPAC Canada, Paul Webber received the Moira Walker Memorial Award for International Service for his work establishing Webber Training, and David Ryding won the EcoLab Poster Contest. Shirley McDonald also helped to present '*Introduction to the IPAC Canada Audit Tool App: A One Hour Tutorial and Discussion*.'
- Five chapter members successfully challenged the SARE and one member became newly certified by CBIC.
- Awarded one of our active members, Shirley McLaren, with Honorary Life Membership to our chapter in recognition of her dedication, support and involvement in the chapter over the years.