

IPAC Eastern Ontario 2016 Annual Report

2016 Executive:

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Secretary: Leanna Gillan, RN BScN

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Education: (vacant)

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Membership: Dawn Clare, RN BScN

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

Novice ICP: Vanessa Solo, RN

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 all health care sectors - acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, and prehospital care.

Meetings: The chapter had two full-day meetings (June and November) and three half-day meetings (February, April, September). Meetings were held in-person and by videoconference and teleconference from Kingston, Ontario. Education is an important component of all chapter meetings. Education included presentations by Adrienne Hansen-Taugher and Shirley McDonald (*Local efforts supporting refugees from Syria*), Francine Paquette (*IPAC Intersections*), General Membership (*Highlights from the National Conference*), Grace Volkening (*IPAC Lapses in the community*) and Dr. Anna Majur (*Zika virus*).

Highlights:

- Celebrating our 30th anniversary as an officially endorsed IPAC Canada Chapter.
- Hosting an anniversary dinner with over 20 attendees, sponsors and guests. The evening involved cocktails and a dinner and words from Shirley McDonald, on behalf of the planning committee; David Ryding, Chapter President; Carol Whyman, the founding Chapter President, and the keynote presentation from Gerry Hansen, Executive Director of IPAC Canada. One of the highlights of the evening was greetings from our chapter member, Jacob Nkwan Gobte, broadcasting via Skype from Cameroon, West Africa.
- Hosting an educational workshop chaired by Amanda Knapp, with the theme of 'Then and Now'. The workshop was a great success with over 80 delegates, speakers, volunteers and sponsors in attendance. Presentations included: updated vaccine guidelines; Lyme disease; C. difficile (the RePooPulate project); IPAC lapses; CPE/ESBL, and; Environmental hygiene - technology review. Of the 54 evaluations received 98% rated the day as very good (4) or excellent (5) on a 5 point scale.
- 12 chapter members attending the 2016 National Conference, with Shirley McDonald, Sue Cooper, Debbie McIntyre and David Ryding contributing to an oral presentation, 2 poster presentations and 2 post-conference sessions.
- Sending shipments of personal protective equipment and other supplies to our colleagues in West Africa to support our Cameroon Twinning Project.
- Being recognized by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) in for the work our chapter does to support and recognize the CIC[®] exam.
- Chapter members Shirley McDonald and Sally MacInnis receiving the Moira Walker Memorial Award at the National Conference for their work with the Cameroon Twinning Project.
- Awarding one of our active members, Amanda Knapp, with Honorary Life Membership to our chapter in recognition of her dedication, support and involvement in the chapter over the years.

Submitted by David Ryding, Chapter President 2016